

# New England Electricity Roundtable Presentation March 22, 2024

### LS Power: An Industry-leading Developer, Operator, and Investor



### LSP

### LS Power Commitment to New England

### 1,162 MW operating fleet with additional DER capacity in every state in the region

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#### **Renewable Generation**

- Hydro
  - 14 projects totaling 125 MW across ISO-NE (part of 41-project Patriot Hydro portfolio)
- Wind
  - Kibby 132 MW in Maine
  - Jericho 12 MW in New Hampshire
- Solar
  - Whitcomb 2 MW in Vermont

#### **Natural Gas Generation**

- Ocean State Power 541 MW in Rhode Island
- Wallingford 350 MW in Connecticut

#### **Distributed Energy Resources (DER)**

- CPower leader in demand-side energy management solutions provider with 6.7 GW in DER capacity across 27,000+ customer sites
  - 500+ MW in state programs and wholesale markets across all six NE states

### EVgo

- FAST CHARGING one of the largest EV charging networks powered 100% by renewable energy, with over 900 locations and 500,000+ customers across 35+ states
  - 100+ chargers across ISO-NE

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## System Needs Necessitated by Increasing Energy Demands...

### Load Growth Driven by Demand from Electrification of Heating and Transportation

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- Long-term studies of region indicate **doubling in both electricity consumption and peak demand**, plus a shift to a winter peak (1), (2)
- Still very early stages of integrating zero carbon resources into the supply mix
- Dispatchable, flexible, firm supply is essential to cost-effective decarbonization (1), (3)

### System planning in this new paradigm requires scrutiny of historical assumptions and growth mindset

- 1. MA EEA, 2020, Energy Pathways to Deep Decarbonization, https://www.mass.gov/doc/energy-pathways-for-deep-decarbonization-report/
- 2. Schatzki et al, 2022, "Pathways Study", https://www.iso-ne.com/static-assets/documents/2022/03/schatzki-et-al-pathways-final.pdf
- 3. CT DEEP, 2020 Integrated Resource Plan, https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/DEEP/energy/IRP/2020-IRP/Appendix-A3--Modeling-Results.pdf

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# ...Supported by Flexible Thermal Generation for Critical Reliability

Thermal resources are critical for reliability during high load periods and to integrate renewables. More dispatchable, flexible, long-runtime generation will be needed

### High Stress Week from E3's 2020 Study<sup>(1)</sup> of New England Highlights Critical Need for Reliable, Dispatchable, Long-Duration Generation

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- Renewables will serve load demand during most hours of the year, but there will be multiday periods with high loads and low renewable generation
  - This will pose a critical reliability challenge
- To cover these periods, thermal generation capacity will continue to provide the region's reliability backbone for years to come <sup>(1), (2)</sup>
- Forcing premature retirement of thermal generation will *increase* the challenge of decarbonization by making it more difficult to reliably integrate renewables and maintain resource adequacy <sup>(3)</sup>

152 M=7

 Decarbonizing power gen without gas will increase consumer costs by \$3.7<sup>(2)</sup> to \$19 billion<sup>(1)</sup> annually

### Recognition of System Reliability Requirements is being integrated into Public Policy Conversation

- 2. MA EEA, 2020, Energy Pathways to Deep Decarbonization: A Technical Report of the Massachuset 4s 2050 Decarbonization Roadmap Study
- 3. NREL, 2022, "Examining Supply-Side Options to Achieve 100% Clean Electricity by 2035", Fig 11,

<sup>1.</sup> E3 & EFI, 2020, "Net-Zero New England: Ensuring Electric Reliability in a Low-Carbon Future", Fig 4-10

### **Markets and Policies Need to Support Competition**

Competitively procuring needed resources and grid services is the most cost-effective way to meet clean energy requirements and save consumers money

#### Three key questions for the next decade:

- 1. How do we **plan** for a highly decarbonized system that ensures reliable, affordable electricity for consumers?
- 2. How do we design markets to support resources that are needed for reliability?
- 3. How do we build transmission and generation at huge scale, cost-effectively?

Wholesale Energy Market	Wholesale Capacity Market	State Policy
<b>Markets</b> that better reflects system risk, weather uncertainty, and that accurately price the value flexibility	<b>Pricing</b> that supports development and operation of highly reliable, flexible, but seldom used resources	<b>Focus on procuring resources</b> rather than forcing the retirement of less favored ones
<b>Carbon pricing</b> , economy-wide, to align new development and generation with state goals	<b>Capacity accreditation</b> that accurately differentiates between high- and low- quality resources, and doesn't rely on outdated assumptions (e.g. tie benefits)	Ensure competitive transmission flourishes; enable merchant use of utility equipment, right-of-way

Wholesale markets and state policy must evolve to ensure a cost-effective, reliable power system

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