

***Generation Interconnection
Feasibility Study Report***

For

***PJM Generation Interconnection Request
Queue Position W3-145***

Branchville-Newton 34.5kV

January 2011

Preface

The intent of the feasibility study is to determine a plan, with ballpark cost and construction time estimates, to connect the subject generation to the PJM network at a location specified by the Interconnection Customer. The Interconnection Customer may request the interconnection of generation as a capacity resource or as an energy-only resource. As a requirement for interconnection, the Interconnection Customer may be responsible for the cost of constructing: (1) Direct Connections, which are new facilities and/or facilities upgrades needed to connect the generator to the PJM network, and (2) Network Upgrades, which are facility additions, or upgrades to existing facilities, that are needed to maintain the reliability of the PJM system.

In some instances a generator interconnection may not be responsible for 100% of the identified network upgrade cost because other transmission network uses, e.g. another generation interconnection, may also contribute to the need for the same network reinforcement. The possibility of sharing the reinforcement costs with other projects may be identified in the feasibility study, but the actual allocation will be deferred until the impact study is performed.

The Feasibility Study estimates do not include the feasibility, cost, or time required to obtain property rights and permits for construction of the required facilities. The project developer is responsible for the right of way, real estate, and construction permit issues. For properties currently owned by Transmission Owners, the costs may be included in the study.

General

The Interconnection Customer (IC), has proposed a solar generating facility located in Newton, New Jersey (Attachment 1). The installed facilities will have a total capability of 17 MW with 6.4 MW of this output being recognized by PJM as capacity. This means that the remaining 10.6 MW will be curtailable should a system reliability constraint be declared by either PJM or FE. The proposed in-service date for this W3-145 Project is March 1, 2012.

Point of Interconnection

W3-145 will interconnect with the Jersey Central Power & Light system at the 34.5kV line F708-1 between the Branchville and Newton substations.

First Energy Analysis and Impacts

As defined by the Interconnection Customer and shown on Attachment 3, the proposed connection point for the W3-145 Project will be a tap of the Branchville – North Newton section of the Branchville - Newton (F708) 34.5 kV path. In compliance with the FE Connection Requirements, the Interconnection Customer has requested a tapped connection at that point. Attachment 3 shows a conceptual one-line diagram of the Direct Connection facilities that will be required for the W3-145 Project. As indicated, it will be studied as a 17 MW injection into the Jersey Central 34.5 kV system at the Branchville - Newton (F708) 34.5 kV line. Both line and radial disconnect switches will be needed at the tap point in addition to a circuit breaker and switch on the system side of the generator step-up transformer. The Interconnection Customer will be responsible for acquiring all permits that may be required for the tap and radial line extension and constructing all facilities on its side of the point of interconnection. A summary of the FE facilities required for the W3-145 Project Direct Connection and their cost estimate is shown on Attachment 4. Note that the Interconnection Customer did not identify a secondary point of interconnection for study.

Power Flow Analysis

A Power Flow study was conducted to determine the reliability impact of the proposed W3-145 Project on the FE Transmission System. This study was completed using a 2012 summer peak load power flow that contains a detailed representation of the Jersey Central transmission networks in the area of the proposed W3-145 Project. Note that the year 2012 was chosen for study rather than 2015 since this is the first summer period when the W Queue solar projects are scheduled for service. The findings and the recommendations from this analysis are based on a contingency review that was performed to identify the facility loadings and/or voltage conditions that violate the Reliability *First*, PJM or FE Planning Criteria and are attributable to this project.

The results of the FE analysis show that there are no network upgrades required for the deliverability of the W3-145 Project generation to the Jersey Central and PJM transmission systems. There also are no reinforcements defined for previous projects for which this project will have an impact. However, voltage criteria violations such as high voltage under light load conditions and high and low voltages caused by swings in MW output of the attached generation may require a curtailment of the energy portion of the project at times.

Note that a further conclusion of this study is that it will be mandatory for the W3-145 Project to have a range of dynamic reactive capability that supports its operation from a .95 lead to .90 lag power factor. Without a continuous regulation, the FE studies show that the addition of solar projects can cause voltage swings as their output oscillates with moving clouds and system voltages that can exceed the established limits. Should the Interconnection Customer fail to provide a dynamic reactive capability from the W3-145 Project for any reason once interconnected, the Jersey Central and/or PJM Dispatchers may need to take action to curtail both the energy and capacity portion of its output to prevent a non-compliance with voltage criteria.

Short Circuit and Dynamics Analysis

In accordance with the Interconnection process, a short circuit analysis will not be conducted by PJM since the W3-145 Project connection is to the 34.5 kV system. Therefore, the FE Protection staff conducted a short circuit review of the project connection. An assumption of this study was that solar generation projects will contribute no appreciable fault current to the breakers on the FE transmission system. As defined by EPRI: “Inverters are generally designed to limit fault currents to 130% or less of rated current. Thus they can usually be disregarded when conducting fault studies.”¹ Based on this fact, the results of the FE analysis showed that no FE circuit breaker will exceed its interrupting capability with the implementation of the W3-145 Project. Therefore no circuit breaker reinforcements will be required.

Note that stability studies will be conducted by the PJM staff should this project proceed to the Impact Study stage of the Interconnection process.

System Protection Analysis

An analysis was conducted to assess the impact of the W3-145 Project on the system protection requirements in the area. The results of this review have identified the following:

Under the assumption that the W3-145 Project generation will not supply fault current to the Jersey Central transmission system, there will be no protection upgrades needed for the Branchville - Newton (F708) 34.5 kV path. However, the W3-145 Project will be required to have two independent high-speed zones of protection to sense and clear faults on the interconnection transformer.

The fault currents on the Branchville - Newton (F708) 34.5 kV line are listed below.

Three Phase: 7,135 amperes
Line to Ground: 2,660 amperes

Thevenin Impedances in ohms:
Positive Sequence: $0.771 + j2.683$
Zero Sequence: $3.584 + j16.502$

These values are for the current system configuration. Any system changes in the area could have a significant impact on these values. It will be an Interconnection Customer responsibility to make any protection upgrades required should this occur.

For the 17.0 MW load, it is not recommended to add fusing on the line due to the low magnitude of maximum fault current available by the system.

A cost estimate of the FE system protection facilities required for the W3-145 is included on Attachment 4.

¹ EPRI Document TR-111490 “Integration of Distributed Resources in Electric Utility Distribution Systems: Distribution System Behavior Analysis for Suburban Feeder”, published November 1998, page 62

Metering

The Interconnection Customer will be required to comply with all FE Revenue Metering Requirements for Generation Interconnection Customers. These FE requirements are detailed on Attachment 5 to this report.

Compliance Issues

The proposed interconnection facilities must be designed in accordance with the FirstEnergy “Requirements for Transmission Connected Facilities” located at:

<http://www.pjm.com/planning/design-engineering/to-tech-standards.aspx>

This includes the provision of a reactive power capability sufficient to maintain a composite power delivery for the facility at the interconnection point at a power factor between .95 leading (absorbing 5.59 MVAR) and .90 lagging (producing 8.23 MVAR). If this capability cannot be provided by the solar units, a dynamic device such as a STATCOM or SVC must be installed at the W3-145 Project substation at the Interconnection Customer’s cost.

The Interconnection Customer will also be responsible for following the requirements of the “FirstEnergy Wholesale Generation Interconnection (WGI) Manual” and the “FE Approved Vendors and Contractors” documents which are also located at the above link.

In addition, the Interconnection Customer will be required to meet all PJM, ReliabilityFirst and NERC reliability criteria and operating procedures for standards compliance. For example, the Interconnection Customer will need to properly locate and report the over and under-voltage and over and under-frequency system protection elements for its units as well as the submission of the generator model and protection data required to satisfy the PJM and ReliabilityFirst audits. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in a disconnection of service if the violation is found to compromise the reliability of the FE system.

FE Facility Upgrades and Costs

The results of the FE analysis shows that no planning criteria violations are attributable to the addition of the W3-145 Project for the conditions studied. Therefore the conclusion is that no Transmission or Distribution system reinforcements will be required to provide the requested service.

Interconnection Customer Requirements

In addition to the FE facilities, the Interconnection Customer will also be responsible for meeting all criteria as specified in the applicable sections of the "FE Requirements for Transmission Connected Facilities" document. Since the W3-145 Project will be connected to the 34.5 kV network, the Interconnection Customer will also be responsible for compliance with the FirstEnergy “Technical Requirements for the Interconnection of Parallel-Operated Generation to the FirstEnergy Distribution System”. This includes but is not limited to the following:

1. The purchase and installation of the minimum required FE generation interconnection relaying and control facilities. This includes over/under voltage protection, over/under frequency protection, and zero sequence voltage protection relays.
2. The purchase and installation of the standard voice grade (analog) telephone line and associated conduit between the telephone company source and the meter socket or enclosure.
3. A compliance with the FE and PJM generator power factor and voltage control requirements. Note that the W3-145 Project may need to absorb reactive power at the point of interconnection to minimize the voltage change should the units rapidly reduce their output or trip off line.
4. The execution of a back-up service agreement to serve the customer load supplied from the Interconnection Customer 34.5 kV substation when the units are out-of-service. This assumes the intent of the Interconnection Customer is to net the generation with the station load.
5. Any complaints from other customers (e.g. flicker complaints) will have to be corrected by the Interconnection Customer. Correction may include changing operation, reducing generation, disconnecting the generators from the Jersey Central system, or other measures.
6. The purchase and installation of supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) equipment to provide information in a compatible format to the FE Transmission System Control Center. The RTU, the communications channel and all related equipment will be furnished and maintained by the Interconnection Customer. The RTU must communicate with the FirstEnergy EMS via DNP 3.0 protocol.
7. The following status, control, and metering points will be required:
 - a. Interconnection breaker position status and trip control.
 - b. Generator real and reactive power output measured at the high-side of the generator step-up transformer.
 - c. Generator voltage at the point of interconnection.
8. An installation of two independent high-speed zones of protection to sense and clear faults on the interconnection transformer.
9. A compliance with the inverter standard UL1741 and IEEE 1547, “Standard for Interconnecting Distributed resources with Electrical Power Systems”, in addition to the power quality standards defined by Reliability *First* and PJM.
10. A provision of the necessary generator protection, synchronization controls, and fault detection to initiate a trip to protect the W3-145 Project equipment from faults on the Jersey Central System.

11. A compliance with the PJM Manuals and Operating instructions to have a plant operator on call 24/7 to respond within a minute to reduce the output of W3-145 Project when network constraints occur.
12. The Interconnection Customer will not excavate, construct facilities or locate solar panels under the existing FE transmission facilities or on FE right-of-ways without the express permission of FE.

The above requirements are in addition to any metering or other requirements imposed by PJM.

Note that an assumption of this study is that the W3-145 Project generation will automatically be disconnected whenever the local area network is islanded. If this assumption is not correct, a direct transfer trip scheme will need to be implemented for such situations at the Interconnection Customer's cost.

Network Impacts

Queue project W3-145 was studied as a(n) 17.0 MW (6.4 MW of which was Capacity) injection into JCPL's system at the 50.0% tap between North Newton F708 Line and Branchville F708 Line 34.5 kV line. Project W3-145 was evaluated for compliance with reliability criteria for summer peak conditions in 2014.

Potential transmission network impacts are as follows:

Generator Deliverability

(Single or N-1 contingencies for the Capacity portion only of the interconnection)

No violations identified.

Multiple Facility Contingency

(Double Circuit Tower Line contingencies only with full energy output. Stuck Breaker and Bus Fault contingencies will be applied during the Impact Study)

No violations identified.

Contribution to Previously Identified Overloads

(This project contributes to the following contingency overloads, i.e. "Network Impacts", identified for earlier generation or transmission interconnection projects in the PJM Queue.)

No violations identified.

New System Reinforcements

(Upgrades required to mitigate reliability criteria violations, i.e. "Network Impacts", initially caused by the addition of this project generation.)

None required.

Contribution to Previously Identified System Reinforcements

(Overloads initially caused by prior Queue positions with additional contribution to overloading by this project. This project may have a % allocation cost responsibility which will be calculated and reported for the Impact Study.)

None required.

Short Circuit

None required.

Energy Portion of Interconnection Request

PJM also studied the delivery of the energy portion of the surrounding generation. Any potential problems identified below are likely to result in operational restrictions to the project under study. The developer can proceed with network upgrades to eliminate the operational restriction at their discretion by submitting a Transmission Interconnection request.

Note: Only the most severely overloaded conditions are listed. There is no guarantee of full delivery of energy for this project by fixing only the conditions listed in this section. With a Transmission Interconnection Request, a subsequent analysis will be performed which analyzes all overload conditions associated with the overloaded element(s) identified. As a result of the aggregate energy resources in the area, the following violations were identified.

No violations identified.

Summary

The connection of the W3-145 Project to the FE transmission system will require no network upgrades. Therefore the Interconnection Customer will only have a cost responsibility for the Direct Connection of the W3-145 Project to the Jersey Central transmission system. As shown on Attachment 4, the estimated cost of these facilities is \$156,000.

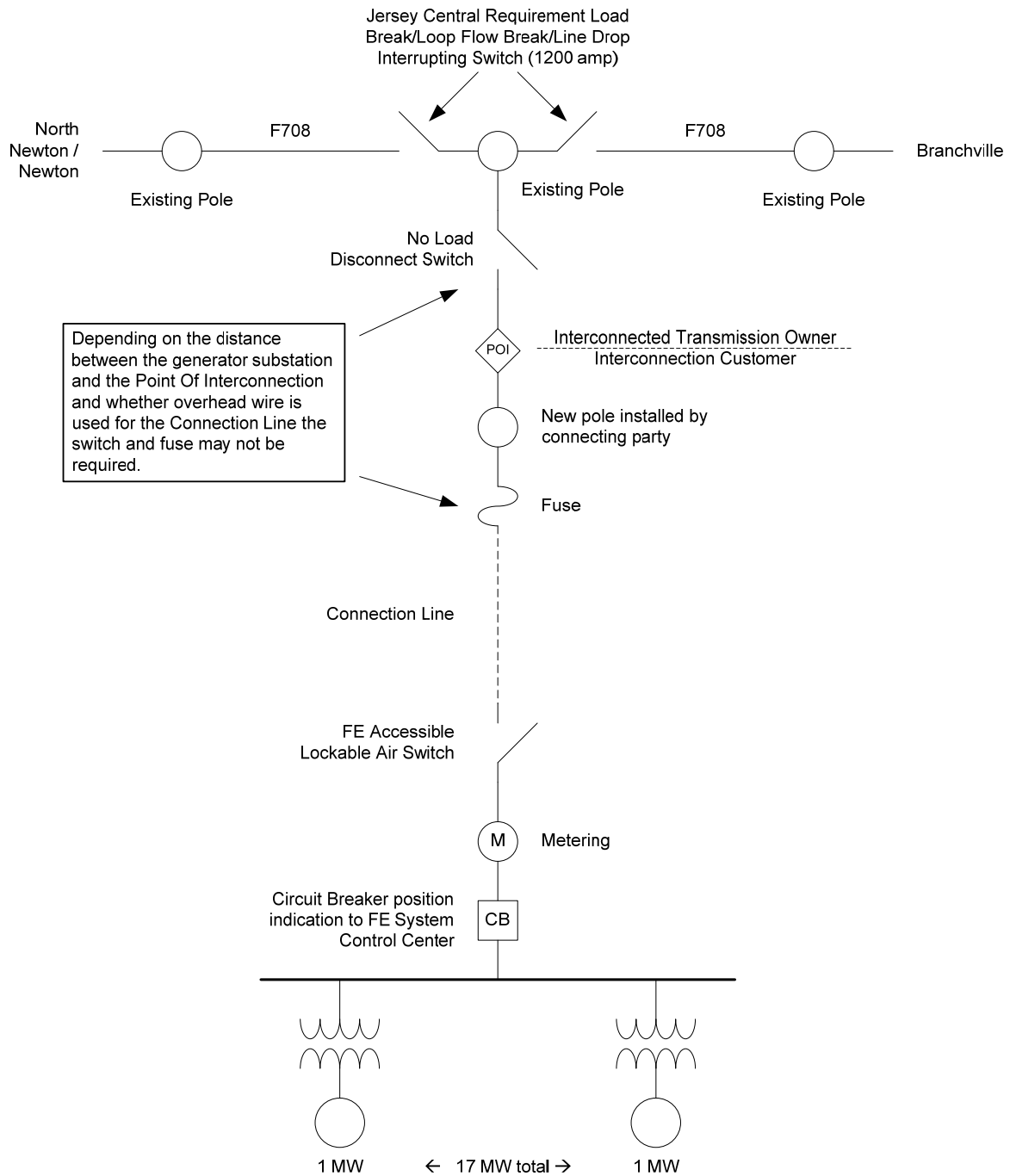
Based on the extent of the FE direct connection and system upgrades required to support this project, it is estimated that it will take one (1) year from the date of a fully executed Interconnection Construction Service Agreement to complete the upgrades required for the W3-145 Project. Full payment of the estimated cost of the project will be required upon execution of the Interconnection Service Agreement/Interconnection Construction Service Agreement (ISA/CSA). True up of the actual cost versus estimated cost of the project will be performed by FE at the end of the project. It further assumes that the Interconnection Customer will provide the property for the attachment and right-of-way facilities that will be needed. A further assumption is that there will be no environmental issues with any of the new properties associated with this project, that there will be no delays in acquiring the necessary permits for implementing the defined direct connection and network upgrades, and that all 34.5 kV transmission system outages can be scheduled when needed.

Note that the FE findings were made from a conceptual review of this project. A more detailed review of the connection facilities and their cost will be identified in the Impact Study. Further note that the cost estimate data contained in this document should be considered as only ballpark since it was produced without a detailed engineering review. The applicant will be responsible for the actual cost of construction. FE herein reserves the right to return to any issues in this document and, upon appropriate justification, request additional monies to complete any connections to the transmission system.

Attachment 1
Site Plan

Attachment 2
Aerial View

Attachment 3 Single Line Diagram



Attachment 4
Estimated Costs

| Item | Connection Facilities |
|---|---|
| 1 | Construct approximately 100 feet of new 34.5kV line on the F708 34.5kV line (Newton-N. Newton-Branchville) |
| 2 | Will rebuild tap pole, switches on the tap pole (single blade disconnects included in estimate), install group-operated load-break switches on poles, all necessary guying, etc., and a span of wire to a customer-owned meter pole beyond the switch pole. |
| 3 | Install metering to be mounted on the customer owned pole - Estimate at \$20,000 |
| 4 | Miscellaneous Protection, Fuses, Metering, RTU, SCADA |
| 5 | Review of environmental maps shows no need for environmental permitting at the preliminary service point indicated on applicant's submitted sketch. If permitting is needed, an additional \$25K (plus gross up) will be added to estimate. |
| Total Estimated Costs: \$156,000 | |

Attachment 5

FirstEnergy Revenue Metering Requirements For Generation Facilities Connected 46 kV and Lower

This document addresses the revenue metering requirements for new generation-only facilities connected to FirstEnergy (FE) system voltages 46 kV and lower. This document is not intended for existing retail or wholesale load facilities where behind-the-meter generation is being installed.

The FE operating company (FEOC) shall provide, own, operate, test, and maintain the revenue metering equipment at the Interconnection Customer's (IC) expense. FE reserves the right to review each proposed generation facility design and determine if the IC shall provide, own, operate, test, and maintain the revenue metering equipment at the IC's expense for engineering reasons.

The revenue metering equipment includes, but is not limited to, current transformers, voltage transformers, secondary wires, meter socket, bidirectional revenue meter, and associated devices.

The revenue metering equipment shall be located at the Point of Interconnection (POI) unless otherwise agreed to by FE and the IC. The revenue metering will be compensated for electrical energy losses if it is not located at the POI.

The IC must provide FE with a facility one line, the estimated bi-directional power flow at the revenue metering point, and any loss compensation data.

The IC shall provide and install the mounting structures (or enclosures) and conduits necessary for the metering installation unless otherwise agreed to by the FEOC. The conduit shall be 1-1/2 inch galvanized rigid steel conduit. Flexible galvanized steel (liquid tight) conduit may be used between instrument transformers. The FEOC will install the wiring in the conduit between the instrument transformers and the meter socket.

The IC shall mount the instrument transformers unless otherwise agreed to by the FEOC. The instrument transformers and meter socket shall be installed in a location that is readily accessible to authorized FEOC representatives. If for any reason the meter socket and/or associated devices must be mounted in a weatherproof enclosure, it shall be provided and installed by the IC. The meter socket shall be installed generally within 50 feet of the instrument transformers unless an alternate design has been approved by the FEOC. The meter socket shall be mounted such that the centerline of the meter is approximately five feet above final grade. Where vehicle traffic may interfere with or damage any revenue metering equipment, the IC must install concrete filled steel barrier posts to protect such equipment.

The bidirectional revenue meter provided and installed by the FEOC will record billing data in intervals typically fifteen minutes or thirty minutes. The IC shall provide, at its sole cost and expense, the installation, operation, and maintenance of the communication link required by the FE billing data collection system for access to the meter. The specifications for the typical telephone communication link are as follows:

- Standard voice grade (analog) with dial tone. No digital telephone lines are permitted.
- Two-pair or four-conductor with RJ-11 / Male termination. The FEOC will make final connection to the meter.
- Must be able to receive incoming calls.
- Must be a direct line to the meter with no operator interception or operation required.
- Install the telephone line and associated conduit between the telephone company source and the meter socket or enclosure.
- The telephone line must be tagged with a phone number, including the area code.
- The telephone line must be installed and operational prior to the IC's service being energized.

The IC shall, at its expense, install, own, operate, test, and maintain any metering and telemetry equipment that may be required to provide real-time meter data to FE or PJM.

The FEOC will provide the IC access to bidirectional kWh and kVARh pulses from the FEOC meter at the IC's expense if requested.

The IC shall provide FE with prior notification of any modifications at the facility that could affect the FEOC revenue meter measurements (substation reconfigurations, generator additions, etc).