

***Generation Interconnection  
Feasibility Study Report***

***For***

***PJM Generation Interconnection Request  
Queue Position AB1-173***

***Brink – Trego 115kV  
13.5MW Capacity / 19.8MW Energy***

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## 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 Virginia Electric and Power Company (VEPCO).

## Preface

The intent of the Feasibility Study is to determine a plan, with high level estimated cost and construction time estimates, to connect the subject generation to the PJM network at a location specified by the IC. The IC may request the interconnection of generation as a capacity resource or as an energy-only resource. As a requirement for interconnection, the IC 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 IC is responsible for the right of way, real estate, and construction permit issues. For properties currently owned by ITO, the costs may be included in the study.

## General

The IC has proposed a solar generating facility located in Greensville County, VA. The installed facilities will have a total capability of 19.8 MW with 13.5 MW of this output being recognized by PJM as capacity. The proposed in-service date for this project is 11/1/2017. **This study does not imply an ITO commitment to this in-service date.**

## Point of Interconnection

AB1-173 will interconnect with the ITO transmission system at one of the following points of interconnection:

Option 1 will connect via a new three breaker ring bus switching station that connects on the Brink - Trego 115kV line.

Option 2 will connect via a new three breaker ring bus switching station that connects on the Clubhouse – Lakeview 230kV.

## Cost Summary

The AB1-173 project will be responsible for the following costs:

Description	Total Cost
Attachment Facilities	\$1,500,000
Direct Connection Network Upgrades	\$4,500,000
Non Direct Connection Network Upgrades	\$ 700,000
<b>Total Costs</b>	<b>\$6,700,000</b>

## **Attachment Facilities**

Generation Substation: Install metering and associated Protection Equipment. Estimated Cost \$500,000.

Transmission Line: Construct approximately one span of 115 kV Attachment line between the generation substation and a new AB1-173 115 kV Switching Substation. The estimated cost for this work is \$1,000,000.

The estimated total cost of the Attachment Facilities is \$1,500,000. It is estimated to take 18-24 months to complete this work upon execution of an Interconnection Service Agreement (ISA). These preliminary cost estimates are based on typical engineering costs. A more detailed engineering cost estimates are normally done when the developer provides an exact site plan location for the generation substation during the Facility Study phase. These costs do not include CIAC Tax Gross-up. The single line is shown below in Attachment 1.

## **Direct Connection Cost Estimate**

Substation: Establish the new 115 kV AB1-173 Switching Substation (interconnection substation). The estimated cost of this facility is \$4,500,000 and is estimated to take 24-30 months to complete.

## **Non-Direct Connection Cost Estimate**

Transmission: Install transmission structure in-line with transmission line (In the vicinity of Brink DP) to allow the proposed interconnection switching station to be interconnected with the transmission system. Estimated cost \$700,000.

Remote Terminal Work: During the Facilities Study, ITO's System Protection Engineering Department will review transmission line protection as well as anti-islanding required to accommodate the new generation and interconnection substation. System Protection Engineering will determine the minimal acceptable protection requirements to reliably interconnect the proposed generating facility with the transmission system. The review is based on maintaining system reliability by reviewing ITO's protection requirements with the known transmission system configuration which includes generating facilities in the area. This review may determine that transmission line protection and communication upgrades are required at remote substations.

## **Interconnection Customer Requirements**

ITO's Facility Connection Requirements as posted on PJM's website

<http://www.pjm.com/~media/planning/plan-standards/private-dominion/facility-connection-requirements1.ashx>

Voltage Ride Through Requirements - The Customer Facility shall be designed to remain in service (not trip) for voltages and times as specified for the Eastern Interconnection in Attachment 1 of NERC Reliability Standard PRC-024-1, and successor Reliability Standards, for both high and low voltage conditions, irrespective of generator size, subject to the permissive trip exceptions established in PRC-024-1 (and successor Reliability Standards).

Frequency Ride Through Requirements - The Customer Facility shall be designed to remain in service (not trip) for frequencies and times as specified in Attachment 2 of NERC Reliability Standard PRC-024-1, and successor Reliability Standards, for both high and low frequency condition, irrespective of generator size, subject to the permissive trip exceptions established in PRC-024-1 (and successor Reliability Standards).

Reactive Power - The Generation Interconnection Customer shall design its non-synchronous Customer Facility with the ability to maintain a power factor of at least 0.95 leading to 0.95 lagging measured at the generator's terminals.

## **Revenue Metering and SCADA Requirements**

### **PJM Requirements**

The IC 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 Sections 24.1 and 24.2.

## Option One

### Network Impacts

The Queue Project AB1-173 was evaluated as a 19.8 MW (Capacity 13.5 MW) injection tapping the Trego-Brink 115kV line in the ITO area. Project AB1-173 was evaluated for compliance with applicable reliability planning criteria (PJM, NERC, NERC Regional Reliability Councils, and Transmission Owners). Project AB1-173 was studied with a commercial probability of 53%. Potential network impacts were as follows:

### Contingency Descriptions

The following contingencies resulted in overloads:

Contingency Name	Description
LN 594	CONTINGENCY 'LN 594' OPEN BRANCH FROM BUS 314916 TO BUS 314934 CKT 1 /* 8MORRSVL 500.00 - 8SPOTSYL 500.00 END

## **Summer Peak Analysis - 2019**

### **Generator Deliverability**

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

None

### **Multiple Facility Contingency**

*(Double Circuit Tower Line contingencies were studied for the full energy output. The contingencies of Line with Failed Breaker and Bus Fault will be performed for the Impact Study.)*

None

### **Short Circuit**

*(Summary of impacted circuit breakers)*

New circuit breakers found to be over-duty:

None

Contributions to previously identified circuit breakers found to be over-duty:

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**

*(Summary of the VAR requirements based upon the results of the steady-state voltage studies)*

To be determined during Impact Study.

## **Stability and Reactive Power Requirement for Low Voltage Ride Through**

*(Summary of the VAR requirements based upon the results of the dynamic studies)*

To be determined during Impact Study.

## **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)*

None

## **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 IC 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.*

#	Contingency		Affected Area	Facility Description	Bus			Power Flow	Loading %		Rating		MW Contribution
	Type	Name			From	To	Circuit		Initial	Final	Type	MVA	
1	N-1	LN 594	DVP - DVP	8CHANCE-8BRISTER 500 kV line	314905	314900	1	DC	99.97	100.03	ER	2598	3.24

## **Light Load Analysis - 2019**

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



## **ITO Analysis**

ITO assessed the impact of the proposed Queue Project #AB1-173 interconnection of a 19.8 MW Energy (13.5 MW Capacity) injection into the ITO's Transmission System, for compliance with NERC Reliability Criteria on ITO's Transmission System. The system was assessed using the summer 2019 RTEP case provided to ITO by PJM. When performing a generation analysis, ITO's main analysis will be load flow study results under single contingency (both normal and stressed system conditions). ITO Criteria considers a transmission facility overloaded if it exceeds 94% of its emergency rating under normal and stressed system conditions. A full listing of ITO's Planning Criteria and interconnection requirements can be found in the ITO's Facility Connection Requirements which are publicly available at: <http://www.dom.com>.

The results of these studies evaluate the system under a limited set of operating conditions and do not guarantee the full delivery of the capacity and associated energy of this proposed generation facility under all operating conditions. NERC Planning and Operating Reliability Criteria allow for the re-dispatch of generating units to resolve projected and actual deficiencies in real time and planning studies. Specifically NERC Category C Contingency Conditions (Bus Fault, Tower Line, N-1-1, and Stuck Breaker scenarios) allow for re-dispatch of generating units to resolve potential reliability deficiencies. For ITO's Planning Criteria the re-dispatch of generating units for these contingency conditions is allowed as long as the projected loading does not exceed 100% of a facility Load Dump Rating.

As part of its generation impact analysis, the ITO routinely evaluates the impact that a proposed new generation resource will have under maximum generation conditions, stress system conditions and import/export system conditions. The results of these studies are discussed in more detail below.

### **Category B Analysis (Single Contingency):**

1. System Normal – No deficiencies identified
2. Critical System Condition (No Surry 230 kV Unit) – No deficiencies identified.

### **Category C Analysis: (Multiple Facility Analysis)**

1. Bus Fault - No deficiencies identified
2. Line Stuck Breaker - No deficiencies identified
3. Tower Line – No deficiencies identified

The import and export conditions into and out of the ITO System are evaluated with any new interconnection greater than 20 MW, any new facility that is interconnected with the ITO System should not significantly decrement FCITC between utilities. These studies will be performed during the System Impact Study.

## **Affected System Analysis & Mitigation**

### **Duke, Progress & TVA Impacts:**

Duke Carolina, Progress, & TVA Impacts to be determined during later study phases (as applicable).

## Option Two

### Attachment Facilities

Generation Substation: Install metering and associated Protection Equipment. Estimated Cost \$600,000.

Transmission Line: Construct approximately one span of 230 kV Attachment line between the generation substation and a new AB1-173 230kV Switching Substation. The estimated cost for this work is \$1,200,000.

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