APPENDIX I: Description and Functional
Specifications for Transmission
Facilities Eligible for Competitive
Solicitation

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### **Overview**

The ISO has recommended the following policy-driven projects for approval that are eligible for competitive solicitiation:

- New Humboldt 500 kV Substation, with a 500/115 kV transformer, and 500 kV line to Collinsville [HVDC operated as AC]
- New Humboldt to Fern Road 500 kV Line

These projects are part of the overall transmission plan to integrate the offshore wind resources in the north coast to the rest of the CAISO system. More information on these projects are provided in Chapter 3 and Appendix F.

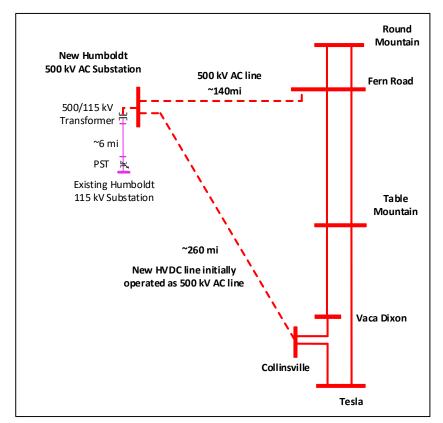


Figure I.1-1: Overall Plan to Interconnect Humboldt 500 kV to CAISO System

The components of the overall plan that are eligible for competitive solicitation process are divided into two projects. The following sections contain detailed descriptions and functional specifications for these two projects.

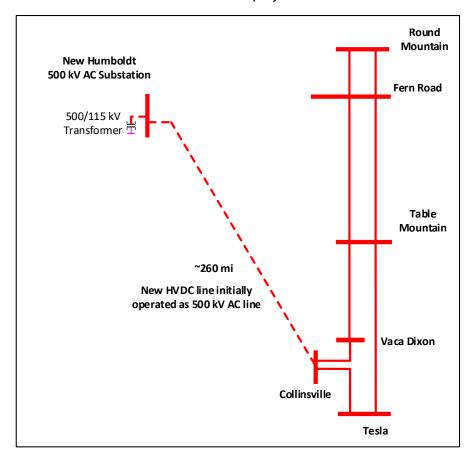
### I.1 Description and Functional Specifications of Proposed Policy-Driven New Humboldt 500 kV Substation, with 500/115 kV transformer, and a 500 kV line to Collinsville [HVDC operated as AC] Project

### I.2.1 Description

In the 2023-2024 Transmission Plan, the ISO has identified a policy-driven need for the New Humboldt 500 kV Substation with 500 kV line to Collinsville project as part of the overall transmission plan to integrate the offshore wind resources in the north coast to the rest of the CAISO system. Figure I.1-1 provides a schematic diagram of the transmission system in the area. As shown in the figure, the project scope includes the following:

- New 500/115 kV substation in Humboldt are with one 500/115 kV transformer
- New Humboldt Collinsville HVDC line, estimated at 260 miles. This line will initially operate at 500 kV AC with 50% series compensation.

Figure I.1-1: Schematic Diagram of the New Humboldt 500 kV Substation with 500 kV line to Collinsville project



The ISO estimates that the proposed project will approximately cost \$1,913 - \$2,740 million including both the competitive solicitation and directly assigned components. The ISO recognizes there may be some uncertainty regarding routing and siting of the 500 kV AC transmission line during the siting and permitting process for this project. As such, the ISO will seek cost and risk mitigation strategies from project sponsors' in their bid applications in the competitive solicitation process along with potential alternatives and mitigation measures. The requested in-service date for the project is June 1st 2034.

Figure I.1-2 provides a schematic diagram of the new Humboldt 500/115 kV substation with the initial and the ultimate plan.

Figure I.1-2: Schematic Diagram of the Humboldt 500/115 kV Substation

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The location of the Humboldt 500/115 kV substation is expected to be within a boundary that is approximately 3 miles east of the existing Humboldt Bay 115 kV substation and approximately 2 miles away from the existing 115 kV line corridor.

Figure I.1-3 provides a high level diagram of line terminations and interconnection to the Collinsville 500/230 kV substations.

Figure I.1-3: Interconnection to Collinsville 500 kV Substations

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The facilities in the new Humboldt 500 kV Substation with 500 kV line to Collinsville project that are eligible for competitive solicitation are

- The new 500/115 kV Humboldt substation with the 500 kV and 115 kV bus-work and termination equipment at Humboldt 500 kV Substation
- The 500/115 kV transformer at Humboldt 500 kV Substation
- The new 260-mile 525 kV HVDC line from Humboldt 500 kV substation to Collinsville 500/230 kV Substation. The line will initially operate as 500 kV AC line.
- The 500 kV series capacitors and a line reactor located at Humboldt 500 kV substation

For the interconnection of the new Humboldt 500 kV Substation with 500 kV line to Collinsville, the incumbent PTO (LSPGC) will be responsible for installing the new transmission line segment from the Collinsville 500 kV bus up to a point within 100 feet of the Collinsville substation property line. These new line segments will terminate on a dead end structure(s), to be owned by LSPGC. The approved project sponsor will be responsible for (and will own and maintain) the facilities from this last dead end structure(s) back to the Humboldt 500 kV Substation.

The approved project sponsor, who will own the Humboldt 500 kV substation, will be responsible for owning, operating and maintaining the protection equipment located within the substation that is designated for the protection of the incoming transmission lines.

The approved project sponsor will coordinate with LSPGC regarding the specifications and the details of the associated line protection (e.g. current differential, directional comparison) etc. and will work with LSPGC to develop relay logic and detailed relay settings.

As the project includes building new transmission facility with voltage level over 200 kV, the approved project sponsor will be responsible for completing the WECC Progress Report and other processes required for this project.

# I.2.2 Functional Specification for new Humboldt 500 kV Substation with 500 kV line to Collinsville Project

Humboldt Substation:
Nominal Phase to Phase Voltage: 525/115 kV
500 kV and 115 kV Initial Bus Configuration: Breaker and a half (BAAH)
500 kV and 115 kV Ultimate Bus Configuration: BAAH
Initial Number of 500 kV Lines and transformers: 3
Ultimate Number of 500 kV Lines and transformers: TBD
Initial Number of 500 kV CBs: 3
Ultimate Number of 500 kV CBs: TBD
Initial Number of 115 kV Lines and transformers: 2
Ultimate Number of 115 kV Lines and transformers: TBD
Initial Number of 115 kV CBs: 2
Ultimate Number of 115 kV CBs: TBD
Initial Minimum 500 kV Continuous Bus Ampacity: <u>TBD</u> Ultimate Bus Ampacity: <u>TBD</u>
Initial Minimum 4 hour 500 kV Bus Ampacity:TBD Ultimate Bus Ampacity:TBD Initial Minimum Continuous 115 kV Bus Ampacity:TBD Ultimate Bus Ampacity:TBD
Initial Minimum 4 hour 115 kV Bus Ampacity: <u>TBD</u> Ultimate Bus Ampacity: <u>TBD</u>
Minimum 500 kV CB Continuous Ampacity:TBD Minimum CB Interrupting Capability:TBD
Minimum 500 kV CB 4 hour Ampacity: <u>TBD</u> Minimum CB Interrupting Capability:
Minimum 115 kV CB Continuous Ampacity:TBD Minimum CB Interrupting Capability:TBD
Minimum 230 kV CB 4 hour Ampacity:TBD Minimum CB Interrupting Capability:
Transfer Bus Required (SBSB only): N/A
Station Minimum BIL: 550 kV for 115 kV and 1800 kV for 500 kV
Initial Reactive Power Requirements: None

Ultimate Reactive Power Requirements: None

Telemetering Requirements: Install necessary equipment, including RTUs to monitor the typical bulk power elements such as MW, MVAr, and phase currents (Amps) at each line and also voltages (kV) at lines and buses and all circuit breaker (CB) status/control, protection relays statuses and alarms. The installed equipment must be capable of transmitting information to the appropriate Control Center.

Requested In Service Date: The requested in-service date is by June 1st 2034.

Low Profile Required: Subject to local permitting requirements

Gas Insulation Required: No, but if proposed shall be enclosed

Initial Number of Transformers: One 3-phase banks with an installed spare, single phase units are permissible with one single phase spare

Ultimate Number of Transformers: Two 3–phase banks with an installed spare, single phase units are permissible with one single phase spare

Transformer Nominal Low Winding Phase to Phase Voltage: 115 kV
Tertiary Winding Required:Yes Nominal Voltage Rating:12 kV
Primary Voltage Winding (wye, grounded wye, delta, etc): Grounded Wye
Secondary Voltage Winding: Grounded Wye; Tertiary Voltage Winding: Corner Grounded Delta
Maximum Transformer % IZ: <u>17%</u> Minimum Transformer %IZ: <u>13%</u>
Minimum Transformer Normal Rating: 300 MVA Minimum Transformer 4-hour Emergency Rating: 300 MVA LTC Required:Yes
No Load Taps Required: 5 NLTs with two 2.5% taps above & below nominal voltage of 115 kV
CIP 14 requirement: The substation perimeter shall be fenced by a wall
Location of Series Compensation and Line Reactors: The project sponsor shall specify the location of the series compensation. The line reactors will be installed within the terminating substations. The cost of the series compensation is within the scope of this project and will be the responsibility of the approved project sponsor.

### 525 kV HVDC Transmission Line Functional Specifications

Overhead Line Construction

Line Terminus 1: Humboldt Substation 500 kV Bus

Line Terminus 2: Collinsville Substation 500 kV Bus

DC Voltage at Humboldt end: ±525 kV DC

DC Power measured at Humboldt end: 3,000 MW

Functional Specifications for Initial 500 kV AC Operation

Overhead Line Construction

Nominal Phase to Phase Voltage: 525 kV

Minimum Line Continuous Ampacity - Summer: TBD Amps

Minimum Line Continuous Ampacity – Winter: TBD Amps

Minimum Line 4 Hour Emergency Ampacity – Summer: TBD Amps

Minimum Line 4 Hour Emergency Ampacity – Winter: TBD Amps

Minimum Line 30 Minute Emergency Ampacity: TBD Amps

Minimum Series Capacitor Continuous Ampacity - Summer: TBD Amps

Minimum Series Capacitor Continuous Ampacity – Winter: TBD Amps

Minimum Series Capacitor 4 Hour Continuous Ampacity - Summer: TBD Amps

Minimum Series Capacitor 4 Hour Continuous Ampacity – Winter: TBD Amps

Minimum Series Capacitor 30 Minute Emergency Ampacity: TBD Amps

Approximate Line Impedance including the series compensation: TBD + jTBD pu (100 MVA base), ±10%.

Approximate level of series compensation required: 50%

Approximate Line Length: 260 miles

Requested In Service Date: June 1, 2034

Support Structures: Single circuit structure

Shield Wire Required: Optical ground wire (minimum 6 pairs of fibers)

Failure Containment Loading Mitigation (anti-cascade structures, etc.): Per applicable codes

Shield Wire Ground Fault Withstand Ampacity: Coordinate with interconnecting entities

Aeolian Vibration Control (Conductor and Shield Wire): Vibration dampers must be installed on all conductors and overhead shield wires, with the exception of slack spans.

Transmission Line Minimum BIL: 1800 kV for 500 kV, with solidly grounded systems

Minimum ROW Width: Per applicable codes

Governing Design and Construction Standards: (GO 95, Known Local Conditions to be compliant with GO 95's High Fire-Threat District maps, facilities that traverse the HFTD will require a Wildfire Mitigation Plan under PUC code 8386, NESC Code, applicable municipal codes)

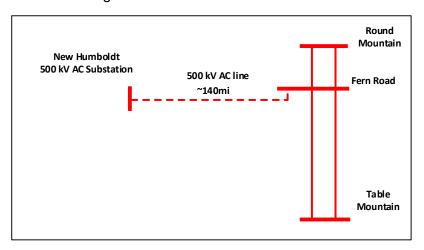
Design Temperature: 50°C

### I.2 Description and Functional Specifications of Proposed Policy-Driven New Humboldt to Fern Road 500 kV Line Project

### I.2.1 Description

In the 2023-2024 Transmission Plan, the ISO has identified a policy-driven need for the New Humboldt to Fern Road 500 kV Line project as part of the overall transmission plan to integrate the offshore wind resources in the north coast to the rest of the CAISO system. Figure I.2-1. provides a schematic diagram of the transmission system in the area. As shown in the figure, the project scope includes the new North of SONGS – Serrano 500 kV line, estimated at 30 miles.

Figure I.2-1: Schematic Diagram of the New Humboldt to Fern Road 500 kV Line Project



The ISO estimates that the proposed project will approximately cost \$980 - \$1,400 million including both the competitive solicitation and directly assigned components. The ISO recognizes there may be some uncertainty regarding routing and siting of the 500 kV AC transmission line during the siting and permitting process for this project. As such, the ISO will seek cost and risk mitigation strategies from project sponsors' in their bid applications in the competitive solicitation process along with potential alternatives and mitigation measures if significant undergrounding of the line is required. The requested in-service date for the project is June 1st 2034. Figure I.2-2 (below) provides a high level diagram of line terminations and interconnection to the Serrano 500/230 kV substation, and Figure I.1-2 (in the previous section above) provides a high level diagram of line terminations and interconnection to the new Humboldt substation.

Figure I.2-2: Interconnection to Fern Road 500 kV Substations

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The facilities in the New Humboldt to Fern Road 500 kV Line project that are eligible for competitive solicitation is the new 140-mile 500 kV line from New Humboldt 500 kV to Fern Road 500 kV Substation.

For the interconnection of the New Humboldt to Fern Road 500 kV Line, the incumbent PTO (LSPGC) will be responsible for installing the new transmission line segments from the Fern Road 500 kV bus up to a point within 100 feet of the Fern Road substation property line. These new line segments will terminate on a dead end structure(s), to be owned by LSPGC. The approved project sponsor will be responsible for (and will own and maintain) the facilities from this last dead end structure(s) back to the New Humboldt 500 kV Substation.

For the interconnection of the New Humboldt to Fern Road 500 kV Line to the New Humboldt 500 kV substation, the project sponsor for the New Humboldt 500 kV Substation with 500 kV line to Collinsville Project will be responsible for installing the new transmission line segments from the New Humboldt 500 kV bus up to a point within 100 feet of the New Humboldt substation property line. These new line segments will terminate on a dead end structure(s), to be owned by the project sponsor for New Humboldt 500 kV Substation with 500 kV line to Collinsville Project. The approved project sponsor will be responsible for (and will own and maintain) the facilities from this last dead end structure(s) back to the Fern Road Substation.

The approved project sponsor will coordinate with LSPGC and the project sponsor for the New Humboldt 500 kV Substation with 500 kV line to Collinsville Project regarding the specifications and the details of the associated line protection (e.g. current differential, directional comparison) etc. and will work with LSPGC and the project sponsor for the New Humboldt 500 kV Substation with 500 kV line to Collinsville Project to develop relay logic and detailed relay settings.

As the project includes building new transmission facility with voltage level over 200 kV, the approved project sponsor will be responsible for completing the WECC Progress Report and other processes required for this project.

## **I2.1** Functional Specification for New Humboldt – Fern Road 500 kV Line Project 500 kV Transmission Line Functional Specifications

Overhead Line Construction

Line Terminus 1: New Humboldt Substation 500 kV Bus

Line Terminus 2: Fern Road Substation 500 kV Bus

Nominal Phase to Phase Voltage: 525 kV

Minimum Line Continuous Ampacity - Summer: 3800 Amps

Minimum Line Continuous Ampacity – Winter: 3800 Amps

Minimum Line 4 Hour Emergency Ampacity – Summer: 4400 Amps

Minimum Line 4 Hour Emergency Ampacity – Winter: 4400 Amps

Minimum Line 30 Minute Emergency Ampacity: 5000 Amps

Approximate Line Impedance: TBD + jTBD pu (100 MVA base), ±10%.

Approximate level of series compensation required: 75%

Approximate Line Length: 140 miles

Requested Service Date: June 1st 2034.

Support Structures: Single circuit structure

Shield Wire Required: Optical ground wire (minimum 6 pairs of fibers)

Failure Containment Loading Mitigation (anti-cascade structures, etc.): Per applicable codes

Shield Wire Ground Fault Withstand Ampacity: Coordinate with interconnecting entities

Aeolian Vibration Control (Conductor and Shield Wire): Vibration dampers must be installed on all conductors and overhead shield wires, with the exception of slack spans.

Transmission Line Minimum BIL: 1800 kV with solidly grounded systems

Minimum ROW Width: Per applicable codes

Governing Design and Construction Standards: (GO 95, Known Local Conditions to be compliant with GO 95's High Fire-Threat District maps, facilities that traverse the HFTD will require a Wildfire Mitigation Plan under PUC code 8386, NESC Code, applicable municipal codes)

Design Temperature: 50°C