



# 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

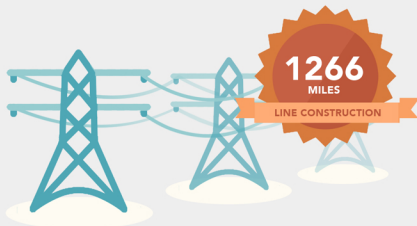
Only a very small portion of these projects require lengthy reviews, but they tend to be the **highest value with the most potential benefits.**



## 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.

