#InterconnectionWeek (September 9-12)

A Social Media Toolkit from Advanced Energy United

OBJECTIVE

The objective of #InterconnectionWeek (September 9-13) is to send the message to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), FERC staff, and the energy industry writ large that more reforms to the generator interconnection process are needed to better connect more energy projects to the power grid, to improve grid reliability and deliver cost savings for customers. During #InterconnectionWeek, FERC is holding a two-day workshop (September 10-11) about generator interconnection. Many of the reforms being recommended by the clean energy community are outlined in a new Grid Strategies and Brattle Group white paper, *Unlocking America's Energy: How to Efficiently Connect New Generation to the Grid*.

KEY MESSAGE

To cost-effectively meet America's growing energy needs, the process of connecting new, large-scale clean energy projects to the transmission grid must be overhauled. While FERC Order No. 2023 was an important first step in improving this so-called 'generator interconnection' processes, it was limited in scope. Structural reforms to the process are needed from FERC, utilities, and grid operators to get energy projects connected more efficiently. FERC's workshops this week are a welcome and important opportunity to shed light on opportunities to improve the interconnection process and must be followed up with additional actions from decision-makers.

MAIN LANDING PAGE:

- http://advancedenergyunited.org/interconnectionweek
 - **Please note: This landing page will be launched on Monday, September 9 at 8:00 am ET with an overview of the premise of #InterconnectionWeek and the importance of accelerated interconnection reform. We will update this webpage with four of the biggest reforms needed in generator interconnection, with one reform added each day throughout the week (September 10-13).**

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES (TO BE HOUSED WITHIN MAIN LANDING PAGE):

- **Report:** <u>Unlocking America's Energy: How to Efficiently Connect New Generation to the Grid</u>
- Press Release Announcing Report: New Report Calls for Additional Generator
 Interconnection Reforms to Add New Electricity Sources to Power Grid More Quickly and
 Lower Consumer Costs

- Related Webinar Recording: <u>Accelerating Interconnection Reforms for a Stronger, More Affordable Grid</u>
- Interconnection Scorecard: Advanced Energy United Generator Interconnection Scorecard
- FERC Generator Interconnection Workshop:
 - o Innovations and Efficiencies in Generator Interconnection Workshop (Day 1 of 2)
 - o Innovations and Efficiencies in Generator Interconnection Workshop (Day 2 of 2)
- *Utility Dive* Op-ed: Generator interconnection hurdles throttle economic development. An entry fee model can help.

GRAPHICS:

- Standalone #InterconnectionWeek Graphic
- #InterconnectionWeek Statement Editable Graphic Template
 - o Canva account required for access to download and edit
- Graphics for Carousel Highlighting Reforms
 - Canva account required for access; graphics can be downloaded individually, as carousel, or in video format
 - o Graphics can be downloaded without a Canva account here
- Interconnection Process Flowchart (Modified for Social Media Sharing)
- Interconnection Process Flowchart (Full Version)
- RTO Generator Interconnection Scorecard Visuals (Including PJM, ISO-NE, MISO, SPP)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Highlighted text denotes a recommendation to either tag an account or include an image.
- Please, when possible, customize and edit these tweets to better fit your voice.

DRAFT SOCIAL COPY - THANK YOU TO FERC/#INTERCONNECTIONWEEK OVERVIEW

Twitter/X

To meet America's growing energy needs, we must improve the process for connecting new, large-scale #energy resources to the power grid.

This #InterconnectionWeek, [I'm/we're] thanking @FERC is hosting a convening about interconnection reforms.

Learn more: http://advancedenergyunited.org/interconnectionweek

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Thank you to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for convening a workshop on interconnection reform this week. Additional actions are needed to connect new, large-scale energy resources to the grid more efficiently and effectively.

Learn more here about #InterconnectionWeek and why reforms are needed to meet growing demand, maintain reliability, and ensure affordable electricity for customers:

http://advancedenergyunited.org/interconnectionweek

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We need to be able to connect #cleanenergy projects to the power grid more quickly. For #InteconnectionWeek [I'm/we're] calling for several interconnection reforms focused on improving:

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DRAFT SOCIAL COPY - FERC WORKSHOP (SEPT 10-11); ONLY RELEVANT FOR POSTING SEPT 9-11

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ISO-NE:

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