



**Generation Interconnection
Feasibility Study Report
for
Queue Project AF1-240
TIMBLIN 34.5 KV
12 MW Capacity / 20 MW Energy**

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1 Introduction

This Feasibility Study has been prepared in accordance with the PJM Open Access Transmission Tariff, 36.2, as well as the Feasibility Study Agreement between the Interconnection Customer (IC), and PJM Interconnection, LLC (PJM), Transmission Provider (TP). The Interconnected Transmission Owner (ITO) is Mid-Atlantic Interstate Transmission (MAIT – PENELEC zone).

2 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. Cost allocation rules for network upgrades 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 or solar generation facility shall maintain meteorological data facilities as well as provide that meteorological data which is required per Schedule H to the Interconnection Service Agreement and Section 8 of Manual 14D.

PJM utilizes manufacturer models to ensure the performance of turbines is properly captured during the simulations performed for stability verification and, where applicable, for compliance with low voltage ride through requirements. Turbine manufacturers provide such models to their customers. The list of manufacturer models PJM has already validated is contained in Attachment B of Manual 14G. 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 4.3 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 B-1 of Manual 14G) 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.

3 General

The Interconnection Customer (IC), has proposed a Solar generating facility located in Armstrong County, Pennsylvania. The installed facilities will have a total capability of 20 MW with 12 MW of this output being recognized by PJM as Capacity. The proposed in-service date for this project is July 1, 2022. This study does not imply a TO commitment to this in-service date.

Queue Number	AF1-240
Project Name	TIMBLIN 34.5 KV
State	Pennsylvania
County	Armstrong
Transmission Owner	MAIT (PENELEC Zone)
MFO	20
MWE	20
MWC	12
Fuel	Solar
Basecase Study Year	2023

3.1 Primary POI

AF1-240 will interconnect with the Penelec distribution system via a tap on the 34.5 kV Brookville circuit at pole # P-78423. The IC’s proposed generating unit site is approximately 1.6 miles southeast of Mayport PA., near Hollenbaugh Road.

Attachment 1 shows a one-line diagram of the proposed primary direct connection facilities for the AF1-240 generation project to connect to the Penelec distribution system. Attachment 2 provides the proposed location for the point of interconnection. IC will be responsible for constructing all of the facilities on its side of the POI, including the attachment facilities which connect the generator to the Penelec distribution system’s direct connection facilities.

3.2 Secondary POI

AF1-240 will interconnect with the PENELEC distribution system at the Timblin 34.5 kV substation. No physical interconnection costs are provided for the secondary POI. Analysis results can be found in the “Network Impacts – Secondary POI” section of this report.

3.3 Cost Summary

The AF1-240 project will be responsible for the following costs:

Description	Total Cost
Attachment Facilities	\$160,600
Direct Connection Network Upgrade	\$ 74,900
Non Direct Connection Network Upgrades	\$ 0
Total Costs	\$ 235,500

In addition, the AF1-240 project may be responsible for a contribution to the following costs

Description	Total Cost
System Upgrades	\$2,163,600

Cost allocations for these upgrades will be provided in the System Impact Study Report.

The costs provided above exclude the Contribution in Aid of Construction (“CIAC”) Federal Income Tax Gross Up charge. If, at a future date, it is determined that the CIAC Federal Income Tax Gross charge is required, the Transmission Owner shall be reimbursed by the Interconnection Customer for such taxes.

The required Attachment Facilities and Direct and Non-Direct Connection work for the interconnection of the AF1-240 generation project to the Penelec Distribution System is detailed in the following sections. The associated one-line with the generation project Attachment Facilities and the Primary Direct Connection facilities are shown in Attachment 1.

4 Transmission Owner Scope of Work

The AF1-240 will interconnect with the Penelec distribution system via a tap on the 34.5 kV Brookville circuit at pole # P-78423. The IC will be responsible for acquiring all easements, properties, and permits that may be required to construct the new interconnection station and the associated facilities.

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5 Attachment Facilities

The total preliminary cost estimate for the Attachment work is given in the table below. These costs do not include CIAC Tax Gross-up.

Description	Total Cost
Tap the existing Timblin-Brookville 34.5kV line at an existing pole or interspersed pole on Penelec's existing distribution circuit (00115-23) near pole P-78423 and install SCADA recloser. Install 34.5 kV metering in customer's facilities. The customer is responsible to build their own line from their site to Penelec's existing facilities.	\$ 160,600
Total Attachment Facility Costs	\$ 160,600

6 Direct Connection Cost Estimate

The total preliminary cost estimate for the Direct Connection work is given in the table below. These costs do not include CIAC Tax Gross-up.

Description	Total Cost
NPs & Review Cust Dwgs @ AF1-240	\$ 74,900
Total Direct Connection Facility Costs	\$ 74,900

7 Non-Direct Connection Cost Estimate

The total preliminary cost estimate for the Non-Direct Connection work is given in the table below. These costs do not include CIAC Tax Gross-up.

Description	Total Cost
Total Non-Direct Connection Facility Costs	\$ 0

8 Schedule

Based on the scope of work for the Direct and Non-Direct Connection facilities, it is expected to take a minimum of 16 months after the signing of an Interconnection Construction Service Agreement to complete the installation. This includes the requirement for the IC to make a preliminary payment that compensates FE for the first three months of the engineering design work that is related to the construction of the interconnection substation. This assumes that there will be no environmental issues with any of the new properties associated with this project, that there will be no delays in acquiring the necessary permits for implementing the defined direct connection and that any distribution system outages will be allowed when requested.

9 Transmission Owner Analysis

Penelec performed an analysis of its distribution system. The AF1-240 project did contribute to an overload on the distribution system. The Timblin #2 transformer loads to 106.5% of the rating.

10 Interconnection Customer Requirements

System Protection

An analysis was conducted to assess the impact of the Timblin 34.5 kV (AF1-240) Project on the system protection requirements in the area. The results of this review show that the following relay additions will be required:

Proposed single line diagrams IC constructing a generation facility they call “**AR-Pierce**” tapping Penelec’s Timblin - 34.5kV Brookville circuit at pole MC-9621.

The 34.5kV interconnection proposal will require Developer to meet applicable "Technical Requirements" as outlined in First Energy's document titled “Technical Requirements for the Interconnection of Customer-Owned Generation to the FirstEnergy Distribution System”.

General Concerns

It is to be understood, for abnormal operation of the Penelec system, which could cause Developer’s generation facility to be electrically isolated from the Penelec system synchronous source via the tripping of a interconnecting primary voltage line or device, Developer will, via Penelec’s direction, be required to disconnect the generation from Penelec’s system and remain disconnected (**units are required to be OFF LINE**), until the Penelec system normal circuitry is restored. These abnormal conditions will be reviewed by Penelec system operators as to the need for the generation facility to be disconnected.

Requirements for Owner’s/Developer’s generation IPP Facility

The proposed interconnection Owner’s/Developer’s facilities must be designed in accordance with the document titled *FirstEnergy Distribution Engineering Practices Interconnection of Customer-Owned Generation to the FirstEnergy Distribution System* dated 11/17/14 located at the following link:

<http://www.pjm.com/planning/design-engineering/to-tech-standards/private-firstenergy.aspx>

The document is referred to as engineering practice EP(# 02-280) with section 4 part C specifically referencing the “interconnection technical requirements”. Certain protection requirement are shown.

Additionally, Owner/Developer is responsible to provide adequate protection (for their equipment) under any distribution system operating condition' - which includes 'Separation from supply' (i.e. tripping of F.E. circuit breakers) and 'Re-synchronizing the generation after electric restoration of the supply' (i.e. reclosing of F.E. circuit breakers).

Owner’s/Developer’s protection must be designed to coordinate with the reclosing practices of FirstEnergy line protective devices. The generator must cease to energize the FirstEnergy circuit to which it is connected prior to reclosing of any (FE) automatic reclosing devices.

Owners/Developer's electrical protection and control schematics shall be provided to FE for consideration. FE may request modifications, if required, to meet the technical requirements.

Compliance Issues

IC will be responsible for meeting a power factor between 0.90 lagging (producing MVARs) to 0.95 leading (absorbing MVARs) and assure that voltage deviation will be less than 1.0 volt as measured at the POI under all Solar Gen operating conditions due to the inherent dynamic reactive power capability of this solar facility.

Generators with no inherent VAR (reactive power) control capability, or those that have a restricted VAR capability less than the defined requirements, must provide dynamic supplementary reactive support located at the generation facility with electrical characteristics equivalent to that provided by a similar sized synchronous generator. A Dynamic Reactive Compensation (either Static VAR Compensator (SVC) or STATCOM) or other method be applied in order to maintain the required specifications at the POI. IC is responsible for the installation of equipment on its side of the POI in order to adhere to the criteria stated above by FirstEnergy.

11 Revenue Metering and SCADA Requirements

11.1 PJM Requirements

The Interconnection Customer will be required to install equipment necessary to provide Revenue Metering (KWH, KVARH) and real time data (KW, KVAR) for IC's generating Resource. See PJM Manuals M-01 and M-14D, and PJM Tariff Section 8 of Attachment O.

11.2 PENELEC Requirements

IC will be required to comply with all FE Revenue Metering Requirements for Generation Interconnection Customers. These FE requirements are the following:

The FE operating company (Penelec) shall provide, own, operate, test, and maintain the revenue metering equipment at the Interconnection Customer's (IC) expense. The revenue metering equipment includes, but is not limited to, current transformers, voltage transformers, secondary wires, meter socket, bidirectional revenue meter, and associated devices. The IC shall mount the instrument transformers unless otherwise agreed to by Penelec. The instrument transformers and meter socket shall be installed in a location that is readily accessible to authorized Penelec representatives. Penelec will provide the IC access to bidirectional kWh and kVARh pulses from the Penelec meter at the IC's expense if requested. The IC shall, at its expense, install, own, operate, test, and maintain any metering and telemetry equipment that may be required to provide real-time meter data to FE or PJM.

12 Network Impacts – Primary POI

The Queue Project AF1-240 was evaluated as a 20.0 MW (Capacity 12.0 MW) injection at a tap on the 34.5 kV Brookville circuit at pole # P-78423 in the PENELEC area. Project AF1-240 was evaluated for compliance with applicable reliability planning criteria (PJM, NERC, NERC Regional Reliability Councils, and Transmission Owners). Project AF1-240 was studied with a commercial probability of 53%. Potential network impacts were as follows:

Summer Peak Load Flow

12.1 Generation Deliverability

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

None

12.2 Multiple Facility Contingency

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

None

12.3 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

12.4 Potential Congestion due to Local Energy Deliverability

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.

Note: Only the most severely overloaded conditions are listed below. 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 shall study all overload conditions associated with the overloaded element(s) identified.

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50613735	200576	26UTICAJT	115.0	PENELEC	200598	26WAYNE	115.0	PENELEC	1	PN-P1-2-PN-345-003	operation	277.0	99.46	100.4	DC	2.61

12.5 System Reinforcements

Description	Total Cost
Upgrade transformer No. 2 and update relay settings due to the AF1-240 generator interconnection @ Timblin	\$ 2,003,000
Reconductor 0.58 miles to interconnect queue project AF1-240.	\$ 160,600
TOTAL	\$ 2,163,600

12.6 Contingency Details

Contingency Name	Contingency Definition
PN-P1-2-PN-345-003	CONTINGENCY 'PN-P1-2-PN-345-003' /* HANDSOME LAKE - WAYNE 345KV DISCONNECT BRANCH FROM BUS 200826 TO BUS 200595 CKT 1 /* 26HANDSMLK 345 26WAYNE 345 END

Affected Systems

12.7 Affected Systems

None

Short Circuit

12.8 Short Circuit

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14 Attachment 1 – One Line