

**Phase 2 Facilities Study Report**  
**For**  
**Physical Interconnection of**  
**PJM Generation Interconnection Request**  
**Project ID AF2-396**  
  
**"Stinger 138 kV"**

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## **Introduction**

This Facilities Study has been prepared in accordance with the PJM Open Access Transmission Tariff Part VII, and, if applicable, the Application and Studies Agreement between the Project Developer and PJM Interconnection, LLC (PJM or Transmission Provider (TP)). The Transmission Owner (TO) is AEP Indiana Michigan Transmission Company Inc. to be abbreviated in the remainder of this report as IMTCo.

### **A. Transmission Owner Facilities Study Summary**

#### **1. PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The Project Developer has proposed a Solar/Storage Generating Facility located in Cass County, Michigan. The installed facilities for AF2-396 will have a total Maximum Facility Output (MFO) of 200 MW with 200 MW of this output being recognized by PJM as Capacity.

#### **2. POINTS OF INTERCONNECTION AND CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP**

The Generating Facility will interconnect with the American Electric Power (AEP) transmission system via a direct connection to the Stinger 138 kV Station.

The Point of Interconnection (POI) is the point where the risers connect the generation lead circuit to the Stinger 138 kV Station line termination point. The Point of Change in Ownership (PCO) will be located at the first structure in the generation lead circuit outside of the Stinger 138 kV Station fence. IMTCo will own the span from the Stinger 138 kV Station to the IMTCo constructed and owned dead end PCO structure, including the jumpers. The Project Developer will own the other span connecting to the PCO structure, along with the remainder of the 138 kV generation lead circuit transmission line and associated structures back to the AF2-396 generation collector station.

The proposed generation interconnection is shown on the single line diagram in Attachment #1.

#### **3. SCOPE OF PROJECT DEVELOPER FACILITIES**

The Project Developer will design, build, own, operate, and maintain the Project Developer facilities on the Project Developer's side of the Point of Change in Ownership (PCO). This includes, but is not limited to:

- Main Power Transformer(s) (MPT(s))
- Circuit breakers and associated equipment located between the high side of the MPT(s) and the Point of Change in Ownership
- Generation lead circuit line conductors from the Generating Facility to the Point of Change in Ownership
- Relay and protective equipment and Telecommunications Equipment including Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) to comply with the TO's Applicable Technical Requirements and Standards

## **B. Transmission Owner Facilities Study Results**

The following is a description of the Transmission Owner facilities required for physical interconnection of the proposed AF2-396 project to the AEP transmission system. These facilities shall be designed according to AEP Applicable Technical Requirements and Standards. Once built, AEP will own, operate, and maintain these Facilities.

### **1. INTERCONNECTION STATION (EXISTING)**

IMTCo will upgrade the existing Stinger 138 kV Station for interconnection of PJM queue project AF2-396. The Facilities required to interconnect the AF2-396 project are planned to connect radially to the Stinger 138 kV Station and, as such, are considered Transmission Owner Interconnection Facilities. The scopes for these facilities can be found in section B.3 of this report. **Major Interconnection Station Equipment is expected to include:**

- One (1) 3000 A 40 kA circuit breaker with associated control relaying.
- One (1) breaker disconnect switch.
- Two (2) single phase coupling capacitor voltage transformers (CCVT) for the line exit to the Brody 138 kV Station.
- Expand the station by 24 ft. x 225 ft to the north.
- Review and revision (as necessary) of the protective relay settings for the remainder of the Stinger 138 kV Station.
- Associated conductors (buswork, ground grid, jumpers), telecom terminal equipment, insulators, arresters, foundations, and structures.

### **2. TRANSMISSION LINE TIE-IN**

No Transmission Line Tie-In work will be required for this project.

### **3. TRANSMISSION OWNER INTERCONNECTION FACILITIES:**

The IMTCo Interconnection Facilities will include but are not limited to the following:

- One (1) 3000 A 40 kA circuit breaker with associated control relaying.
- Two (2) breaker disconnect switches.
- Install one (1) new 80 ft. steel single circuit, single pole dead end structure on a concrete foundation with an anchor bolt cage.
- Installation of a standard revenue metering package, including three (3) single phase current transformers (CT), three (3) single phase voltage transformers (VT), associated structures and foundations, one (1) ethernet switch, and one (1) DICM-installed metering panel, for the generation lead circuit at the Stinger 138 kV Station.
- Three (3) single phase CCVTs on the generation lead to the proposed AF2-396 collector station.
- Installation of one (1) new steel, single circuit, single pole dead end structure and one span of ACSR 556 (Dove) transmission line conductor with 7#8 Alumoweld shield wire for the generation lead circuit extending from the Stinger 138 kV Station.
- Extension of two (2) underground 48 count all dielectric loose tube (ADLT) fiber optic cables from the Stinger 138 kV Station control house to fiber demarcation splice boxes to support direct fiber relaying between the Stinger 138 kV and Project Developer's collector stations. The

Project Developer will be responsible for the fiber extension from the splice boxes to the collector station.

- Installation of a dual, direct-fiber, current differential protection scheme for the generation lead circuit.
- Associated conductors (buswork, ground grid, jumpers), telecom terminal equipment, insulators, arresters, foundations, and structures.

#### **4. UPGRADE TO NEIGHBORING STATIONS**

No Upgrades will be required at Neighboring AEP Stations.

#### **5. INSTALLATION OF FIBER CABLE CIRCUITS**

No new fiber circuits to facilitate communication with existing AEP equipment will be required for this interconnection.

## 6. MILESTONE SCHEDULES FOR COMPLETION OF AEP WORK

### 6.1 STANDARD OPTION:

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Number of Days (See Notes)</u>
Project Engagement*	1
Engineering Start	70
Material Ordering	112
Construction (Grading & Below Grade)	569
Construction (Above Grade)	629
Outage Requests Made By	344
Outage (Structure Foundations)**	709
Outage (Cut-in & Testing)**	760
Ready For Back Feed (ITO In-Service Date)	790

**\*Day 1 will be determined at the PJM construction project kick off meeting.**

**\*\*Scheduled Outages are contingent upon outage availability. Longer duration outages are not available during peak load periods.**

The above schedule is based on typical AEP construction timelines, long lead material availability, and common outage constraints. The facilities outlined in this report, as constructed by AEP, are estimated to take 26 months to complete. Given this construction timeline and a typical period for agreement processing, AEP can support a backfeed date of October 15, 2027, subject to change during the tariff defined Final Agreement Negotiation Phase. The Project Developer is expected to have the interconnection facilities constructed and ready to accept backfeed by the business day prior to the final negotiated backfeed date.

## 7. ASSUMPTIONS IN DEVELOPING SCOPE/COST/SCHEDULE

**Note** - Any materials purchased, or design decisions made by the Project Developer (relative to any facilities to be owned by AEP) prior to coordination with and approval by the executing AEP team (pursuant to an Engineering and Procurement or Generation Interconnection Agreement) are at the developer's risk and may not meet the specifications required for interconnection with the AEP transmission system.

### 7.1 SCOPE ASSUMPTIONS:

- Equipment specifications (Breaker ratings, conductor size, etc.) are a result of the desktop functional scoping process observed while conducting this facilities study. These specifications

are subject to change based on the results of the detailed scoping efforts that will take place post-interconnection or engineering and procurement agreements.

- Protection and Control (P&C) coordination with the Project Developer will be needed throughout the project. The Project Developer will be required to install an AEP-compatible line relaying protection panel at the collector substation using AEP standards to ensure relay coordination and adequate line protection. The AEP design team will ensure that the firmware at the collector station terminal matches the approved firmware at the AEP terminal. Failure to accept the cost of a matching line relay protection panel may change scoping.
- Scopes provided are based on a table-top process without the benefit of the results of site-specific engineering studies (e.g., soil borings, environmental survey, ground grid, etc.), unless otherwise provided by the Project Developer.
- The Project Developer will provide any required additional easements for all facilities and structures.
- The Project Developer will have their construction and required checkout completed prior to the start of the interconnection to the Stinger 138 kV Station and any required testing outages.

### **7.2 SCHEDULE ASSUMPTIONS:**

- All transmission outages are subject to PJM and AEP Operations outage scheduling requirements.
- Significant scope of work changes will impact the schedule.
- The above schedule reflects only the work required to interconnect the AF2-396 project. The schedules regarding network upgrades associated with this project, if any, are detailed in the documentation related to the specific network upgrade.
- Slippage by the Project Developer in executing the Generation Interconnection Agreement (GIA) does not equate to a "day for day" slippage in the scheduled back feed and in service dates. Depending on the time of year, planned outages, neighboring projects and maintenance of the grid, outage availability has the potential to shift by weeks or months depending on conditions at the time of the fully executed agreement.

### **7.3 ESTIMATE ASSUMPTIONS:**

- Estimates provided are based on a table-top process without the benefit of the results of site-specific engineering studies (e.g., soil borings, environmental survey, ground grid, etc.), unless otherwise provided by the Project Developer.

## **8. METERING REQUIREMENTS**

All metering needed for this interconnection project must meet the metering requirements stated in Appendix 2, section 8 of the AF2-396 GIA, and in PJM Manuals M01 and M14D. The details of applicable metering requirements are provided in the "Connection Requirements for the AEP Transmission System" document, found at:

<https://www.aep.com/requiredpostings/AEPTransmissionStudies>

The primary and backup metering will be installed on the Transmission Owner side of the Point of Change in Ownership and will be owned and maintained by the Transmission Owner.

Any additional generation proposed behind an originating project's PCO that differs in either fuel type or corporate entity from the originating project will require the installation of additional submetering for both the originating project and the uprate for the purpose of settlement. Submetering will require additional space within the originating project's facilities. The meters, routers, Ethernet to fiber converters, and telecom switch will be procured and owned by AEP. The revenue quality instrument transformers, fiber-optic cable connecting the submeters, and any other additional hardware for the required submetering will be procured, installed, owned, and maintained by the Project Developer.

#### **9. LAND REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERCONNECTION SUBSTATION**

Land requirements for the Interconnection Substation needed for this interconnection project must meet the requirements in the <https://www.aep.com/requiredpostings/AEPTransmissionStudies> posted on AEP website.

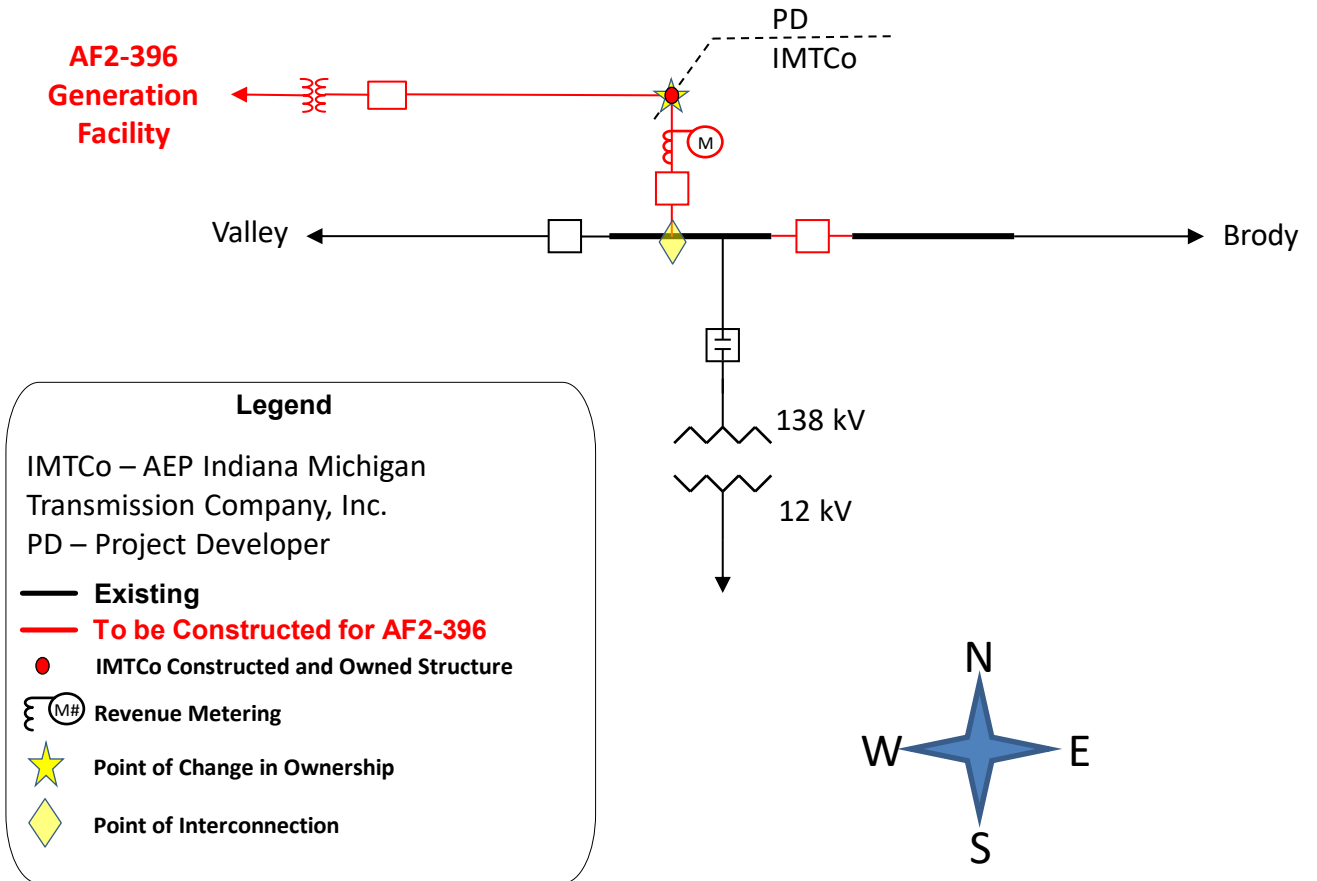
#### **10. ENVIRONMENTAL AND PERMITTING**

The Project Developer is expected to obtain, at its cost, all necessary permits and provisions for the facilities to be constructed for this interconnection. AEP requires that the standards provided in the "Standards and Expectations for Siting, Real Estate, Right-Of-Way, and Environmental Permitting for Transmission Interconnection Projects", found at: <https://www.aep.com/requiredpostings/AEPTransmissionStudies> be adhered to for all facilities interconnecting with the AEP transmission system.

**C APPENDICES**

Attachment #1: Single line Diagram for the Physical Interconnection

**AF2-396 Point of Interconnection  
Stinger 138 kV Station**



Attachment #2: POI Map

