

# ***Generation Interconnection Feasibility Study Report W3-160***

The Interconnection Customer (IC) has proposed a 10 MWE (3.8 MWC) solar powered generating facility consisting of ground mounted fixed panel solar photovoltaic arrays. The project is to be located in Berlin, Maryland. PJM studied W3-160 as a 10 MW injection into the Delmarva Power and Light (DPL) system at the Worcester 69/25kV substation. The project was evaluated for compliance with reliability criteria for summer peak conditions in 2014. The requested in-service date is March 31, 2011.

## **Point of Interconnection**

W3-160 will interconnect to the Delmarva Power and Light system at the Culver (T1) 69/25kV substation. Culver is the closest substation with availability to accommodate the 25kV interconnection as requested by the IC.

## **Direct Connection Requirements**

### **Transmission Owner Scope of Direct Connection Work**

The scope of work and estimated costs for the direct connection facilities is as follows:

1. Establish one (1) new 25 kV feeder with PAC overhead conductor from the Culver Substation (T1) to the generating site – approximately 8.75 miles
2. A utility operated recloser will be required on the customer taps that will have proper relaying and communication.
3. Utility grade primary metering will be required.
4. Generation telemetry and remote trip capabilities will be provided to the control center.
5. Perform a detailed time based study.
6. Protection, Planning, and other engineering departments will perform studies, design work, and prepare engineering estimates.
7. Transfer trip may be required.

The estimated cost to perform this work is as follows:

<b>Estimated Costs</b>			
<b>Culver Substation T1</b>			
PAC Express Feeder	8.75	Miles	\$4,725,000
Fiber Installation	8.75	Miles	\$437,500
New Feeder Terminal, Bus Tie, Breakers			\$390,000
Recloser w/ Relaying and Communications			\$50,000
Utility Grade Metering			\$20,000
SCADA Integration into EMS			\$10,000
Detailed Time Based Study			\$30,000
Various Departments Work			\$15,000
<b>Subtotal Cost</b>			\$5,677,500
<b>Subtotal Cost with 18% Overheads</b>			\$6,699,450
<b>Approximate Total Cost with 15% Contingency</b>			\$7,704,368

The estimated time to complete this work is **12 - 18 months** after receipt of a fully executed Interconnection Service Agreement (ISA) and Interconnection Construction Service Agreement (CSA).

Note: the above cost does not include the Contribution in Aid of Construction (CIAC) tax.

**Special Operating Requirements**

1. DPL will require the capability to remotely trip the generator from its System Operations facility. Such tripping may be facilitated by either a generator breaker, inverter (if so equipped), or a line recloser, depending upon the specific circumstances and the evaluation of DPL.
2. The Interconnection Customer will grant its permission to PJM for PJM to send DPL all telemetry that the Interconnection Customer sends to PJM.
3. The Interconnection Customer will be required to make provisions for a voice quality phone line within approximately 3 feet of each DPL metering position to facilitate remote interrogation and data collection.

**Interconnection Customer Scope of Direct Connection Work**

The Interconnection Customer (IC) assumes full responsibility for design and construction of all facilities associated with the W3-160 generating station. Site preparation including grading and an access road, as necessary, is assumed to be by the IC.

The IC will be required to install metering and telemetry equipment to provide revenue metering and real-time telemetry data to PJM. The requirements for this equipment are listed in Appendix 2, Section 8 of Attachment O to the PJM Tariff, as well as PJM Manuals 01 and 14D. Protective relaying and metering design and installation must comply with Delmarva Power and Light’s Applicable Standards.

## Inverter Requirements and Capabilities

The Interconnection Customer's inverter should have the following capabilities:

1. Voltage flicker reduction through dynamic VAR response
2. Ramp rate control
3. SCADA communications
4. Curtailment or other mitigation ability if high voltage were to occur
5. Low voltage and system disturbance ride through
6. Ability to receive and respond to a transfer trip or SCADA signal

The inverter shall operate in accordance with the IEEE 1547 series of standards that have been approved. While inverters should be capable of voltage stabilization thru dynamic VAR response and capable of low voltage and system disturbance ride through, neither of these capabilities shall be implemented until such time that the IEEE 1547 series of standards are revised and approved to include standards for these capabilities. At such time as these revised standards become available, the PV owner/operator shall cooperate with DPL to implement these capabilities with settings acceptable to Pepco Holdings, Inc. (ACE, DPL, and Pepco). Until such time, the inverters shall operate with a fixed power factor schedule as supplied by PHI.

## **Transmission Network Impacts**

Potential transmission network impacts are as follows:

### **Generator Deliverability**

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

None

### **Multiple Facility Contingency**

*(Double Circuit Tower Line, Line with Failed 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

### **Short Circuit**

None

### **Stability Analysis**

Not required due to project size.

### **Dynamic Analysis**

A time-based dynamic study will commence during the System Impact Study phase of W3-160. Once complete, the results of the study will be reviewed and the proposed project will be evaluated for protection and coordination issues. Other required upgrades may be identified at that time.

### **Other Charges**

It is anticipated that the Interconnection Customer will be charged for ongoing operation and maintenance of the attachment facilities. The methodology of calculating this charge is still under development.

### **New System Reinforcements**

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

None

### **Contribution to Previously Identified System Reinforcements**

*(Overloads initially caused by prior Queue positions with additional contribution to overloading by this project.*

None

### **Potential Congestion due to Local Energy Deliverability**

*(PJM also studied the delivery of the energy portion of the surrounding generation. Any potential 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 Transmission Interconnection Request. Note: Only the most severely overloaded conditions are listed below. There is no guarantee of full deliverability for this project by fixing only the conditions listed in this section. With a Transmission Interconnection Request, a subsequent analysis will be performed which analyzes all overload conditions associated with the identified overloaded element(s). As a result of the aggregate energy resources in the area, the following violations were identified:*

These are *not* required reliability upgrades.

None