

# **DOE'S GRID RESILIENCE & RELIABILITY NOPR** THE APPROACH WAS FLAWED, BUT THE ISSUE IS REAL

While FERC rejected the Department of Energy's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to enhance grid resilience and reliability, it highlighted an ever-increasing vulnerability in our nation's energy system: a severe lack of energy infrastructure in New England.

FERC rejects DOE NOPR, kicking resilience issue to grid operators," Utility Dive, 8 Jan. 2018.

### How Real is the Issue? **NEW ENGLAND IS NOW IMPORTING RUSSIAN GAS**





### FINANCIAL TIMES

**Gas From Russian Arctic To Warm Homes In Boston** 

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### Why does New England lack infrastructure?

State officials have prioritized activists' goals at the expense of providing low-cost reliable energy to residents in the Northeast.



New York has BLOCKED FOUR NEW PIPELINES aiming to transport



Massachusetts Supreme Court **REJECTED PIP** 



New York NNED FRACKING in June 2015

gas from the Marcellus and Utica basins to New England since April 2016

oproach catches eye of OLITICO. 25 September 2017

### leading companies to pause construction in June 2017

"\$3.2 billion natural gas pipeline put on hold." Associated Press. 30 June 2017.

"New York State Officially Prohibits High-Volume Hydraulic Fracturing," New York Dept. of Environmental Conservation, 29 June 2015."

ISO New England conducted a study at the beginning of 2018 that considered almost two dozen scenarios that included

21 OUT OF THE 22 CASES STUD LED TO THE USE OF

**EMERGENCY ACTIONS THAT INCLUDE PUBLIC REQUESTS** FOR ENERGY CONSERVATION.

THE REPORT CONCLUDES ALL **BUT FOUR SCENARIOS RESULT** IN FUEL SHORTAGES **REQUIRING ROLL** BLACKOUTS.

### Due to a lack of energy infrastructure, New England's power supply is particularly vulnerable





"New England Has a Power Problem" The Wall Street Journal. 23 Feb. 2018. "Amid power crunch, Pilgrim remains offline in wake of Eversource repairs," WCVB. 8 Jan. 2018.

### The price for natural gas

in most parts of the country at the end of December 2017 \$3/MMBTU

in New England at the end of **December 2017** 

\$35.35/MMBTU

\*MMBTU = million British Thermal Units

"U.S. National Average Natural Gas Price," Nasdag. 31 Jan. 2018. "Cold Snap Makes New England the World's Priciest Gas Market," Bloomberg. 26 Dec. 2017.

# IN THE NORTHEAST

## **RESIDENTS PAY**

## **INDUSTRIAL USERS PAY**



# **29% MORE**

#### FOR THEIR NATURAL GAS THAN THE U.S. AVERAGE



### **44% MORE** FOR THEIR ELECTRICITY

# **MORE THAN DOUBLE**

FOR THEIR NATURAL GAS THAN THE U.S. AVERAGE



# 62% MORE

### FOR THEIR ELECTRICITY

"What If...Pipelines Aren't Built Into The Northeast?" Global Energy Institute, U.S. Chamber of Commerce. 5 April 2017.

In April, the Global Energy Institute modeled the economic impact of New England's continued severe lack of access to energy development infrastructure and found the following

