SIR Update Needs: Milestone Transparency

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MILESTONE TRANSPARENCY: BACKGROUND

• Problem: Current SIR milestones (as reported in SIR inventory) and enforcement requirements are insufficient

• Lack of knowledge on the part of subsequent interconnecting customers disadvantages them beyond what would be a fair competitive advantage for the first mover

• Lack of certainty regarding the timing of utility and developer steps along the path to project completion add to this problem, which increases soft costs and discourages future development

• Goal: Provide more transparency into the status of projects in the queue regarding whether project has moved into final design/upgrade design process
1. Date that utility design has commenced;

2. Date utility design is completed (proposed sub-definition: field planning complete);

3. After design completed – whether or not developer has given lead to utility to proceed with scheduling/procurement

* Subject to confidentiality issues; NYSEIA solicited developer opinion - consensus is that above items would not trigger confidentiality clauses