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Comments to DR Working Group

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Dear NECPUC DR Working Group Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments in the working group's scoping process to identify program components that may be useful in helping to address New England's winter energy adequacy risks during extreme events.

Retail demand response programs can have a significant impact on ISO New England's system and market operations as the effects of programs operating outside of ISO's markets can be challenging to forecast. While ISO New England is becoming increasingly aware of utility conservation programs where load reduction occurs during peak hours on summer days where seasonal peak loads are anticipated, visibility into these programs is limited.

As the region considers future program design, increased awareness of program characteristics will facilitate ISO's understanding of expected load behavior under certain conditions. Specifically, the following components are of interest from the ISO's perspective:

- voluntary or mandatory program participation
- utility load control program or calls for conservation/customer reductions
- program magnitude (in MW)
- event triggers (i.e., system conditions)
- timing and duration of conservation events
- methods for communicating plans to implement conservation measures, if any

The ISO looks forward to continuing our work with the New England states and our stakeholders to ensure the grid is reliable throughout the clean energy transition.

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