Criteria for Independent Study Process Eligibility

A project submitting an Interconnection Request application in the Independent Study Process (ISP) must demonstrate that the cluster process cannot accommodate the requested Commercial Operation Date (COD).

As part of this demonstration, any relevant documentation must be provided with the Interconnection Request application in order to satisfy the criteria for Independent Study Process eligibility as outlined in Appendix DD section 4.1.1. An Interconnection Request application that has not provided the documentation will be considered incomplete. The CAISO will review the documentation and notify the Interconnection Customer if the criteria has been satisfied.

In addition, once an ISP Interconnection Request application has been submitted for a project, COD extensions for Interconnection Requests under the ISP process will not be granted except for circumstances beyond the control of the customer.

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1. The Interconnection Customer has obtained, or has demonstrated the ability to obtain, all regulatory approvals and permits needed to complete construction in time to meet the Generating Facility‘s requested Commercial Operation Date.

(Please describe below the evidence used to demonstrate meeting this eligibility requirement. Attach any additional documents needed to support the demonstration.)

1. The Interconnection Customer is able to provide, or has demonstrated the ability to obtain, a purchase order for generating equipment specific to the proposed Generating Facility, or a statement signed by an officer or authorized agent of the Interconnection Customer demonstrating that the Interconnection Customer has a commitment for the supply of its major generating equipment in time to meet the Commercial Operation Date through a purchase agreement to which the Interconnection Customer is a party.

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1. The Interconnection Customer can provide reasonable evidence of adequate financing or other financial resources necessary to make the Interconnection Financial Security postings required in Sections 11.2 and 11.3.

 (Please describe below the evidence used to demonstrate meeting this eligibility requirement. Attach any additional documents needed to support the demonstration.)

1. The Point of Interconnection proposed by the Interconnection Customer must be to either: (1) an existing facility on the CAISO Controlled Grid that does not require any expansion in order to accommodate the interconnection of the Generating Facility; or (2) a facility approved in the Transmission Planning Process or identified as necessary through Interconnection Studies performed for other Interconnection Customers that is fully permitted, is under construction at the time the Interconnection Request is made, and is expected to be in service by the requested Commercial Operation Date of the Generating Facility.

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1. With respect to any Reliability Network Upgrades that are anticipated to be needed to interconnect the Generating Facility, and that are already part of an existing plan of service or have been identified as necessary through Interconnection Studies performed for other Interconnection Customers, or have been identified in the Transmission Planning Process, such Reliability Network Upgrades must be either in service or under construction and have a completion date no later than the requested Commercial Operation Date of the Generating Facility.

(Please describe below the evidence used to demonstrate meeting this eligibility requirement. Attach any additional documents needed to support the demonstration.)