Queue Process Challenges
<$5M Queue Cost Allocation & Alternate Queue

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• Current studies performed
  – Feasibility Study
• Problems with current process
  – “Screen” criteria requires queue to be closed (6 month queue)
    • Evaluation of “screen” criteria requires load flow studies with all projects in queue modeled
• Solution
  – Remove alternate queue screening

• Remove Alternate Queue screening
  – Allow projects to be evaluated for impacts once Point of Interconnection (POI) has been established
    • Identification of impacts could proceed with known POI if all previously queued projects in vicinity of project under study are also known
• Reinforcement costs <$5 million allocated to all projects in a queue which add load to the violation defining the need for the reinforcement

• Problems with current process
  – Criteria requires queue to be closed (6 month queue)
Solution

- Evaluate need for reinforcements with first request to cause the need for a reinforcement to be allocated 100% of the cost of the upgrade
  - Subsequent projects which contribute to the need for the reinforcement would have cost allocation based on MW impacts
Next Steps

- Language to be taken to Planning Committee on April 13 for first read
- Other issues for small resource interconnection?
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