# Generation Interconnection Feasibility/System Impact Study Report

# For

# PJM Generation Interconnection Request Queue Position AA1-032

West Kingsport Mill 138 kV

**April 2015** 

#### **Preface**

The intent of the System Impact Study is to determine a plan, with approximate cost and construction time estimates, to connect the subject generation interconnection project to the PJM network at a location specified by the Interconnection Customer. As a requirement for interconnection, the Interconnection Customer may be responsible for the cost of constructing: Network Upgrades, which are facility additions, or upgrades to existing facilities, that are needed to maintain the reliability of the PJM system. All facilities required for interconnection of a generation interconnection project must be designed to meet the technical specifications (on PJM web site) for the appropriate transmission owner.

In some instances an Interconnection Customer may not be responsible for 100% of the identified network upgrade cost because other transmission network uses, e.g. another generation interconnection or merchant transmission upgrade, 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 System Impact Study is performed.

The System Impact 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.

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#### **General**

Domtar Paper Company, LLC previously installed a 50 MW generator at their facility under queue position P42 in Kingsport, Sullivan County, Tennessee (Figure 1). The generator is fueled by spent pulping liquor and hog waste and has been in service for several years, but had lost the 45 MW of Capacity Injection Rights (CIRs). PJM Queue # AA1-032 is seeking to have the 45 MW CIRs restored as soon as possible. Therefore, the Queue Project AA1-032 was studied as a 45.0 MW (Capacity 45 MW) injection at Industry Drive 13.8 kV substation in the AEP area (Figure 1). The location of the generating facility is Kingsport, TN (see Figure 2).

The requested in service date is as soon as possible.

The objective of this combined Feasibility/System Impact study is to determine budgetary cost estimates and approximate construction timelines for identified transmission facilities required to connect the proposed generating facilities to the AEP transmission system. These reinforcements include the Attachment Facilities, Local Upgrades, and Network Upgrades required to maintain the reliability of the AEP transmission system. Stability analysis is not included as part of this study.

#### **Attachment Facilities**

#### **Station Cost:**

• No work is required. It is an existing facility seeking to regain the previous 45 MW of Capacity Injection Rights (CIRs).

#### Protection and Relaying Cost:

• No work is required. It is an existing facility seeking to regain previous Capacity Injection Rights (CIRs).

#### **Local and Network Impacts**

The impact of the proposed generating facility on the AEP Transmission System was assessed for adherence with applicable reliability criteria. AEP planning criteria require that the transmission system meet performance parameters prescribed in the AEP FERC Form 715<sup>1</sup> and Connection Requirements for AEP Transmission System<sup>2</sup>. Therefore, these criterion were used to assess the impact of the proposed facility on the AEP System. PJM project # AA1-032 was studied as a as a 45.0 MW (Capacity 45 MW) injection at the Industry Drive 13.8 kV substation consistent with the interconnection application. PJM project #AA1-032 was evaluated for compliance with reliability criteria for summer peak conditions in 2018.

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#### **Network Impacts**

The Queue Project AA1-032 was studied as a 45.0 MW (Capacity 45 MW) injection at the INDDRVL 13.8 kV substation in the AEP area. Project AA1-032 was evaluated for compliance with applicable reliability planning criteria (PJM, NERC, NERC Regional Reliability Councils, and Transmission Owners). Project AA1-032 was studied with a commercial probability of 100%. Potential network impacts were as follows:

## Summer Peak Analysis - 2018

#### **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**

(Results of the steady-state voltage studies should be inserted here)

None

#### **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.

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 will study all overload conditions associated with the overloaded element(s) identified.

Not Applicable

# **Light Load Analysis - 2018**

Not required

# **System Reinforcements**

#### **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)

(Summary form of Cost allocation for transmission lines and transformers will be inserted here if any)

None

#### **Short Circuit**

(Summary form of Cost allocation for breakers will be inserted here if any)

None

#### **Stability and Reactive Power Requirement**

(Results of the dynamic studies should be inserted here)

Not required

### **Conclusion**

Based upon the results of this combined Feasibility/System Impact Study, the reinstatement of 45.0 MW (Capacity) at Industry Drive 13.8 kV substation (PJM Project #AA1-032) will not require additional Network upgrades.

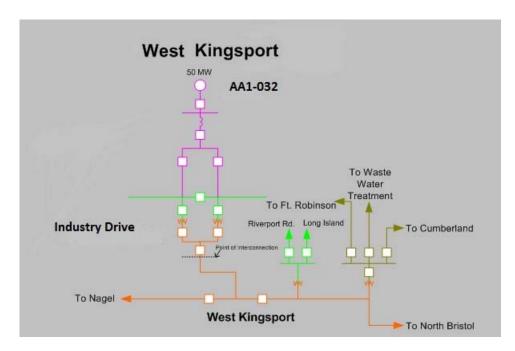


Figure 1 – Single Line Diagram

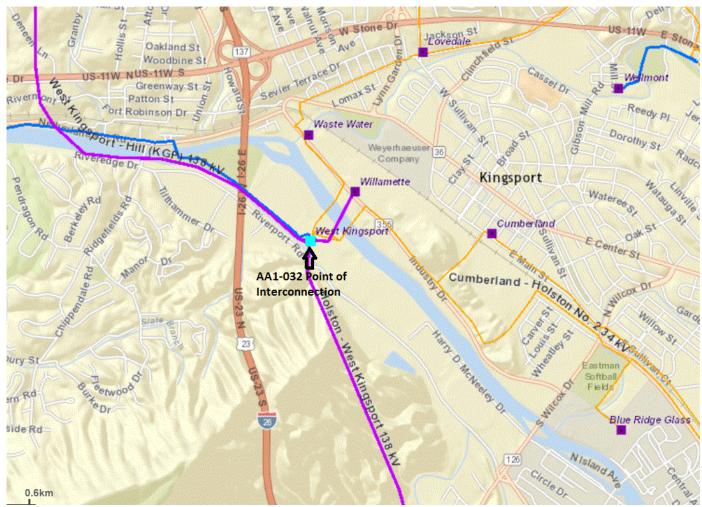


Figure 2: AA1-032 Point of Interconnection