

On the NYPA Exception Request

“For many years NYPA had an exception that allowed certain lines to be potentially loaded above LTE, thus increasing Central East transfer limits. Upon certain contingencies and under certain load levels, quickly (within 15 minutes) reducing Gilboa pumping loads can bring back flows to below LTE. This enabled Gilboa to pump more water (prior to a contingency) that translated into more electric energy generation.

*With the AC Transmission project these limitations were greatly surpassed by hundreds of MW, Central East flows are now substantially higher without the need for an exception and Gilboa can pump much more water to its reservoir. NYPA is now seeking a **new permanent** exception to obtain even higher Central East flow levels. Such new exception creates conductor damage reliability risks that should not be supported by the NYSRC.”*