## **North Delta - Conastone Solution**

### **General Information**

Proposing entity name Proprietary Company Information

Does the entity who is submitting this proposal intend to be the

Designated Entity for this proposed project?

Company proposal ID Proprietary Company Information

PJM Proposal ID 217

Project title North Delta - Conastone Solution

Project description New North Delta 500/23 kV substation, New North Delta - Conastone 500 kV line, plus various

Yes

modifications to existing lines and substations Proposal permitting and overhead costs are captured

on component 26A. See attachment 1 for flowgate information.

Email Proprietary Company Information

Project in-service date 06/2027

Tie-line impact No

Interregional project No

Is the proposer offering a binding cap on capital costs?

Yes

Additional benefits

## **Project Components**

- 1. 24e North Delta to Cooper 230kV rebuild
- 2. 24f North Delta to Graceton 230kV rebuild
- 3. 26d Waugh Chapel to Brandon Shores 230kV upgrade
- 4. 26A New 500kV transmission line from new North Delta substation to BGE's Conastone substation.
- 5. 26e Granite to North West 230kV upgrade

6. 26C - Conastone substation single 500kV breaker expansion

7. 26b2 - New North Delta Substation - 10 terminal

## **Transmission Line Upgrade Component**

Component title 24e - North Delta to Cooper 230kV rebuild

Project description Proprietary Company Information

Impacted transmission line Cooper sub to Graceton sub 230kV line

Point A North Delta

Point B Cooper

Point C N/A

Terrain description Rebuild is within existing ROW

**Existing Line Physical Characteristics** 

Operating voltage 230

Conductor size and type Incumbent / Current Transmission owner specific

Hardware plan description

Utilize existing line hardware to extent possible.

Tower line characteristics Utilize existing towers to extent practicable.

**Proposed Line Characteristics** 

	Designed	Operating
Voltage (kV)	230.000000	230.000000
	Normal ratings	Emergency ratings
Summer (MVA)	1573.000000	1810.000000
Winter (MVA)	1648.000000	1896.000000

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Operating

Conductor size and type Incumbent / Transmission Owner to select conductor to achieve the required ratings

Shield wire size and type

Utilize existing shield wire to extent practicable.

Rebuild line length 0.75 miles

Rebuild portion description Proposing to rebuild the entire line to achieve specific rating.

Right of way

Use of existing ROW to extent practicable.

Construction responsibility Proprietary Company Information

Benefits/Comments Resolves reliability issues identified per PJM's Gen. Deliv. Process

**Component Cost Details - In Current Year \$** 

Engineering & design Proprietary Company Information

Permitting / routing / siting Proprietary Company Information

ROW / land acquisition Proprietary Company Information

Materials & equipment Proprietary Company Information

Construction & commissioning Proprietary Company Information

Construction management Proprietary Company Information

Overheads & miscellaneous costs Proprietary Company Information

Contingency Proprietary Company Information

Total component cost \$1,837,500.00

Component cost (in-service year) \$2,028,256.00

**Transmission Line Upgrade Component** 

Component title 24f - North Delta to Graceton 230kV rebuild

Project description Proprietary Company Information

Impacted transmission line

Cooper sub to Graceton sub 230kV line

Point A North Delta

Point B Graceton

Point C N/A

Terrain description Rebuild is within existing ROW

**Existing Line Physical Characteristics** 

Operating voltage 230

Conductor size and type Incumbent / Current Transmission owner specific

Hardware plan description

Utilize existing line hardware to extent possible.

Tower line characteristics New double circuit structures will be required.

**Proposed Line Characteristics** 

Voltage (kV)

Designed Operating

230.000000 230.000000

Normal ratings Emergency ratings

Summer (MVA) 1573.000000 1810.000000

Winter (MVA) 1648.000000 1896.000000

Conductor size and type Incumbent / Transmission Owner to select conductor to achieve the required ratings

Shield wire size and type

Utilize existing shield wire to extent practicable.

Rebuild line length 6.5 miles

Rebuild portion description Proposing to rebuild the entire line to achieve specific rating.

Right of way

Use of existing ROW to extent practicable.

Construction responsibility Proprietary Company Information

Benefits/Comments Resolves reliability issues identified per PJM's Gen. Deliv. Process

**Component Cost Details - In Current Year \$** 

Engineering & design Proprietary Company Information

Permitting / routing / siting Proprietary Company Information

ROW / land acquisition Proprietary Company Information

Materials & equipment Proprietary Company Information

Construction & commissioning Proprietary Company Information

Construction management Proprietary Company Information

Overheads & miscellaneous costs Proprietary Company Information

Contingency Proprietary Company Information

Total component cost \$15,925,000.00

Component cost (in-service year) \$17,578,220.00

**Transmission Line Upgrade Component** 

Component title 26d - Waugh Chapel to Brandon Shores 230kV upgrade

Project description Proprietary Company Information

Impacted transmission line Waugh Chapel sub to Brandon Shores sub double circuit 230kV line

Point A Waugh Chapel

Point B Brandon Shores

Point C N/A

Terrain description Upgrade is within existing ROW.

**Existing Line Physical Characteristics** 

Operating voltage 230

Conductor size and type Incumbent / Current Transmission owner specific

Hardware plan description

Utilize existing line hardware to extent possible.

Tower line characteristics

Utilize existing towers to extent practicable.

**Proposed Line Characteristics** 

Voltage (kV) 230.000000 230.000000

Normal ratings Emergency ratings

Summer (MVA) 1573.000000 1810.000000

Winter (MVA) 1648.000000 1896.000000

Conductor size and type Incumbent / Transmission Owner to select conductor to achieve the required ratings

Designed

Shield wire size and type

Utilize existing shield wire to extent practicable

Rebuild line length 14.4

Rebuild portion description Proposing to upgrade limiting elements to achieve specific rating.

Right of way

Use of existing ROW to extent practicable.

Construction responsibility Proprietary Company Information

Benefits/Comments Resolves reliability issues identified per PJM's Gen. Deliv. Process

**Component Cost Details - In Current Year \$** 

Engineering & design Proprietary Company Information

Permitting / routing / siting Proprietary Company Information

ROW / land acquisition Proprietary Company Information

Materials & equipment Proprietary Company Information

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Operating

Construction & commissioning Proprietary Company Information

Construction management Proprietary Company Information

Overheads & miscellaneous costs Proprietary Company Information

Contingency Proprietary Company Information

Total component cost \$5,000,000.00

Component cost (in-service year) \$5,519,064.00

## **Greenfield Transmission Line Component**

Component title 26A - New 500kV transmission line from new North Delta substation to BGE's Conastone

substation.

Project description Proprietary Company Information

Point A North Delta

Point B Conastone

Point C N/A

## Normal ratings Emergency ratings

Summer (MVA) 4295.000000 4357.000000

Winter (MVA) 5066.00000 5196.000000

Conductor size and type 3x 1780 kcmil Chukar ACSR

Nominal voltage AC

Nominal voltage 500

Line construction type Overhead

General route description

Terrain description

Right-of-way width by segment

Electrical transmission infrastructure crossings

Civil infrastructure/major waterway facility crossing plan

Route is approximately 15 miles long. Starting a new dead end structure at the new North Delta substation the lines routes southwest for about 0.75 miles before turning northeast to cross the existing Peach Bottom - Conastone 500kV transmission line. The line routes along the west side of existing Peach Bottom - Conastone 500kV transmission ROW for about 3.5 miles before crossing to the east side of the transmission ROW to avoid impacting Elixir Farm. The line follows the east side of the existing Peach Bottom - Conastone 500kV transmission ROW for less than a mile and the deviates south-southeast for about 0.75 miles to avoid residential impacts before again following the existing Peach Bottom - Conastone 500kV transmission ROW. The line follows along the southern side of the Peach - Bottom Conastone 500kV transmission ROW for about 9 miles before terminating at the existing Conastone substation, except for at about mile 6 where the line deviates off the existing ROW to avoid residential impacts.

The Project traverses through Harford County, Maryland into York County, Pennsylvania. Harford County is located in northeastern Maryland in the Piedmont province, characterized by broad, rolling upland with several deep gorges cut by rivers. Features include rolling hills, pasture and fertile farmland, Quarries and iron pits, and the Susquehanna and Monocacy rivers. The Piedmont region's elevation ranges from an average of 350 feet to more than 1,200 feet. In York County the Piedmont Upland is characterized by rolling hills and valleys, generally with gentle to moderately steep slopes. However, steeper slopes with narrow valley bottoms dominate near the Susquehanna River. Many higher ridges are underlain by more resistant bedrock such as quartzite. This Section was formed by fluvial erosion and some peri-glacial wasting and averages about 600-700 feet in elevation. The drainage pattern of the area is considered to be dendritic. Slopes in the range of 0-8% are common throughout York County.

The majority of the new right of way will be an expansion of an existing transmission line corridor, where a 135ft additional width will be required beyond the existing, assumed, ROW edge.

See Attachment 4 (Google Earth .kmz) with identified major crossings.

See Attachment 4 (Google Earth .kmz) with identified major crossings and Attachment 5 - Crossing Plan for more detail.

**Environmental impacts** 

Tower characteristics

Construction responsibility

Benefits/Comments

**Component Cost Details - In Current Year \$** 

Engineering & design

Permitting / routing / siting

ROW / land acquisition

Materials & equipment

Construction & commissioning

Construction management

Environmental constraints identified are manageable through implementation of an environmental avoidance, minimization, and mitigation strategy incorporated at the beginning of the routing/siting process. Co-location with existing utilities and other infrastructure was prioritized to the greatest extent practicable to minimize the environmental impact on the landscape. The proposed route crosses 4 forested national wetland inventory (NWI) wetlands and 8 waterbodies, but it appears that most features are small and could be avoided without permitting. Consultation with the Army Corps of Engineers, Fish and Wildlife Service, and numerous state agencies in Maryland and Pennsylvania are expected. Fatal flaws have not been identified for proposed route. A cultural resource professional assisted with the routing process to identify and minimize impacts to known areas with historic sensitivities. An investigation to further identify and evaluate historic properties will be conducted to determine the presence of archaeologically or historically significant resources. Federally listed species have been identified including listed bats, Maryland dater, and the bog turtle, but no critical habitat was identified along the proposed route. If suitable habitat is identified or regulations change, agency coordination and species-specific surveys will occur. The project intends to adhere to tree removal seasonal restriction windows to avoid and minimize impacts to protected birds and bats, such as the northern long-eared bat, bald eagle, and other common raptors. Erosion control best management practices and setbacks will be engineered and utilized to prevent sedimentation from leaving the site for the protection of aquatic species and to avoid water quality impacts. There are no unique or sensitive environmental concerns or impacts with the proposed transmission line that cannot be addressed.

The proposed structures will be single circuit 500kV lattice towers (TTVS-500) in a horizontal configuration. Any proposed deadend structure will either be a steel lattice tower or a 3-pole, one phase per pole configuration. See proposed structure drawing set included in attachment 10.

**Proprietary Company Information** 

Resolves reliability issues identified per PJM's Gen. Deliv. Process

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Overheads & miscellaneous costs Proprietary Company Information

Contingency Proprietary Company Information

Total component cost \$55,382,450.00

Component cost (in-service year) \$55,750,774.00

## **Transmission Line Upgrade Component**

Component title 26e - Granite to North West 230kV upgrade

Project description Proprietary Company Information

Impacted transmission line Granite sub to North West sub 230kV line

Point A Granite

Point B North West

Point C N/A

Terrain description Upgrade is within existing ROW.

**Existing Line Physical Characteristics** 

Operating voltage 230

Conductor size and type Incumbent / Current Transmission owner specific

Designed

Hardware plan description

Utilize existing line hardware to extent possible.

Tower line characteristics

Utilize existing towers to extent practicable.

**Proposed Line Characteristics** 

Voltage (kV)

230.000000 230.000000

Normal ratings Emergency ratings

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Operating

Summer (MVA) 1573.000000 1810.000000 Winter (MVA) 1896.000000 1648.000000 Conductor size and type Incumbent / Transmission Owner to select conductor to achieve the required ratings Shield wire size and type Utilize existing shield wire to extent practicable Rebuild line length 8.5 miles Proposing to upgrade limiting elements to achieve specific rating. Rebuild portion description Use of existing ROW to extent practicable. Right of way **Proprietary Company Information** Construction responsibility Benefits/Comments Resolves reliability issues identified per PJM's Gen. Deliv. Process **Component Cost Details - In Current Year \$ Proprietary Company Information** Engineering & design Permitting / routing / siting **Proprietary Company Information** ROW / land acquisition **Proprietary Company Information** Materials & equipment **Proprietary Company Information** Construction & commissioning **Proprietary Company Information** Construction management **Proprietary Company Information Proprietary Company Information** Overheads & miscellaneous costs Contingency **Proprietary Company Information** Total component cost \$5,000,000.00

\$5,519,064.00

## **Substation Upgrade Component**

Component cost (in-service year)

Component title 26C - Conastone substation single 500kV breaker expansion

Project description Proprietary Company Information

Substation name Conastone

Substation zone BG&E

Substation upgrade scope Add one new 500kV circuit breaker at Conastone to terminate the new greenfield North Delta to

Conastone 500kV transmission line.

#### **Transformer Information**

None

New equipment description AC Substation: Add one (1) new 500 kV breaker to existing bay in breaker and a half (BAAH) bus.

Substation assumptions

The use of a position within a bay appears to be available.

Real-estate description No expansion of substation fence anticipated

Construction responsibility Proprietary Company Information

Benefits/Comments Resolves reliability issues identified per PJM's Gen. Deliv. Process

Component Cost Details - In Current Year \$

Engineering & design Proprietary Company Information

Permitting / routing / siting Proprietary Company Information

ROW / land acquisition Proprietary Company Information

Materials & equipment Proprietary Company Information

Construction & commissioning Proprietary Company Information

Construction management Proprietary Company Information

Overheads & miscellaneous costs Proprietary Company Information

Contingency Proprietary Company Information

Total component cost \$1,400,000.00

Component cost (in-service year) \$1,545,338.00

### **Greenfield Substation Component**

Component title 26b2 - New North Delta Substation - 10 terminal

Project description Proprietary Company Information

Substation name North Delta

Substation description

AC Air Insulated Substation (AIS): New proposed 500 - 230 kV Substation. New 500 kV Breaker and a Half (BAAH) switchyard with two (2) bays, three (3) line terminals, seven (7) 500 kV, 5000A, 63kAIC breakers, two (2) 500 kV - 230 kV transformer banks. New 230 kV BAAH switchyard with two (2) bays, three (3) line terminals, seven (7) 230 kV, 5000A, 80kAIC breakers.

Nominal voltage

Nominal voltage 500/230

#### **Transformer Information**

Name	Capacity (MVA)

Transformer 1 1559/1940

High Side Low Side Tertiary

AC

Voltage (kV) 500 230 N/A

Name Capacity (MVA)

Transformer 2 Transformer 2 1559/1940

High Side Low Side Tertiary

Voltage (kV) 500 230 N/A

Major equipment description

AC Air Insulated Substation (AIS): New proposed 500 - 230 kV Substation. New 500 kV Breaker and a Half (BAAH) switchyard with two (2) bays, three (3) line terminals, seven (7) 500 kV, 5000A, 63kAIC breakers, two (2) 500 kV - 230 kV transformer banks. New 230 kV BAAH switchyard with two (2) bays, three (3) line terminals, seven (7) 230 kV, 5000A, 80kAIC breakers.

Summer (MVA)

Winter (MVA)

Environmental assessment

Normal ratings

**Emergency ratings** 

1559.000000

1940.000000

1785.000000

2168.000000

Environmental constraints identified are manageable through implementation of an environmental avoidance, minimization, and mitigation strategy incorporated at the beginning of the siting process. Co-location with existing utilities and other infrastructure was prioritized to the greatest extent practicable to minimize the environmental impact on the landscape. The proposed site is an actively maintained agricultural field and no national wetland inventory (NWI) wetlands or waterbodies are crossed. There is no documented floodplain at this location, and fatal flaws have not been identified. A cultural resource professional assisted with the siting process to identify and minimize impacts to known areas with historic sensitivities. An investigation to further identify and evaluate historic properties will be conducted to determine the presence of archaeologically or historically significant resources. Federally listed species have been identified in the general area, including listed bats and bog turles. However at this time no tree clearing is required for this location. If suitable habitat for bats, or any other protected species, is identified or regulations change, agency consultation and species-specific surveys will occur. The project intends to adhere to tree removal seasonal restriction windows to avoid and minimize impacts to protected birds and bats, such as the Tri-colored Bat, Northern Long-eared Bat, Bald Eagle, and other common raptors. Erosion control best management practices and setbacks will be engineered and utilized to prevent sedimentation from leaving the site for the protection of aquatic species and to avoid water quality impacts. There are no unique or sensitive environmental concerns or impacts with the proposed substation site that cannot be addressed.

Outreach plan

Land acquisition plan

Construction responsibility

Benefits/Comments

### **Component Cost Details - In Current Year \$**

Engineering & design

Permitting / routing / siting

ROW / land acquisition

Materials & equipment

Construction & commissioning

Construction management

The Company is committed to working with all interested stakeholders through a robust public outreach program to address/respond to community concerns and inform the public about the project to the greatest extent practicable. The Company believes a well-designed public outreach program can have numerous benefits, including fostering a cooperative relationship with landowners and other stakeholders, expediting the regulatory permitting process, and assisting with project development. In general, the purpose of the community outreach plan is to gain community support for the project. In the affected communities, the Company's public outreach plan will educate the public and relevant stakeholders on specific project details to enable timely regulatory approvals and construction activities. Elements of the public outreach plan will include the following: 1) Identify potential issues at an early stage by engagement with key community stakeholders at the outset; 2) Broaden the community engagement process to identify potential and relevant community benefits that can facilitate community support for the proposed project; 3) Develop a broad base of community support for the proposed project before the regulatory agencies; and 4) Develop a comprehensive administrative record documenting the community outreach process that can be presented to the regulatory agency or, in the event of a legal challenge, to the appropriate court. The outreach plan proposes to dedicate considerable time and resources in engaging the community, and specifically the affected community during the planning process to identify highly sensitive areas that have the least amount of cultural, environmental, and social impacts on the community. The plans will reflect avoidance of impacts rather than mitigation. However, in some cases, if avoidance is not possible, then the Company will involve the community in providing appropriate and practical mitigation measures. The Company will commence its public outreach activities following project award.

The substation is being proposed to be built on a parcel that is already under purchase option.

**Proprietary Company Information** 

Resolves reliability and market efficiency issues identified per PJM's. process. Substation is a switchyard with no voltage transformation.

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Overheads & miscellaneous costs Proprietary Company Information

Contingency Proprietary Company Information

Total component cost \$71,442,000.00

Component cost (in-service year) \$78,858,601.00

# **Congestion Drivers**

None

## **Existing Flowgates**

None

# **New Flowgates**

**Proprietary Company Information** 

### **Financial Information**

Capital spend start date 09/2023

Construction start date 07/2025

Project Duration (In Months) 45

## **Cost Containment Commitment**

Cost cap (in current year) Proprietary Company Information

Cost cap (in-service year) Proprietary Company Information

## Components covered by cost containment

1. 26A - New 500kV transmission line from new North Delta substation to BGE's Conastone substation. - NEETMA

#### 2. 26b2 - New North Delta Substation - 10 terminal - NEETMA

### **Cost elements covered by cost containment**

Engineering & design Yes

Permitting / routing / siting Yes

ROW / land acquisition Yes

Materials & equipment Yes

Construction & commissioning Yes

Construction management Yes

Overheads & miscellaneous costs Yes

Taxes Yes

AFUDC No

Escalation No.

Additional Information Proprietary Company Information

Is the proposer offering a binding cap on ROE?

Would this ROE cap apply to the determination of AFUDC?

Yes

Would the proposer seek to increase the proposed ROE if FERC

finds that a higher ROE would not be unreasonable?

Is the proposer offering a Debt to Equity Ratio cap?

Proprietary Company Information

No

Additional cost containment measures not covered above Proprietary Company Information

## **Additional Comments**

None