

# ***Generation Interconnection Feasibility Study Report Queue Position Y1-081***

The Interconnection Customer (IC) has proposed a 3.38 MWE (1.28 MWC; 3.38 MW MFO) solar powered generating facility to be located near Wye Mills, Queen Anne’s County, Maryland. PJM studied Y1-081 as a 3.38 MW injection into the Delmarva Power and Light (DPL) system at the Wye Mills 24.9 kV substation and evaluated it for compliance with reliability criteria for summer peak conditions in 2015. The planned in-service date, as stated in the Attachment N, is November 1, 2013.

## **Point(s) of Interconnection**

The Interconnection Customer requested at 25kV distribution level Point of Interconnection. After applying the Criteria Limits listed below to that request, DPL determined that the Y1-081 project must interconnect with their system at a new 138/25kV three breaker ring bus substation to be constructed adjacent to the Wye Mills-Steele 138kV circuit.

## **Direct Connection Requirements**

### **Criteria Limits for Distributed Energy Resource Connections to the ACE, DPL and Pepco Distribution Systems (less than 69kV)**

#### **1. Existing Distribution Circuit Capacity Limits**

The aggregate limit of large (250 kW and over) generator injection to a single, existing distribution circuit is 0.5 MWs on the 4kV, 3MWs on the 12 kV, 6 MWs on the 25 kV, and 10 MWs on the 34 kV.

#### **2. Express Circuit Capacity Limits**

Distributed generation installations which exceed the limit for an existing circuit require an express circuit.

The maximum generator size for express circuits shall be:

- 4 kV                                      0.5 MW
- 12 – 13.8 kV                            10 MWs
- 23 – 25 kV                                10 MWs
- 33.26 – 34.5 kV                        15 MWs

#### **3. Distribution Power Transformer Limit**

The aggregate limit of large (250 kW and over) generator injection to a single distribution transformer of 22.5 MVA nameplate or larger is 10 MWs. Transformers with nameplate ratings lower than 22.5 MVA will be given lower ratings on an individual basis. If the transformer rating is significantly greater than 40 MVA it may be possible to consider a greater amount of injection.

Adding a new transformer will be considered if there is no availability on any of the existing transformers and space is available in an existing substation. Any proposed transformers would be PHI's standard distribution transformer (37 MVA nameplate rating.)

#### 4. Express Circuit Length Limit

If there is no more injection capacity or space for an additional transformer at the closest substation, the next closest substation will be considered. The length of an express circuit is limited to 5 miles, or for the sake of the feasibility study, 3.8 straight line miles. This simplification is used because the feasibility study phase does not allow for the time and resources to examine routes in detail (including existing pole lines, easements, ROW, and environmental issues etc.)

#### 5. When a New Substation is Required

If a distribution express circuit can't be built from an existing substation for a project, it will be necessary to construct a new distribution substation with a standard ring bus design. It will be supplied by extending existing transmission lines. It is the developer's responsibility to verify eligibility of this configuration for solar renewable energy certificates.

All injection limits, given above in MWs, are subject to more detailed study to ensure feasibility.

#### **Transmission Owner Scope of Work**

The scope of work and estimated costs to connect 10 MWs to the T2 transformer is as follows:

1. Design and construct a new 138/25 kV substation at the PV site. This substation will be built to the Company's (the "Company" referring to ACE, DPL, or PEPCO) specifications for a distribution substation and be owned and operated by the Company. *Note: There are no plans to serve any load from this substation, however it will be built so that it can serve load in the future. The developer shall supply adequate land for the installation of the substation. The land shall be in close proximity to roads and be on buildable high land.*
2. Create a transmission loop by cutting into the Wye Mills – Steele 138 kV line with an approximate total distance of 1.1 miles to the new substation.
3. Establish one new 25 kV feeder with overhead conductor from the new substation to the PV site.
4. A utility operated recloser equipped with the proper relaying and communications will be required for each feeder serving the PV generator.
5. Utility grade primary metering will be required for each feeder.
6. Generation telemetry and remote trip capability will be provided to the control center.
7. Perform a detailed time based study.
8. Protection, Planning, and other engineering departments will perform studies, design work, and prepare engineering estimates.
9. Transfer trip may be required.

The estimated cost to perform this work is as follows:

<b>Estimated Costs</b>			
<b>New 138/25kV Substation</b>			
New Substation			\$5,500,000
400 ft. Express Feeder		1	\$70,000
Transmission Feed 69 kV		0 Miles	\$0
Transmission Feed 138 kV		1.1 Miles	\$880,000
Fiber Installation (5 miles of fiber assumed)			\$250,000
Recloser w/ Relaying and Communications		1	\$50,000
Utility Grade Metering		1	\$20,000
SCADA Integration into EMS		1	\$10,000
Detailed Time Based Study			\$30,000
Various Departments Work			\$20,000
<b>Subtotal Cost</b>			<b>\$6,830,000</b>
<b>Subtotal Cost with 18% Overheads</b>			<b>\$8,059,400</b>
<b>Approximate Total Cost with 15% Contingency</b>			<b>\$9,268,310</b>

The estimated time to complete the above work is **24 - 36 months** after receipt of a fully executed interconnection agreement.

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

**Special Operating Requirements**

1. PHI 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 by PHI.
2. It is the Interconnection Customer's responsibility to send the data that PJM and the Company requires directly to PJM. The Interconnection Customer will grant permission for PJM to send the Company the following telemetry that the Interconnection Customer sends to PJM: real time MW, MVAR, volts, amperes, generator/status, and interval MWH and MVARH.
3. The Interconnection Customer will be required to make provisions for a voice quality phone line within approximately 3 feet of each Company metering position to facilitate remote interrogation and data collection.
4. A mutually acceptable means of interrupting and disconnecting the generator with a visible break, able to be tagged and locked out, shall be worked out with PHI Engineering.

### **Interconnection Customer Scope of Work**

The Interconnection Customer (IC) is responsible for all design and construction related to activities on their side of the Point of Interconnection. Site preparation, including grading and an access road, as necessary, is assumed to be by the IC. Route selection, line design, and right-of-way acquisition of the direct connect facilities is not included in this report, and is the responsibility of 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 PHI's Applicable Standards.

The Interconnection Customer will purchase and install all metering instrument transformers as well as construct a metering structure per PHI's specifications. The secondary wiring connections at the instrument transformers will be completed by the Interconnection Customer's contractors and inspected by PHI, while the secondary wiring work at the metering enclosure will be completed by PHI's meter technicians. The metering control cable and meter cabinets will be supplied by PHI and installed by the Interconnection Customer's contractors. PHI's meter technicians will program and install two solid state multi function meters (Primary & Backup) for the new metering position.

### **Inverter Requirements and Capabilities**

The inverter at the DG location shall have the following capabilities:

- Voltage flicker reduction through dynamic VAR or fixed PF response
- Ramp rate control
- SCADA communications
- Curtailment or other mitigation ability if high voltage were to occur
- Low voltage and system disturbance ride through
- Ability to receive and respond to a transfer trip signal
- Ability to adjust PF or VARs based on utility signal
- Ability to Adjust Real Power Output based on utility 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 the Company (the 'Company' referring to ACE, DPL, or PEPCO) to implement these capabilities with settings acceptable to the Company. Until such time, the inverters shall operate with a fixed power factor schedule as supplied by the Company.

## **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**

No issues identified.

### **Stability Analysis**

Not required due to project size.

### **Dynamic Analysis**

DPL will commence a time-based dynamic study during the System Impact Study phase to evaluate the project’s impact on the DPL distribution system. 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.

### **System Protection**

Protective relaying and metering design and installation must comply with DPL’s applicable standards. Any other costs determined by system protection as a result of the short circuit studies will be supplied in the near future.

**Other Charges**

DPL reserves the right to charge the Interconnection Customer Operation and Maintenance expenses to maintain the Interconnection Customer’s Attachment Facilities, including metering and telecommunications facilities which are owned by DPL.

**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