

Phase 2 Facilities Study Report
For
Physical Interconnection of
PJM Generation Interconnection Request
Project ID AE2-325

"Valley 138 kV"

December 2024

Introduction

This Facilities Study has been prepared in accordance with the PJM Open Access Transmission Tariff, 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 (PD) has proposed an uprate to a planned Storage Generating Facility located in Van Buren County, Michigan with a designated PJM Project ID of AE2-325.

The AE2-325 project is a 52.2 MW Storage uprate (31.32 MW Capacity uprate) to the AD2-020 project. The AE2-325 project will connect to the American Electric Power (AEP) Valley 138 kV Station. The total installed facilities will have a capability of 152.2 MW with 93.22 MW of this output being recognized by PJM as Capacity.

2. POINTS OF INTERCONNECTION AND CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP

The Point of Interconnection (POI) is the point where the risers connect the generator lead circuit to the Valley 138 kV Station line termination point. The AE2-325 project is an uprate to the Project Developer's AD2-020 project and will share the same Point of Change in Ownership (PCO).

3. AMENDMENTS TO THE IMPACT STUDY DATA OR IMPACT STUDY RESULTS

No amendments to the impact study data or impact study results are required by AEP.

4. SCOPE OF PROJECT DEVELOPER INTERCONNECTION FACILITIES

The Project Developer will design, build, own, operate, and maintain the Project Developer Interconnection 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.
- Generator lead line conductors from the Generating Facility to the Point of Change in Ownership (shared with AD2-020)
- 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
- **Installation of the submetering equipment described below in section B.3.**
- **Instrument transformers required to provide revenue quality metering and settlement between the AE2-325 project and any previous/originating projects interconnecting behind the same Point of Change in Ownership.**

- **Additional communications cable connections required between the below-proposed ethernet switch (to be installed at the AE2-325 project collector station) and the primary router (either installed or to be installed at the originating project collector station) for metering data transport.**

B. Transmission Owner Facilities Study Results

The following is a description of the Transmission Owner facilities required for physical interconnection of the proposed AE2-325 project to the AEP transmission system. These facilities shall be designed according to AEP standards. Once built, AEP will own, operate, and maintain these Facilities.

1. INTERCONNECTION SUBSTATION (VALLEY)

- IMTCo will review and revise (as necessary) the protective relay settings at the Valley 138 kV Station to account for the additional generation.

2. TRANSMISSION LINE TIE-IN

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

3. TRANSMISSION OWNER INTERCONNECTION FACILITIES:

- IMTCo will procure one (1) metering panel with two (2) primary meters and one (1) ethernet switch to be installed in the AE2-325 Project Developer's collector station.
- IMTCo will procure one (1) connected grid router (CGR) to be installed in the Project Developer's originating project collector station.

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.

7. MILESTONE SCHEDULES FOR COMPLETION OF AEP WORK

7.1 STANDARD OPTION:

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Number of Days (See Notes)</u>
Project Engagement*	1
Engineering Start	45
Material Ordering	N/A
Construction (Grading & Below Grade)	N/A
Construction (Above Grade)	N/A
Outage Requests Made By	N/A
Outage (Structure Foundations)**	N/A
Outage (Cut-in & Testing)**	N/A
Ready For Back Feed (ITO In-Service Date)	105

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

The above schedule is based on typical AEP labor timelines. The facilities outlined in this report, as constructed by AEP, are estimated to take 3 months to complete. Given this timeline, the backfeed date in the AD2-020 agreement, and a typical period for agreement processing, AEP can support a backfeed date of TBD, subject to change during the tariff defined Final Agreement Negotiation Phase.

The backfeed date is provided as TBD due to the suspension of the AD2-020 project. The scope for the AD2-020 project will be required prior to installation of the AE2-325 project. Until a construction timeline is known for the AD2-020 project, AEP will not be able to provide a backfeed date.

8. 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.

8.1 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 have their construction and required checkout complete prior to the energization of the AE2-325 uprate to the AD2-020 project and any required testing outages.
- This scope is dependent on the completion of the AD2-020 project.
- **The additional submetering scope provided assumes that a single submeter per transformer for each interconnection project will be sufficient to provide settlement data for an individually queued project.**
- **Additional submeters may be required depending on the Project Developer's final generation configuration.**

8.2 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 AE2-325 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.

8.3 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.

9. METERING REQUIREMENTS

All metering needed for this interconnection project must meet the metering requirements stated in Appendix 2, section 8 of the AE2-325 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 for the combined AE2-325/AD2-020 project 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.

10. 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.

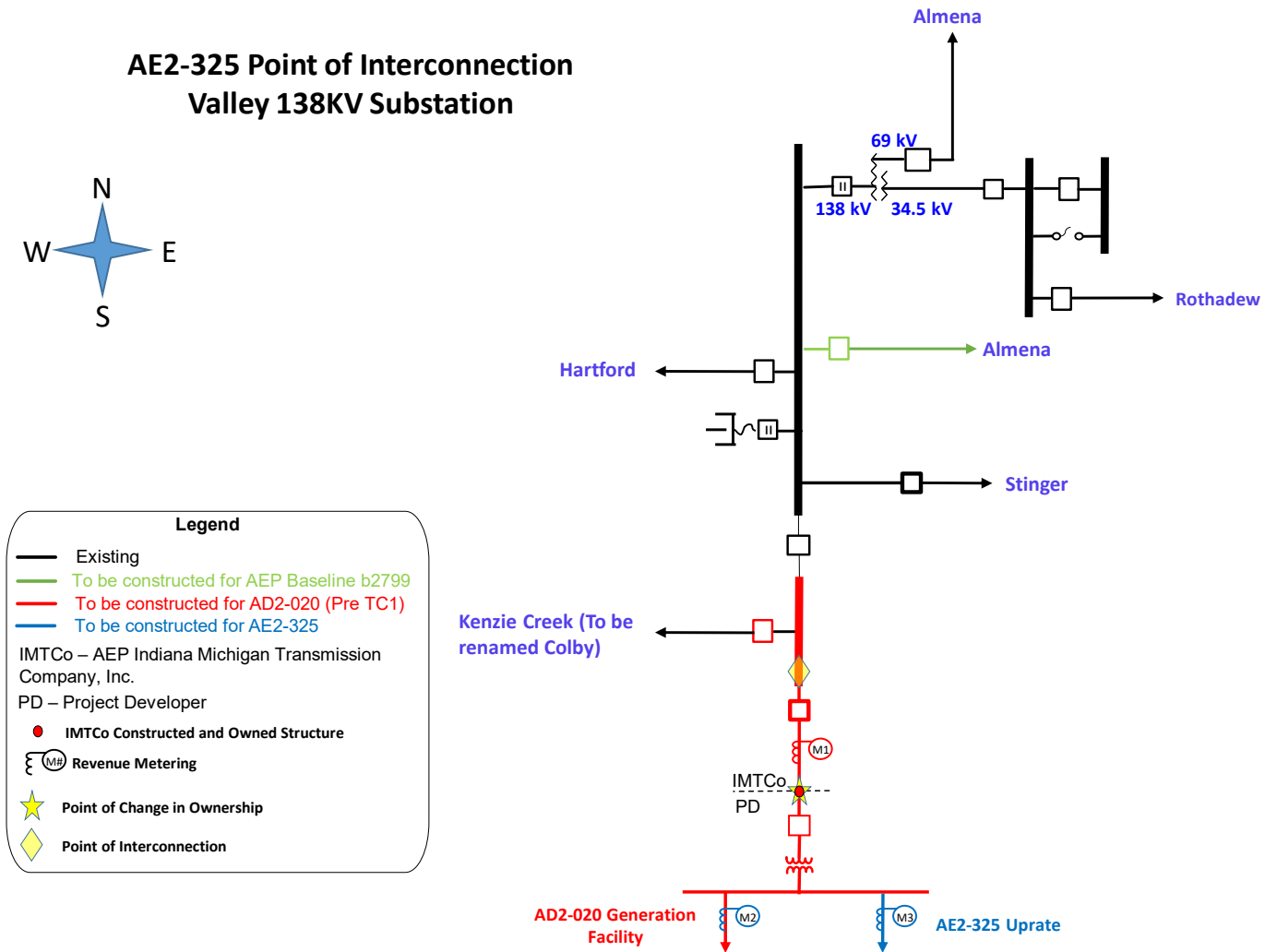
11. ENVIRONMENTAL AND PERMITTING

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



Attachment #2: POI Map

