

Promoting Economic Efficiency in Interconnection—Part 2: Cost Allocation

i2X DER Interconnection Webinar Series

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Overview

- **Welcome Remarks**
 - Kathryn Chelminski, Berkeley Lab
- **Introduction: Berkeley Lab (5 min)**
 - Grace Relf, Energy Researcher III
- **Presentation 1: New Leaf Energy (10 min)**
 - Kate Tohme, Director of Interconnection Policy
- **Presentation 2: Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities (10 min)**
 - Brian Ritzinger, Director, Clean Energy and Resilience Engineering
- **Presentation 3: New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (10 min)**
 - Arthur O'Donnell, Senior Technical Advisor
- **Presentation 4: Current Energy Group (10 min)**
 - Ron Nelson, Partner
- **Discussion and Q&A**

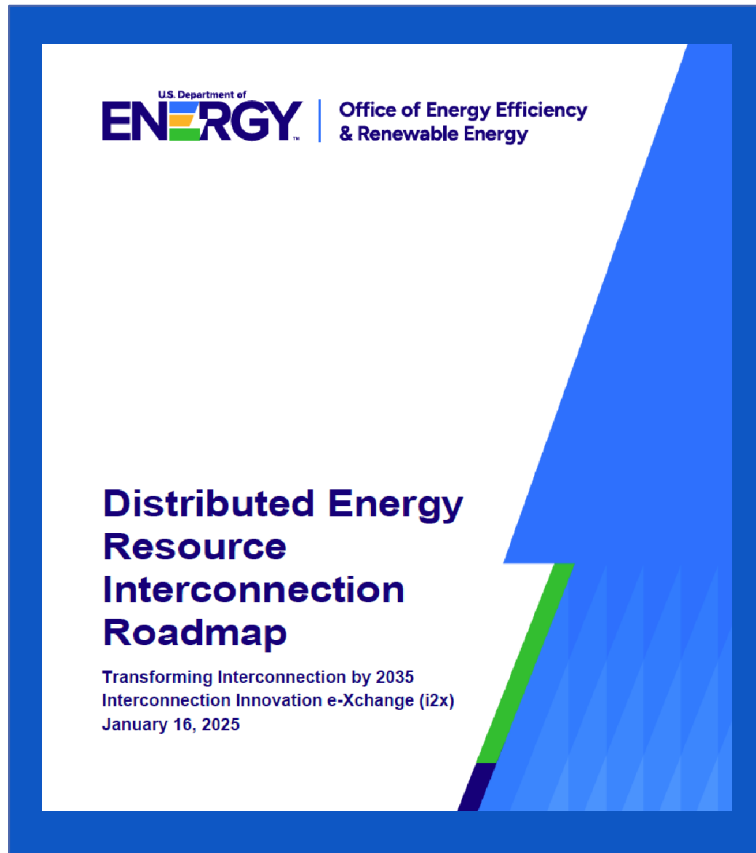


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DOE i2X DER Interconnection Roadmap



- The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Interconnection Innovation eXchange (i2x) [DER Interconnection Roadmap](#) provides a guide for actions to take over the next 5–10 years to implement solutions designed to address DER interconnection challenges.
- The focus of this webinar is **Increasing Economic Efficiency through Cost Allocation** through solutions such as:
 - Group study processes,
 - Pro rata cost sharing,
 - Grid export tariffs,
 - Proactively upgrading distribution circuits through grid modernization processes

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5-Year Transmission Interconnection Roadmap

Goal #1: Increase Data Access and Transparency

Goal #2: Improve Process and Timing

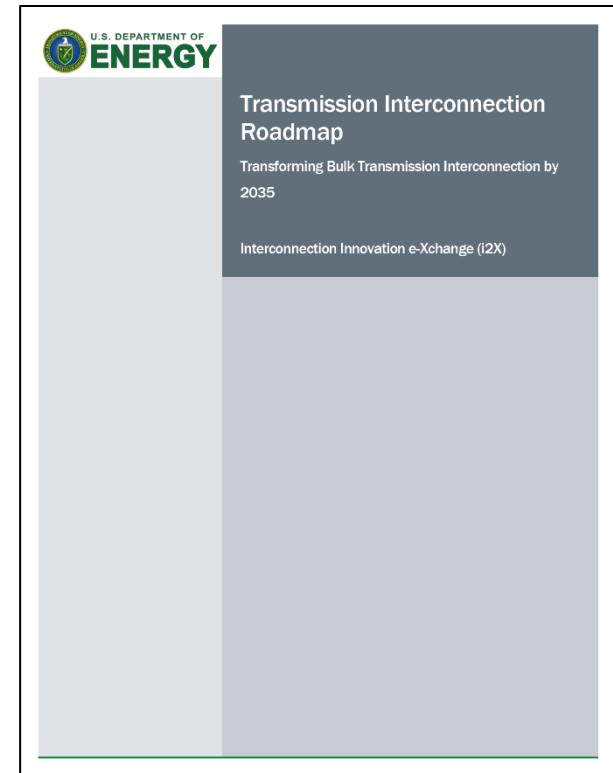
- Queue Management
- Affected System Studies
- Workforce Development

Goal #3: Promote Economic Efficiency

- Cost Allocation
- Coordination between Interconnection and Transmission Planning
- Interconnection Studies

Goal #4: Maintain a Reliable Grid

- Interconnection Models and Tools
- Interconnection Standards



Panel Presentations



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