

***Generation Interconnection  
Feasibility Study Report***

***For***

***PJM Generation Interconnection Request  
Queue Position X1-100***

***Branchville 12kV***

**August 2011**

## **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. 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 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**

The Interconnection Customer (IC), has proposed a solar generating facility located in Branchville, New Jersey. The installed facilities will have a total capability of 4.0 MW with 1.5 MW of this output being recognized by PJM as capacity. This means that the remaining 2.5 MW will be curtailable should a system reliability constraint occur. The proposed in-service date for this project is February 28, 2012. **This study does not imply a FirstEnergy commitment to this in-service date.**

## **Point of Interconnection**

X1-100 will interconnect with the Jersey Central Power & Light system at one of two options. Option 1 is to connect at the 12kV circuit #17630 from the Branchville substation. Option 2 is to connect at the 34kV line A781 between the Branchville and Holiday Lakes substations.

## **FirstEnergy Analysis**

This area is presently served by Distribution circuit 17630, a 3 phase, 12.47 kV, grounded Wye distribution circuit originating from JCP&L's Branchville.

### **Circuit Protection and Coordination:**

A 4 MW unit at this location will require 200 Amp, ANSI – K Speed fuses on the developer's metering pole serving the facility.

### **Main Line:**

To accommodate the proposed 4 MW capacity on the 12.47 kV distribution system, JCP&L will upgrade 2000 ft of single phase line to three phase, install one span of three phase 1/0 ACSR conductor, and install cutouts at JCP&L's last pole before the point of interconnection. The existing 140 K fuses up stream from the Solar project will be replaced with a 3 phase recloser for proper line protection coordination. One Fixed and one Current control Capacitor Bank will require replacement with Temperature control units capable of voltage over ride operation.

### **At Substation:**

JCP&L will replace three (3) existing electro-mechanical relays with SEL-351 electronic relays on three (3) distribution circuits at Branchville substation. JCP&L will remove the existing relays and wiring, provide cabling, test switches, auxiliary relays and conduit.

Based on the 4 MW capacity of the customer's system, it will not backfeed to JCP&L's 34.5 kV system.

### **At PV Facility:**

SCADA control system for the breaker will be designed by the customer, and must be approved by JCP&L/FirstEnergy prior to purchase. Typically, these systems utilize fiber optic or leased phone line. The SCADA control system must communicate with JCP&L RDO dispatch center located in Morristown, N.J.

The customer must install and maintain the SCADA control system equipment. Equipment needed inside JCP&L facilities may be installed by JCP&L personnel. Periodic testing of the system will be required and the system must be configured to fail in a 'trip' condition, i.e., upon loss of communications, the system must trip the generator off line.

Distributed Generation must not interfere with the proper detection and clearing of faults on the First Energy system.

## **Network Impacts**

Queue project X1-100 was studied as a(n) 4.0 MW (1.52 MW of which was Capacity) injection into JCPL's system. Project X1-100 was evaluated for compliance with reliability criteria for summer peak conditions in 2015.

### **Option 1: BRCHVL F 34.5 kV substation**

Potential transmission network impacts are as follows:

#### **Generator Deliverability**

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

No violations identified.

#### **Multiple Facility Contingency**

*(Double Circuit Tower Line contingencies only with full energy output. Stuck Breaker and Bus Fault contingencies will be applied during the Impact Study)*

No violations identified.

#### **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.)*

No violations identified.

#### **New System Reinforcements**

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

None required.

#### **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.)*

None required.

#### **Short Circuit**

*(Report over-dutied breakers.)*

None required.

## **Energy Portion of Interconnection Request**

*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. 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 analyzes all overload conditions associated with the overloaded element(s) identified. As a result of the aggregate energy resources in the area, the following violations were identified.*

No violations identified.

## **Option 2: W2-084 TAP 34.5 kV substation**

Potential transmission network impacts are as follows:

### **Generator Deliverability**

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

No violations identified.

### **Multiple Facility Contingency**

*(Double Circuit Tower Line contingencies only with full energy output. Stuck Breaker and Bus Fault contingencies will be applied during the Impact Study)*

No violations identified.

### **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.)*

No violations identified.

### **New System Reinforcements**

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

None required.

### **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.)*

None required.

### **Short Circuit**

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## Additional Requirements:

- JCP&L will work with the IC to determine the exact Point Of Interconnection (POI) based on existing infrastructure layout.
- Interconnect Customer (IC) will install a pole adjacent to JCP&L's pole as point of interconnection. On this pole the IC will install fused cutouts with load break capability, primary metering transformer bracket per the FE Construction Standards of page# 10-347. JCP&L will install and purchase the revenue metering CTs and PTs. which is based on the ratio and accuracy specifications of the customer load and generation levels. This cost is paid by the customer.
- IC provides all trenching, cables and conduit to connect his PV generation facilities into the Point of Interconnection (POI) pole.
- IC must meet all applicable JCP&L/FE standards and requirements which are included in the current JCP&L Tariff for Electric Service.
- IC's inverter-based generation must be UL listed or certified to comply with the requirements of IEEE 1547. JCP&L will require a witness test of this functionality.
- **IC's main breaker shall have an SEL 351 electronic relay which is required for interconnection protection. The main breaker must be on the high side of the IC's transformer. All equipment, breakers, lightning protection, etc., should meet JCP&L/FE's minimum BIL Ratings.**
- IC must take the generator offline when requested by JCP&L / FE for emergency circuit repairs or similar activities
- The IC's transformer must have a grounded Wye connection to the Utility.
- JCP&L shall specify a schedule of appropriate power factor settings for the IC inverters.
- IC must meet requirements of N.J.A.C. 14:4-9 ("In front of meter" all power sold to PJM and interconnection standards for Class I Renewable Energy Systems), as well as IEEE 1547, and IEEE 1547.1
- IC must maintain reactive power capability sufficient to maintain a composite power delivery for the facility at the interconnection point at a power factor between .95 leading and .90 lagging. If this capability cannot be provided by the solar units, a dynamic device such as a STATCOM or SVC must be installed at the project substation at the customer's cost.
- **No environmental review was conducted as part of this cost estimate. If environmental review, fieldwork and permitting is needed an additional 25k (plus gross up) will be added to the estimate.** Also, it is assumed that the Developer will obtain all required environmental permits for Developer facilities up to the POI.

## **Infrastructure Upgrade Estimated Costs (By JCP&L):**

**Total Estimated Costs (by JCP&L) is \$694,600.00**

This cost includes a CIAC (Contribution in Aid of Construction) Federal Income Tax Gross Up charge of \$170,200.00. This tax may or may not be charged based on whether or not this project meets the eligibility requirements of IRS Notice 88-129.

- Approximate cost to upgrade 2000 ft of single phase line to three phase, install one span of three phase 1/0 ACSR conductor , one new tap pole and cutouts at the point of interconnection, replace an existing set of line sectionalizing fuses with a 3 phase recloser, and the upgrade of 2 distribution capacitor banks is \$418,000.00.
- New Substation upgrade cost is \$233,900.00
- Metering costs is \$30,500.00 based on us installing and owning the equipment.
- Communication costs of installing SCADA system into JCP&L's RDO center is \$12,200.00 Non-refundable.
- All JCPL costs are not subject to refundable provisions of the NJ-BPU Tariff for electric service
- All Right of Ways (ROW) are the responsibility of the IC to obtain.
- **If, in the future, JCP&L changes it's voltage on this circuit due to upgrading to a higher voltage, the developer is responsible for any needed conversions to maintain their generation connection to JCP&L's system, i.e., new transformation and associated costs.**
- **This price is based on (2012 and 2013) labor costs and material costs. If project has work performed in (2014) additional escalation costs could occur.**

**Note** - This is an estimate based on similar work orders previously worked by JCP&L for the types of work described in the analysis above. It is accurate to within plus or minus 50 percent. Should the customer want to proceed with the connection of this facility, a contract with JCP&L will be developed based on these costs and a true-up of actual charges will be made at the completion of the project.

### **Timetable for Construction:**

Total time to complete this project is 12 to 18 months from receipt of "Interconnect Agreement", "Construction Agreement" and receipt of "Estimated Project Costs".

JCP&L estimates six (6) months after receipt of above for design work to be completed.

JCP&L estimates it will require an additional 8 to 14 months to complete the identified infrastructure upgrades.

**Attachment 1**  
*Aerial View*

## Attachment 2 Single Line Diagram

