

NOTICE OF RTO OPERATIONS DATE

The New England transmission owners and ISO-NE agreed to implement the RTO effective February 1, 2005. MEPCO has filed a proposal at FERC that would allow MEPCO to join the RTO effective April 1, 2005. Under the RTO, MEPCO service will be provided under Schedule 20B of the ISO Tariff. The ISO Tariff will supercede the MEPCO Open Access Transmission Tariff ("OATT"). Schedule 20B contains any and all rates, terms and conditions specific to MEPCO Service. The ISO Tariff does not change the rates, terms and conditions contained in the MEPCO OATT in effect prior to April 1, 2005. In order to maintain continuity of service to MEPCO's customers, all Transmission Service Agreements in effect on March 31, 2005 will continue under Schedule 20B of the ISO Tariff for their full term.