

I have reviewed your Request for Information published in the Federal Register on February 27, 2012. I would suggest that these are very difficult questions to answer and really vary by the developer, the region and the type of project. There are no canned answers that would fit for responses to the questions raised. I would suggest that a joint workshop be set up with a cross section of industry representatives to meet with members of the Rapid Response Team and explore these questions and the range of answers together. I think it is more important that the RRT understand what developers must go through for generation and transmission projects. It is clear that RRT does understand the variation in schedules between transmission and certain forms of generation. This schedule difference will become more paramount in the next five years when we see a multitude of gas turbines being built to back up decommissioned coal plants and variable renewable resources and scrambling to get the transmission in place to support these new generating units.

Feel free to call or email if you would like to discuss this further.

Company Role: Louis Berger Group provides site selection and permitting services for power facilities. We are presently engaged in over thirty transmission projects across the USA.

Jack Halpern
Vice President- Energy Services
Louis Berger Group
433 Plaza Real, Suite 275
Boca Raton, FL 33432