

# APPENDIX 13

## Local Planning Process – Criteria

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Section 2 of the report (page 14) indicates that there may be needs identified in a region that do not require further regional coordination. These types of needs are local in nature, and their mitigating solutions, including any wires investments, should not physically or electrically affect any other distributors or other customers in the region.

Several criteria are outlined below, which the regional Technical Study Team members will be expected to take into consideration to determine when it is appropriate to further assess a need as part of the Local Planning process, rather than proceed to a Scoping Assessment process:

- Typically involves only one distributor, but may involve more than one distributor if justified
- Transmission and/or distribution options are clearly the most effective solution(s) to address the regional need(s)
- An IRRP or RIP phase would not yield a different result; i.e., “non-wires” or different “wires” solution
- Resource options (i.e., CDM, DG) are clearly not practical, nor economical
- The scope and magnitude of the infrastructure investments would not trigger either:
  - Upstream transmission investments
  - Leave to Construct (i.e., section 92) and/or Environmental Assessment approvals
- There is full consensus amongst the Technical Study Team members that Local Planning is the appropriate planning approach

Justification for recommending Local Planning must be documented by the Technical Study Team if any of the above criteria are not met and a Local Planning approach is recommended.

As indicated in Figure 1 below, the Technical Study Team may also recommend the Local Planning approach during or at the completion of a Scoping Assessment process, as more applicable information may become available.

Findings in the final Local Plan report will be incorporated in the applicable Regional Infrastructure Plan (RIP) report and the full Local Plan report will be appended to the

RIP report of the applicable region. It is expected that all Technical Study Team members will sign off on the final Local Plan report.

Figure 1: Regional Planning Process Diagram indicating when Local Planning may be Undertaken

