

ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE *Plans*

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) is a potential roadblock for new infrastructure projects — especially for those likely to deliver significant revenue and environmental benefits.

What is NEPA?

NEPA is the process by which the federal government coordinates approval for environmentally significant infrastructure projects.

Costs of NEPA COMPLIANCE

Complying with NEPA can be a long and costly process.



90 MONTHS + \$4.5 MIL

Projects in the NEPA process that require both an environmental assessment and an environmental impact statement take an average of 90 months and \$4.5 million to complete both reviews.



The PROBLEM

Only a very small portion of these projects require lengthy reviews, but they tend to be the **highest value with the most potential benefits.**



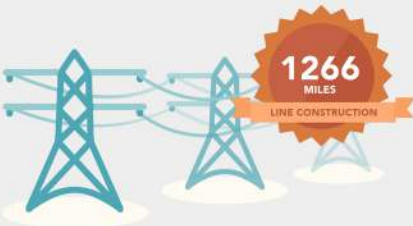
11 LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS EXPORT TERMINALS

11 POWERPLANTS

(10 of which are low-emission sources)



15 ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION PROJECTS



Delayed BENEFITS

If it takes years to review a project prior to allowing its start — the benefits will be similarly delayed. NEPA has become far more burdensome largely because of expanding regulations.



Unlikely GROWTH

Until review times are shortened, a massive infrastructure investment is unlikely to have the hoped-for near-term economic growth effects.

