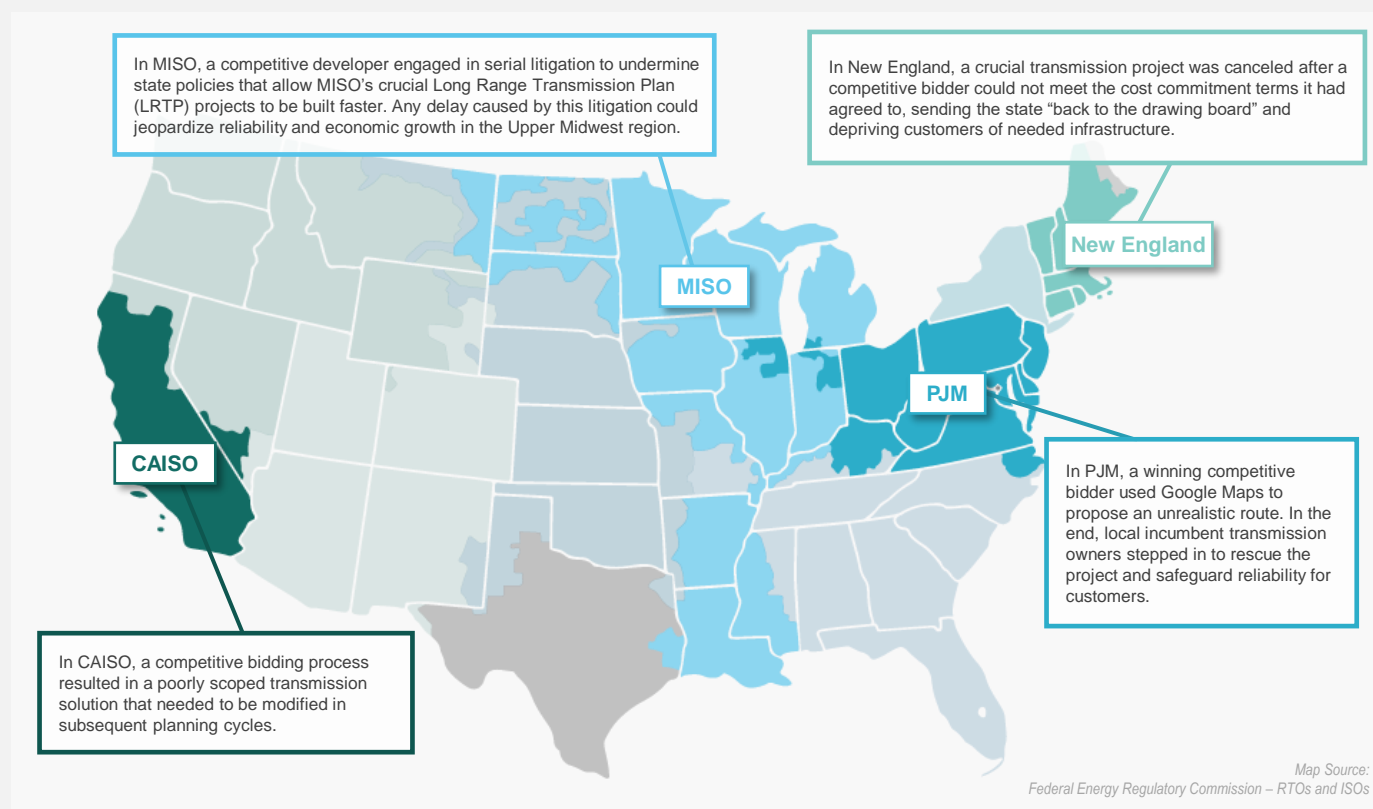


THE LATEST IN COMPETITIVE TRANSMISSION: Bidding Leads to Short-Sighted Planning, Cancelled Projects and Costly Litigation Nationwide

Building on growing evidence that competitive transmission projects have failed to provide cost savings to customers, the DATA Coalition digs deeper to identify the latest examples of how competitive bidding leads to poor results and jeopardizes critical grid expansion in the United States. This latest report offers a new set of case studies highlighting projects spanning four regions. Collectively, these examples demonstrate how competitive bidding creates poor incentives and leads to bad outcomes, including project delays, unrealistic routing choices, litigation, and cancelled projects.



There is a growing body of actual experience that calls into question competitive bidding for transmission. Not only are competitively developed projects not likely to bring savings, as shown by DATA in reports issued over the last half decade, competitive bidding is now leading to a host of other issues, including poorly scoped projects, project cancellations and harmful litigation that can delay crucial infrastructure. Non-incumbent developers may be able to evade responsibility for these outcomes, but it's customers that bear the cost.

Competitive bidding clearly isn't working –

It's time to go back to policies that ensure trusted local companies can move ahead with transmission projects needed to safeguard reliability and drive economic growth.