



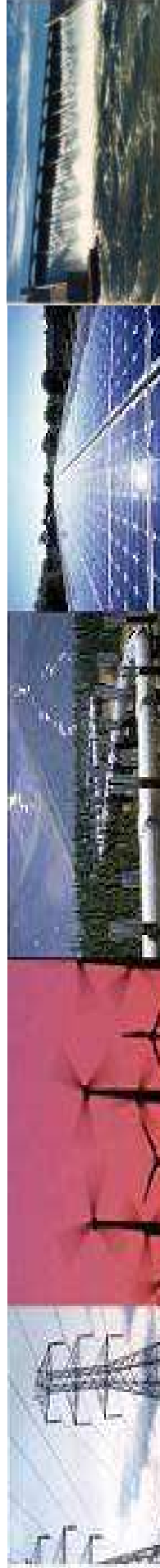
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Section 1221 Overview

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Section 1221 – National Interest Electric Transmission Corridors

- Issue a national transmission congestion study for comment by August 2006 and every three years thereafter
- Based on the study and public comments, DOE may designate selected geographic areas as “**National Interest Electric Transmission Corridors**”
- Projects proposed relative to designated corridors and not acted upon by state siting authorities within one year of application may request FERC to exercise federal “backstop” siting authority



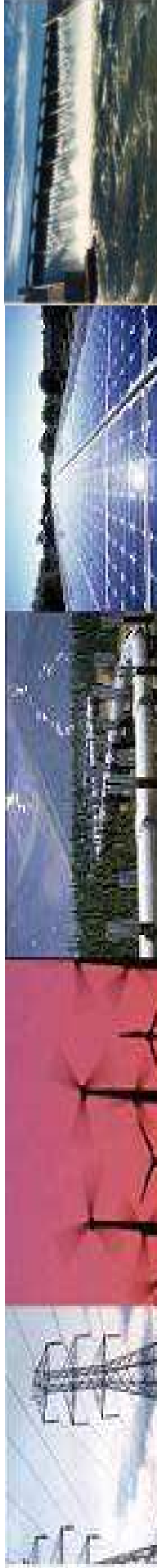


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Criteria

- **Highlight geographic areas that have important existing or projected needs:**
 - **relieving existing or emerging congestion**
 - **addressing existing or emerging reliability problems**
 - **enabling larger transfers of economically beneficial electricity to load centers, or enabling delivery of electricity from new generation capacity to distant load centers**
- **Establish a basis for sustained federal attention to needs and projects or major interest**





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Energy Policy Act of 2005 National Interest Electric Transmission Corridors --FERC Backstop Authority--

“If any agency has denied a Federal authorization required for a transmission facility, or has failed to act by the deadline established by the Secretary pursuant to this section for deciding whether to issue the authorization, ***the applicant or any State in which the facility would be located may file an appeal with the President,*** who shall, in consultation with the affected agency, review the denial or failure to take action on the pending application.”





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Energy Policy Act of 2005

National Interest Electric Transmission Corridors

--Multi-state Compacts--

“The consent of Congress is given for three or more contiguous States to enter into an **interstate compact**, subject to approval by Congress, establishing regional transmission siting agencies to “(A) facilitate siting of future electric energy transmission facilities within those States; and “(B) carry out the electric energy transmission siting responsibilities of those States...”

...The Commission shall have **no authority** to issue a permit for the construction or modification of an electric transmission facility within a State that is a party to a compact, unless the members of the compact are in disagreement...”

