# Generation Interconnection Feasibility Study Report

# For

# PJM Generation Interconnection Request Queue Position AC1-225

Marysville-Sorenson 765 kV

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## **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.

PJM utilizes manufacturer models to ensure the performance of turbines is properly captured during the simulations performed for stability verification. Turbine manufacturers provide such models to their customers. The list of manufacturer models PJM has already validated is contained in Attachment G-2 of Manual 14A. Manufacturer models may be updated from time to time, for various reasons such as to reflect changes to the control systems or to more accurately represent the capabilities turbines and controls which are currently available in the field. Additionally, as new turbine models are developed, turbine manufacturers provide such new models which must be used in the conduct of these studies. PJM needs adequate time to evaluate the new models in order to reduce delays to the System Impact Study process timeline for the Interconnection Customer as well as other Interconnection Customers in the study group. Therefore, PJM will require that any Interconnection Customer with a new manufacturer model must supply that model to PJM, along with a \$10,000 fully refundable deposit, no later than three (3) months prior to the starting date of the System Impact Study (See Section 2.2.2. of Manual 14A for starting dates) for the Interconnection Request which shall specify the use of the new model. The Interconnection Customer will be required to submit a completed dynamic model study request form (Attachment G-1 of Manual 14A) in order to document the request for the study.

### General

The Interconnection Customer proposes to interconnect PJM Project #AC1-225, a 300.2 MW (39.0 MW Capacity) wind generating facility in Van Wert County, OH (see Figure 2). The point of interconnection is a new station to be cut into AEP's Marysville – Sorenson 765 kV circuit (see Figure 1).

The requested Backfeed date is September 1, 2020.

The requested in service date is December 31, 2020.

## **Attachment Facilities**

#### Point of Interconnection (Marysville – Sorenson 765 kV)

To accommodate the interconnection on the Marysville – Sorenson 765 kV circuit, a new 765 kV switching station containing a minimum of three (3) circuit breakers physically configured in a breaker and half bus arrangement but operated as a ring-bus will be constructed (see Figure 1). Installation of associated protection and control equipment, 765 kV line risers, SCADA, and 765 kV revenue metering will also be required. AEP reserves the right to specify the final acceptable configuration considering design practices, future expansion, and compliance requirements.

#### New Switching Station Work:

- Construct a new 765 kV switching station containing a minimum of three (3) circuit breakers physically configured in a breaker and half bus arrangement but operated as a ring-bus. Installation of associated protection and control equipment, 765 kV line risers, SCADA, and 765 kV revenue metering will also be required (see Figure 1).
  - Estimated Station Cost: \$30,000,000

#### **Direct Connection Cost Estimate**

The total preliminary cost estimate for Direct Connection work is given in the following tables below.

For AEP building Direct Connection cost estimates:

Description	Total Cost				
Marysville-Sorenson 765 kV T-Line Cut In	\$3,000,000				
Total	\$3,000,000				

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

The total preliminary cost estimate for Non-Direct Connection work is given in the following tables below:

For AEP building Direct Connection cost estimates:

Description	<b>Estimated Cost</b>
765 kV Revenue Metering	\$500,000
Upgrade line protection and controls at the Marysville 765 kV substation to coordinate with the new 765 kV switching station.	\$1,000,000
Upgrade line protection and controls at the Sorenson 765 kV substation to coordinate with the new 765 kV switching station.	\$1,000,000
Total	\$2,500,000

#### Table 2

It is understood that The Interconnection Customer is responsible for all costs associated with this interconnection. The costs above are reimbursable to AEP. The cost of The Interconnection Customer's generating plant and the costs for the line connecting the generating plant to The Interconnection Customer's switching station are not included in this report; these are assumed to be The Interconnection Customer's responsibility.

The Generation Interconnection Agreement does not in or by itself establish a requirement for American Electric Power to provide power for consumption at the developer's facilities. A separate agreement may be reached with the local utility that provides service in the area to ensure that infrastructure is in place to meet this demand and proper metering equipment is installed. It is the responsibility of the developer to contact the local service provider to determine if a local service agreement is required.

# **Interconnection Customer Requirements**

Requirement from the PJM Open Access Transmission Tariff:

- 1. An Interconnection Customer entering the New Services Queue on or after October 1, 2012 with a proposed new Customer Facility that has a Maximum Facility Output equal to or greater than 100 MW shall install and maintain, at its expense, phasor measurement units (PMUs). See Section 8.5.3 of Appendix 2 to the Interconnection Service Agreement as well as section 4.3 of PJM Manual 14D for additional information.
- 2. The Interconnection Customer may be required to install and/or pay for metering as necessary to properly track real time output of the facility as well as installing metering which shall be used for billing purposes. See Section 8 of Appendix 2 to the

Interconnection Service Agreement as well as Section 4 of PJM Manual 14D for additional information.

# **Revenue Metering and SCADA Requirements**

# **PJM Requirements**

The Interconnection Customer 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.

## **AEP Requirements**

The Interconnection Customer will be required to comply with all AEP Revenue Metering Requirements for Generation Interconnection Customers. The Revenue Metering Requirements may be found within the "Requirements for Connection of New Facilities or Changes to Existing Facilities Connected to the AEP Transmission System" document located at the following link:

http://www.pjm.com/~/media/planning/plan-standards/private-aep/aep-interconnection-requirements.ashx

## **Network Impacts**

The Queue Project AC1-225 was evaluated as a 300.2 MW (Capacity 39.0 MW) injection tapping the Marysville-Sorenson 765 kV line in the AEP area. Project AC1-225 was evaluated for compliance with applicable reliability planning criteria (PJM, NERC, NERC Regional Reliability Councils, and Transmission Owners). Project AC1-225 was studied with a commercial probability of 53%. Potential network impacts were as follows:

## **Base Case Used**

Summer Peak Analysis – 2020 Case

# **Contingency Descriptions**

The following contingencies resulted in overloads:

Contingency Name	Description
8649_B2_TOR546	CONTINGENCY '8649_B2_TOR546'  OPEN BRANCH FROM BUS 242924 TO BUS 243208 CKT 1 / 242924 05HANG R 765 243208 05JEFRSO 765 1  END

## **Generator Deliverability**

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

None

# **Multiple Facility Contingency**

(Double Circuit Tower Line, Fault with a Stuck 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

# **Steady-State Voltage Requirements**

None

## **Short Circuit**

(Summary of impacted circuit breakers)

New circuit breakers found to be over-duty:

None

## **Affected System Analysis & Mitigation**

#### **LGEE Impacts:**

LGEE Impacts to be determined during later study phases (as applicable).

#### **MISO Impacts:**

MISO Impacts to be determined during later study phases (as applicable).

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

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

#### **OVEC Impacts:**

OVEC Impacts to be determined during later study phases (as applicable).

# **Delivery of Energy Portion of Interconnection Request**

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 developer 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			Bus				Loading		Rating		MW		
#	Type	Name	Area	<b>Facility Description</b>	From	To	Cir.	PF	Initial	Final	Type	MVA	Con.
			AEP -	AC1-225 Tap-05Marysville 765									
1	N-1	8649_B2_TOR546	AEP	kV line	927280	242928	1	DC	100.13	101.42	NR	4249	184.15

# **New System Reinforcements**

None

#### **Schedule**

It is anticipated that the time between receipt of executed agreements and Commercial Operation may range from 18 to 24 months if no line work is required. If line work is required, construction time would be between 24 to 36 months after signing an interconnection agreement.

**Note:** The time provided between anticipated normal completion of System Impact, Facilities Studies, subsequent execution of ISA and ICSA documents, and the proposed Backfeed Date is shorter than usual and may be difficult to achieve.

#### **Conclusion**

Based upon the results of this Feasibility Study, the construction of the 300.2 MW (39.0 MW Capacity) wind generating facility of The Interconnection Customer (PJM Project #AC1-225) will require the following additional interconnection charges. This plan of service will interconnect the proposed wind generating facility in a manner that will provide operational reliability and flexibility to both the AEP system and the The Interconnection Customer generating facility.

Cost Breakdown for Primary Point of Interconnection (Marysville-Sorenson 765 kV)						
<b>Attachment Cost</b>	New 765 kV Switching Station	\$30,000,000				
Direct Connection Cost Estimate	Marysville-Sorenson 765 kV T-Line Cut In	\$3,000,000				
	765 kV Revenue Metering	\$500,000				
Non-Direct Connection Cost Estimate	Upgrade line protection and controls at the Marysville 765 kV substation to coordinate with the new 765 kV switching station.	\$1,000,000				
	Upgrade line protection and controls at the Sorenson 765 kV substation to coordinate with the new 765 kV switching station.	\$1,000,000				
	Total Estimated Cost for Project AC1-225	\$35,500,000				

#### Table 3

The estimates are preliminary in nature, as they were determined without the benefit of detailed engineering studies. Final estimates will require an on-site review and coordination to determine final construction requirements.