

***Feasibility Study Report***

***For***

***PJM Generation Interconnection Request  
Queue Position AD1-096***

***Stillman Valley 34kV***

**June 1, 2018**

## **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.

For Local and Network Upgrades which are required due to overloads associated with the System Impact Studies of an individual New Services Queue, and have a cost less than \$5,000,000, the cost of the Local and Network Upgrades will be shared by all proposed projects which have been assigned a Queue Position in the New Services Queue in which the need for the Local and Network Upgrades was identified. The Load Flow Cost Allocation methods discussed in this manual, including cutoffs, still apply to the individual projects. •

For Local and Network Upgrades which are required due to the overloads associated with the System Impact Studies of an individual New Services Queue, and have a cost of \$5,000,000 or greater, the cost of the Local and Network Upgrades will be allocated according to the order of the New Service Requests in the New Services Queue and the MW contribution of each individual Interconnection Request for those projects which cause or contribute to the need for the Local or Network Upgrades. The Load Flow Cost Allocation methods discussed in this manual, including cutoffs, still apply to the individual projects.

Cost allocation rules can be found in PJM Manual 14A, Attachment B. 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 Interconnection Customer seeking to interconnect a wind generation facility shall maintain meteorological data facilities as well as provide that meteorological data which is required per item 5.iv. of Schedule H to the Interconnection Service Agreement.

An Interconnection Customer entering the New Services Queue on or after October 1, 2012 with a proposed new Customer Facility that has a Maximum Facility Output equal to or greater than 100 MW shall install and maintain, at its expense, phasor measurement units (PMUs). See Section 8.5.3 of Appendix 2 to the Interconnection Service Agreement as well as section 4.3 of PJM Manual 14D for additional information.

PJM utilizes manufacturer models to ensure the performance of turbines is properly captured during the simulations performed for stability verification. Turbine manufacturers provide such models to their customers. The list of manufacturer models PJM has already validated is contained in Attachment G-2 of Manual 14A. Manufacturer models may be updated from time to time, for various reasons such as to reflect changes to the control systems or to more accurately

represent the capabilities turbines and controls which are currently available in the field. Additionally, as new turbine models are developed, turbine manufacturers provide such new models which must be used in the conduct of these studies. PJM needs adequate time to evaluate the new models in order to reduce delays to the System Impact Study process timeline for the Interconnection Customer as well as other Interconnection Customers in the study group. Therefore, PJM will require that any Interconnection Customer with a new manufacturer model must supply that model to PJM, along with a \$10,000 fully refundable deposit, no later than three (3) months prior to the starting date of the System Impact Study (See Section 2.2.2. of Manual 14A for starting dates) for the Interconnection Request which shall specify the use of the new model. The Interconnection Customer will be required to submit a completed dynamic model study request form (Attachment G-1 of Manual 14A) in order to document the request for the study.

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**

Queue AD1-096 Stillman Valley project is a proposal to connect a 20 Energy (7.6 MW Capacity) Solar PV facility to be located in Ogle County, IL. The IC has proposed a service date for this project of December 15, 2018.

It is proposed in the AD1-096 Interconnection Request (Attachment N) that the customer is selecting the POI on the Stillman Valley 34kV bus or a feeder from that bus.

Impacts on the MISO member transmission systems are not included in this analysis, but will be included in the Impact Study Phase.

This Generation Interconnection Feasibility Study provides analysis results to aid the IC in assessing the practicality and cost of incorporating the facility into the PJM system. This study was limited to load flow analyses of probable contingencies. If the IC elects to pursue a System Impact Study, a more comprehensive analysis will be performed.

## **Point of Interconnection**

The Interconnection Customer (IC) for AD1-096 proposes to interconnect with the ComEd transmission system by connecting to the 34kV bus at Stillman Valley either by a tap of an existing distribution line, or an express feeder. This is not a FERC jurisdictional interconnection, and application must be made to ComEd under their state tariff under Part 467. Reference queue number 18-00007.

## **Network Impacts**

The Queue Project AD1-096 was evaluated as a 20.0 MW (Capacity 7.6 MW) injection at the Stillman Valley 138kV substation in the ComEd area. Project AD1-096 was evaluated for compliance with applicable reliability planning criteria (PJM, NERC, NERC Regional Reliability Councils, and Transmission Owners). Project AD1-096 was studied with a commercial probability of 53%. Potential network impacts were as follows:

## **Summer Peak Analysis - 2021**

### **Generator Deliverability**

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

None

### **Multiple Facility Contingency**

*(Double Circuit Tower Line, Fault with a Stuck Breaker, and Bus Fault contingencies for the full energy output)*

None

### **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)*

None

### **Steady-State Voltage Requirements**

*(Results of the steady-state voltage studies should be inserted here)*

To be determined

### **Short Circuit**

*(Summary of impacted circuit breakers)*

To be determined

## **Affected System Analysis & Mitigation**

### **MISO Impacts:**

MISO Impacts to be determined during later study phases (as applicable).

## **Delivery of Energy Portion of Interconnection Request**

PJM also studied the delivery of the energy portion of this interconnection request. Any 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 Merchant Transmission Interconnection request. 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 will study all overload conditions associated with the overloaded element(s) identified.

1. (CE - CE) The DIXON ; R-DIXON ; B 138 kV line (from bus 271333 to bus 271332 ckt 1) loads from 109.6% to 110.83% (**DC power flow**) of its emergency rating (332 MVA) for the single line contingency outage of 'COMED\_P1-2\_138-L11323\_R-R-A'. This project contributes approximately 4.07 MW to the thermal violation.

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CONTINGENCY 'COMED_P1-2_138-L11323_R-R-A'
TRIP BRANCH FROM BUS 271680 TO BUS 272756 CKT 1 / HAUME; B 138 W DEK;3T 138
TRIP BRANCH FROM BUS 272730 TO BUS 271558 CKT 1 / WATER;3B 138 GLIDD; B 138
TRIP BRANCH FROM BUS 272730 TO BUS 272728 CKT 1 / WATER;3B 138 WATER; B 138
TRIP BRANCH FROM BUS 272756 TO BUS 272730 CKT 1 / W DEK;3T 138 WATER;3B 138
TRIP BRANCH FROM BUS 272756 TO BUS 934940 CKT 1 / W DEK;3T 138 AD1-126 TAP 138
END
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## **Light Load Analysis - 2021**

Light Load Studies to be conducted during later study phases (as required by PJM Manual 14B).

## **System Reinforcements**

### **Short Circuit**

*(Summary form of Cost allocation for breakers will be inserted here if any)*

To be determined

### **Stability and Reactive Power Requirement**

*(Results of the dynamic studies should be inserted here)*

To be determined

## **Summer Peak Load Flow Analysis Reinforcements**

### **New System Reinforcements**

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

None

## **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)*

*(Summary form of Cost allocation for transmission lines and transformers will be inserted here if any)*

None

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