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## For

## PJM Generation Interconnection Request Queue Position AB1-125

Carroll-Monocacy 34.5 kV

(Revised)

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Attachment facilities and local upgrades (if required) along with terms and conditions to interconnect AB1-125 will be specified in a separate two party Interconnection Agreement (IA) between Potomac Edison and the Interconnection Customer as this project is considered FERC non-jurisdictional per the PJM Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT). From the transmission system perspective, no network impacts were identified as detailed below.

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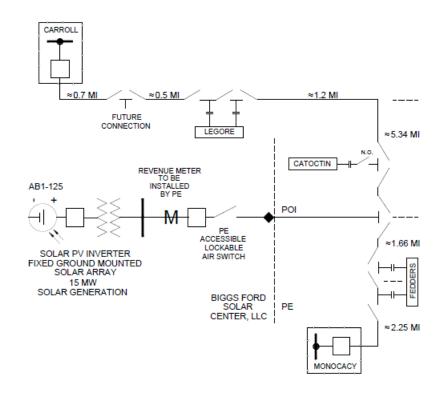
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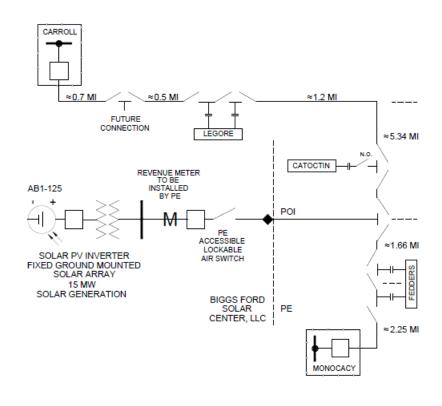
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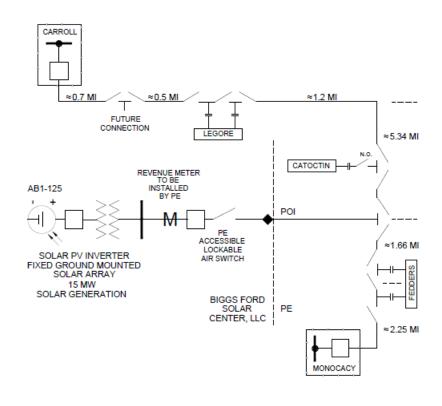
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