

***Generation Interconnection  
System Impact Study Report***

***For***

***PJM Generation Interconnection Request  
Queue Position AD1-072***

***Biers Run - Circleville 138kV***

**December 2019**

## **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: (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. 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 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 or merchant transmission upgrade, may also contribute to the need for the same network reinforcement.

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.

## General

First Solar Development, LLC proposes to increase the generation of its previous PJM Project #AC2-059 request, a 127.00 MW (62.5 MW Capacity) solar generating facility in Ross County, Ohio by 20.0 MW (13.73 MW Capacity). The point of interconnection is a new 138 kV switching station connecting to AEP's Biers Run – Circleville 138 kV circuit to be constructed by PJM Project #AC2-059 (see Figure 1).

The requested in service date is June 1, 2021.

## Attachment Facilities

To be constructed by PJM Project #AC2-059.

**Note:** It is assumed that the 138 kV revenue metering and gen lead for #AC2-059 will be adequate for the additional generation of AD1-072. Relay settings changes will need to be reviewed for #AD1-072.

## 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 Non-Direct Connection cost estimates:

Type of Network Upgrade	Description	Estimated Cost
Non-Direct Connection	Adjust the relay settings at the proposed 138 kV switching station being built for Project #AC2-059 to accommodate the Customer Facility.	\$25,000
	<b>Total Estimated Cost for Project AD1-072</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>

Table 1

## Interconnection Customer Requirements

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.

### 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 AD1-072 was evaluated as a 20.0 MW (Capacity 13.7 MW) injection into the AC2-059 138 kV substation (which is tap of the Biers Run – Circleville 138 kV line) in the AEP area. Project AD1-072 was evaluated for compliance with applicable reliability planning criteria (PJM, NERC, NERC Regional Reliability Councils, and Transmission Owners). Project AD1-072 was studied with a commercial probability of 100%. Potential network impacts were as follows:

## **Summer Peak Analysis - 2021**

### **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

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

*(Results of the dynamic studies should be inserted here)*

To be evaluated during the Facilities Study Phase

### **Short Circuit**

*(Summary of impacted circuit breakers)*

New circuit breakers found to be over-duty:

None

## **Affected System Analysis & Mitigation**

### **LGEE Impacts:**

None

### **MISO Impacts:**

No impact in the preliminary study but MISO will be performing a retool. Study results will be addressed in the Facilities Study.

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

None

### **OVEC Impacts:**

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.

1. (AEP - AEP) The 05HARRIS-05OBETZ 138 kV line (from bus 243522 to bus 243550 ckt 1) loads from 100.54% to 103.11% (AC power flow) of its emergency rating (173 MVA) for the single line contingency outage of 'AEP\_P1-2\_#5808'. This project contributes approximately 4.57 MW to the thermal violation.

CONTINGENCY 'AEP\_P1-2\_#5808'

OPEN BRANCH FROM BUS 243522 TO BUS 243593 CKT 1 / 243522 05HARRIS 138  
243593 05ZUBER 138 1  
END

## **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

### **Schedule**

It is anticipated that the time between receipt of executed agreements and Commercial Operation may range from 12 to 18 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 System Impact Study, the increase of 20.0 MW (PJM Project #AD1-072) generation to the previous request of 127.0 MW (62.5 MW Capacity) solar generating facility of First Solar Development (PJM Project #AC2-059) will need the relay settings to be evaluated and modified if necessary at the new 138 kV switching station.

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**Table 2**

**Figure 1: Point of Interconnection (Biers Run – Circleville 138kV)**

**Single Line Diagram**

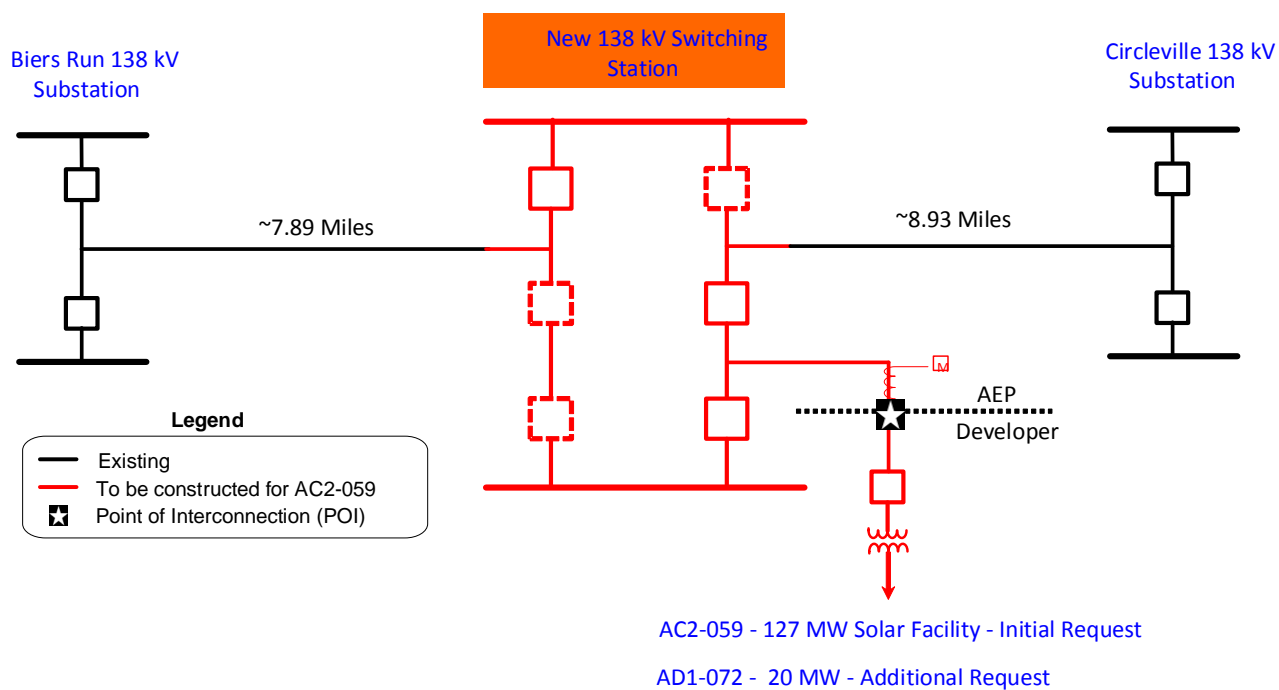




Figure 2: Point of Interconnection (Biers Run – Circleville 138kV)

