

***Generation Interconnection  
Feasibility Study Report***

***For***

***PJM Generation Interconnection Request  
Queue Position AC1-145***

***Gretna 69kV  
19 MW Capacity / 50 MW 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 Pittsylvania County, VA. The installed facilities will have a total capability of 50 MW with 19 MW of this output being recognized by PJM as capacity. The proposed in-service date for this project is 12/1/2018. **This study does not imply an ITO commitment to this in-service date.**

## Point of Interconnection

AC1-145 will interconnect with the ITO transmission system at Gretna DP 69kV substation.

## Cost Summary

The AC1-145 project will be responsible for the following costs:

Description	Total Cost
Attachment Facilities	\$1,500,000
Direct Connection Network Upgrades	\$5,500,000
Non Direct Connection Network Upgrades	\$ 750,000

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<b>Total Costs</b>	<b>\$7,750,000</b>

## **Attachment Facilities**

Generation Substation: Install metering and associated protection equipment. Estimated Cost \$600,000.

Transmission: Build a half mile of 115 kV attachment line to the POI. Estimated cost \$900,000.

The estimated total cost of the Attachment Facilities is \$1,500,000. It is estimated to take 16-18 months to complete this work. These costs do not include CIAC Tax Gross-up. The single line is shown below in Attachment 1.

## **Direct Connection Cost Estimate**

Substation: Build a three breaker 69 kV ring bus (AC1-145 Switching Station) at the POI near Gretna DP Substation. Estimated cost \$5,500,000 and is estimated to take 24-30 months to permit and construct.

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

Transmission: Re-arrange existing 69 kV Lines to interconnect with the proposed AC1-145 Switching Station. Estimated cost \$600,000.

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.

## **ITO Analysis**

Reinforcement: Altavista – Otter River 115 kV line #31: replace wave trap at Altavista Substations this will increase line rating by 27% to 304 MVA. Estimated cost \$150,000 and it is estimated to 14-16 months to engineer and construct.

## **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.

## **Network Impacts**

The Queue Project AC1-145 was evaluated as a 50.0 MW (Capacity 19.0 MW) injection at the Gretna 138kV substation in the ITO area. Project AC1-145 was evaluated for compliance with applicable reliability planning criteria (PJM, NERC, NERC Regional Reliability Councils, and Transmission Owners). Project AC1-145 was studied with a commercial probability of 53%. Potential network impacts were as follows:

## **Summer Peak Analysis - 2020**

### **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		Circuit	Power Flow	Loading %		Rating		MW Contribution
	Type	Name			From	To			Initial	Final	Type	MVA	
1	Non	Non	DVP - AEP	4ALTVSTA-05OTTER 138 kV line	314667	242741	1	DC	90.32	100.05	NR	151	14.7
2	Non	Non	DVP - DVP	2ALTVS35-2ALTVSTA 69 kV line	314740	314670	1	DC	76.85	99.16	NR	72	50



## **Light Load Analysis**

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 # AC1-145 interconnection of a 50 MW Energy (19 MW Capacity) injection into the ITO's Transmission System at a new interconnection switching station located near Gretna DP (MEC) Substation at 69 kV, for compliance with NERC Reliability Criteria on ITO's Transmission System. The system was assessed using the summer 2020 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 (greater than 20 MW). The results of these studies are discussed in more detail below.

### Category B Analysis (Single Contingency):

1. System Normal –
  - Line #30 (Altavista-Otter River) is overloaded by 9.6% of its rating under normal loading conditions.
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).

# Attachment 1.

## System Configuration

