

112.5 Alternate Queue Process

Upon receipt of an Interconnection Request associated with the proposal of new generation facilities and following the determination set forth in sections 110.1.1, 111.1.1, or 112.1.1, a new Interconnection Request may be evaluated under the terms set forth in the Alternate Queue Process, under this section 112.5. The evaluation of Interconnection Requests under the Alternate Queue Process shall be conducted by the Transmission Owner(s) under the direction of the Transmission Provider. The evaluation of these projects (i) may include study processes similar to those as described as Generation Feasibility Study, System Impact Study, and Facilities Study, (ii) shall include studies as required to ensure the reliable planning and operation of the applicable power system, (iii) shall have engineering studies conducted by the appropriate Transmission Owner(s). The studies listed in this section 112.5 shall include thermal studies, short circuit studies, stability studies, and additional appropriate studies as required for the reliable integration of the Interconnection Request. The Transmission Provider shall monitor and coordinate completion of any studies required under this Alternate Queue Process. The studies conducted under this Alternate Queue Process shall be completed in a timely manner. In the event it is expected that the cost and initial time estimate of required system upgrades to mitigate thermal and short circuit violations cannot be provided to the Interconnection Customer within six (6) months from the scoping meeting, an estimate of the time required to complete these initial studies shall be provided to the Interconnection Customer within thirty (30) days of the scoping meeting.

case of the Feasibility Study portion of the Alternate Queue Process studies, the Transmission Provider shall perform these studies two times each year. For Interconnection Requests received during the six-month period ending October 31 the Transmission Provider shall use due diligence to complete Interconnection Feasibility Studies by the last day of February. For Interconnection Requests received during the six-month period ending April 30 the Transmission Provider shall use due diligence to complete Interconnection Feasibility Studies by August 31. Following the closure of an interconnection queue on October 31 and April 30, the Transmission Provider will utilize the following one month period to conduct any remaining scoping meetings and assemble the necessary analysis models so as to initiate the performance of the Interconnection Feasibility Studies on December 1 and June 1, respectively. In the case of a System Impact Study portion of the Alternate Queue Process studies, the Transmission Provider shall perform these studies each year commencing on (i) June 1, for New Service Requests received between May 1 and October 31 of the previous year, (ii) December 1, for New Service Requests received between November 1 of the previous year, and April 30 of the same year. The Transmission Provider shall use due diligence to complete the System Impact Studies within 120 days of the date the study commences. In the event that the Transmission Provider is unable to complete an Interconnection Feasibility Study and/or the System Impact Study within such time periods, it shall so notify the affected Interconnection Customer and the affected Transmission Owner(s) and provide an estimated completion date along with an explanation of the reasons why additional time is needed to complete the study.

In the event that the Transmission Provider anticipates that the Interconnection Customer's study cost responsibility will substantially exceed the deposit, the Transmission Provider shall provide the Interconnection Customer with an estimate of the study costs and the Interconnection Customer's cost responsibility. Within ten (10) business days of receiving such estimate, the Interconnection Customer may withdraw its Interconnection Request by providing written notice

to the Transmission Provider, in which event the deposit paid to Transmission Provider shall be refunded. Unless the Interconnection Request is withdrawn within ten (10) business days, the Interconnection Customer agrees to pay the amount of its actual cost responsibility and will pay additional deposits as required to meet the estimated study cost. If the Interconnection Customer fails to provide the required additional deposit within ten (10) business days, the Interconnection Request shall be deemed terminated and withdrawn.