

Fix The Grid

Clean Reliability

Social Media Action



Toolkit

Our grid operator ISO-NE manages the electricity grid and makes sure that we always have enough energy supply to meet demand. That energy demand gets especially high on the hottest and coldest days of the year - when everyone is running their air conditioning or their heating. On those days, ISO-NE turns on extra power plants (peaker plants), most of which run on gas. Every year lately, the CEO of ISO-NE rings the alarm bells for this winter: he gets worried that there will be a gas shortage that will prevent our grid from fueling those extra peaker plants and will lead to blackouts.

After multiple years of this cycle, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) is looking to better understand the challenges facing our region in order to put solutions in place and break this pattern. That's why **FERC is holding a Winter-Gas Reliability Forum in Burlington, VT on Thursday, September 8th.**

ISO-NE's regular refrain when it comes to reliability concerns is that the solution is gas and more gas. But we know that **renewable energy paired with storage can close the energy gap without harming our health and our future.** As we watch and experience the impacts of the climate crisis around the globe, we know we should be investing in solutions that accelerate the clean energy transition instead of more coal, gas, and oil.

While there isn't an opportunity for public comment at FERC's forum, we need to make it clear to decision-makers that **we want clean winter reliability solutions.** Take action by **posting on social media during the forum** using the sample content below, or draft your own!

Social Media Posting Guide

Name	Twitter
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)	@FERC
FERC Chairman Richard Glick	@RichGlickFERC
FERC Commissioner Allison Clements	@ClementsFERC
FERC Commissioner Mark Christie	@ChristieFERC
FERC Commissioner Willie Phillips	@wlpFERC
ISO-New England	@isonewengland
Patrick Woodcock (Assistant Secretary for Energy and Environmental Affairs, MA)	@MassDOER
Katie Dykes (Commissioner of Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, CT)	@kscharfdykes
Philip Bartlett (Chairman of Public Utilities Commission, ME)	@Maine_PUC
June Tierney (Commissioner of Department of Public Service, VT)	n/a
Nicholas Ucci (Deputy Commissioner of Office of Energy Resources, RI)	@EnergyRI
Jared Chicoine (Commissioner of Department of Energy, NH)	n/a
New England States Committee on Electricity (NESCOE)	@NESCOEStates

Sample Tweets

Regional -

As [@FERC](#) seeks to better understand the winter reliability problems New England is facing, we need to explore clean energy solutions for our region. [@isonewengland](#) is keeping us hooked on fossil fuels. We want renewable energy + storage, not more gas! [#CleanReliability](#) [#FERCForum](#)

[@isonewengland](#) is concerned gas shortages in the winter will lead to blackouts, and now [@FERC](#) is getting involved. Time for clean alternatives like [#storage](#). Ratepayers don't want to pay for more emissions and more pollution. [#CleanReliability](#) [#FERCForum](#)

We already know our grid is a mess, and @isonewengland warning about potential winter blackouts just proves it. No more blaming reliability on clean energy: gas is the problem here. @NESCOEStates and @FERC, we look to you to lead on #CleanReliability. #FERCForum

I appreciate that @FERC is holding a forum to dig in on problems with winter reliability in New England. But what comes next? @RichGlickFERC and @isonewengland, how do we get from this forum to implementing solutions? #CleanReliability #FERCForum

Glad to see @FERC wanting to break the cycle of @isonewengland raising reliability alarms every winter. But with 1/3 of speakers from the gas companies causing the problem and no public comment allowed, how much will this forum change the narrative? #CleanReliability #FERCForum

We're hearing words like reliability and affordability being used over and over, but where are the words "reliable," "clean," and "just"? Planning grid solutions without accounting for the #ClimateCrisis is irresponsible @FERC @isonewengland. #CleanReliability #FERCForum

By state -

Massachusetts: We know #RenewableEnergy and #Reliability are NOT mutually exclusive, despite what @isonewengland says. As @FERC explores winter reliability, I hope Patrick Woodcock from @MassDOER will use his position to push for clean energy solutions for MA. #CleanReliability #FERCForum

Connecticut: We know #RenewableEnergy and #Reliability are NOT mutually exclusive, despite what @isonewengland says. As @FERC explores winter reliability, I hope @kscharfdykes will use her position to push for clean energy solutions for CT. #CleanReliability #FERCForum

Maine: We know #RenewableEnergy and #Reliability are NOT mutually exclusive, despite what @isonewengland says. As @FERC explores winter reliability, I hope Philip Bartlett from @Maine_PUC will use his position to push for clean energy solutions for ME. #CleanReliability #FERCForum

Rhode Island: We know #RenewableEnergy and #Reliability are NOT mutually exclusive, despite what @isonewengland says. As @FERC explores winter reliability, I hope

Nicholas Ucci from [@EnergyRI](#) will use his position to push for clean energy solutions for RI. [#CleanReliability](#) [#FERCForum](#)

Vermont: We know [#RenewableEnergy](#) and [#Reliability](#) are NOT mutually exclusive, despite what [@isonewengland](#) says. As [@FERC](#) explores winter reliability, I hope June Tierney will use her position to push for clean energy solutions for VT. [#CleanReliability](#) [#FERCForum](#)

New Hampshire: We know [#RenewableEnergy](#) and [#Reliability](#) are NOT mutually exclusive, despite what [@isonewengland](#) says. As [@FERC](#) explores winter reliability, I hope Jared Chicoine will use his position to push for clean energy solutions for VT. [#CleanReliability](#) [#FERCForum](#)