

- The NPCC region, including NYISO, normally operates to a higher level of transmission security than required by NERC, respecting Common Tower, Stuck Circuit Breaker contingencies.
- It is recognized by NPCC that conditions exist where securing these contingencies could only be done through pre-contingency load shedding. In order to avoid pre contingency load shedding and revert to NERC criteria in such circumstances, the NYISO is permitted to invoke ETC.
- Declaring a Major Emergency serves two purposes: 1) provides situational awareness to the Transmission Owner Operators and 2) permits NYISO Operators to call for voltage reduction and load shedding.
- ETC when declared provides situational awareness of the state the system is in to the Transmission Owners. Thus, if we are not going to shed load or reduce voltage precontingency, the Major Emergency declaration is unnecessary.