



# Interconnection Application Options and Process

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## **Topics**

- Interconnection Resource Team
- ISO Tariff and Business Practice Manuals (BPM)
- Application Options, Requirements, and Timelines
- Generator Downsizing Process
- Project Withdrawals
- Electronic Submission of Interconnection Requests (RIMS)





## Interconnection Overview

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## Interconnection Resources – We're here to support you!

- Interconnection Customer's point of contact throughout application and study process
- Facilitates communications between all parties
- Conducts project scoping and study results meetings
- Ensures documentation and project information is up to date in the Resource Interconnection Management System
- General questions, <a href="mailto:IRInfo@caiso.com">IRInfo@caiso.com</a>





#### California ISO Tariff

The California ISO operates under the terms and conditions of its FERC-approved tariff:

Section 25 addresses interconnection of generating units

In addition, appendices of the tariff address generator interconnection processes:

#### Appendix DD

 Generator Interconnection Deliverability Allocation Procedures (commonly known as the GIDAP).

#### Appendix EE

 Large Generator Interconnection Agreement for interconnection requests processed under Tariff Appendix DD.

#### Appendix FF

 Small Generator Interconnection Agreement for interconnection requests processed under Tariff Appendix DD.



#### California ISO Tariff-cont.

- The CAISO tariff may be modified, amended, or supplemented as needed, subject to the approval of FERC
- Each section or appendix of the CAISO tariff is maintained and updated separately in accordance with FERC orders
- The CAISO tariff governs in case of any inconsistency or ambiguity with, business practice manuals, operating procedures, or interconnection agreements



#### **Business Practice Manuals**

ISO Business Practice Manuals (BPMs) provide detailed guidelines, procedures, and examples.

#### Interconnection Resources Team References Three BPMs

- BPM for Generator Interconnection Deliverability Allocation Procedures (GIDAP)
  - Current, effective with Cluster 5 and forward
- BPM for Generator Interconnection Procedures (GIP)
  - Applicable only to existing Cluster 4 and earlier projects
- BPM for Distributed Generation for Deliverability (DGD)



## Interconnection Process Map

#### You are here

Transmission-level resource interconnection ISO interconnection ISO interconnection ISO interconnection (using ISO procedures) request study agreement ISO new resource Trial Sync COD date operations **implementation** ďate **Utility** interconnection Distribution-level Utility interconnection study **Utility** interconnection resource interconnection (using utility procedures) request agreement

In parallel (outside of ISO/utility procedures)

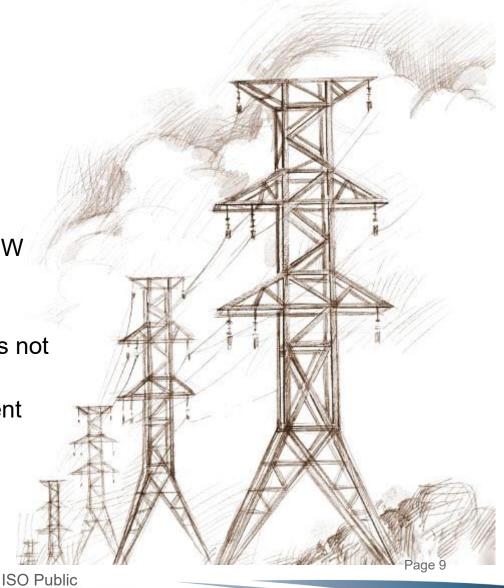
Permitting, engineering, procurement, construction



## **Application Options**

- Pre-Application
  - Small project; 20 MW or less
- Cluster study
  - Small project; 20 MW or less
  - Large project; more than 20 MW
- Independent Study Process
  - When the cluster process does not accommodate desired COD
  - Must be electrically independent
- Fast Track Process
  - 5 MW or less





### **Pre-Applications**

- Opportunity for Interconnection Customers with a proposed Small Generating Facility to receive a report of readily available data
- Requirements
  - \$300 Non-Refundable Fee
  - Pre-Application Request Form
- Report includes (as applicable):
  - Electrical configuration of the substation
  - Existing aggregate generation capacity for substation or circuit
  - Existing or known constraints for a proposed Point of Interconnection (POI)
  - Available capacity on substation or circuit likely to serve the proposed POI



## **Application Options Summary**



Study Process	Application Window	Site Exclusivity (SE)	Study Deposits
Cluster	April 1-15	Deposit or Documents <20 MW = \$100K >20 MW = \$250K	\$150k
Independent Study Process (ISP)  Anytime		SE Must be demonstrated	\$150k
Fast Track (FT)	Anytime	SE Must be demonstrated	\$500 processing fee



## Interconnection Timeline Summary

#### Cluster 14 – Two+ years

Cluster 14 Application	Scoping Meeting	Phase I Study	Phase I Meeting	1 <sup>st</sup> Posting	Phase II Study	Phase II Meeting	Transmission Plan Deliverability	2nd Posting
Apr 1-15, 2021	~June 2021	Jan 2022	Feb 2022	Apr 2022	Nov 2022	Dec 2022	Mar 2023	May 2023

#### Independent Study Process (ISP) – Eight months without deliverability

ISP Application	Electrical Independence	Scoping Meeting	Systems Impact and Facilities Study	Results Meeting	1 <sup>st</sup> Posting
Anytime	30 CD from ISP eligibility	Set date within 5 BD of Electrical Independence	<= 120 CD of Study Agreement	<= 20 BD of Study Results	<= 120 CD of Study Results

#### Fast Track (FT) – 10 weeks or more

FT Application	Initial Review (Screens)	Customer Options Meeting	Supplemental Review
Anytime	15 BD from FT Eligibility	10 BD from Determination of Upgrades / Additional Studies Needed	10 BD from Receipt of Review Deposit



#### Site Exclusivity

- Requirement for interconnection service
  - Initially, interconnection customers may provide a deposit
    - \$100k/small and \$250k/large
- For private land, Site Exclusivity is:
  - (a) Ownership of, a leasehold interest in, or a right to develop property upon which the Generating Facility will be located consisting of a minimum of 50% of the acreage reasonably necessary to accommodate the Generating Facility; or
  - (b) an option to purchase or acquire a leasehold interest in property upon which the Generating Facility will be located consisting of a minimum of 50% of the acreage reasonably necessary to accommodate the Generating Facility.
- For public land, please consult Appendix A of the CAISO tariff ("Site Exclusivity") and 5.1.3 of the BPM for GIDAP



#### Site Exclusivity-cont.

- Common problems with documentation:
  - The demonstration of Site Exclusivity, at a minimum, must be through the Commercial Operation Date
    - Most commonly an issue for leases or options to lease
  - The name of the interconnection customer and the name of the lease/option/grant holder do not match
    - Must provide an assignment agreement, certified organizational chart, or other documentation to demonstrate that the interconnection customer (as listed on the interconnection request) holds the property interest
  - The rights to the land must include the right to develop the proposed project.
    - Not just the right to occupy for the purposes of environmental or other assessments.



## **Project Naming Requirement**

#### **NERC COM-002 Requirement**

Stricter requirements for project name selection

- Duplicated or Unacceptable Project Names will:
  - Cause issues on the Operations Floor
  - Not be accepted into RIMS
  - Require changes after the IR submission
- Valid and acceptable project names will:
  - Provide clear and concise communications
  - Provide a smooth transition for each stage of the project

#### **Tools**

- Section 5.2 of GIDAP BPM, Selecting a Project Name
- Prohibited Project Name List (link)



#### Cluster Study, Application Process

- Application Window open April 1st April 15th
- Complete Interconnection Request Package
  - Submit IR more than 5 BDs early for opportunity to cure incomplete package
  - ISO has 5 BDs to deem IR Package Complete
    - Day-for-day extension for ISO delays
  - All IR Package elements must be received by April 15 Packages deemed incomplete WILL NOT be studied in Cluster 14
  - Funds preferred via Fed Wire; checks are accepted



#### Cluster Study, Application Process

#### Complete Interconnection Request Package must include:

- (i) An Interconnection Study Deposit of \$150,000
- (ii) A completed application in the form of Appendix 1, Word doc
  - a. Including Attachment A, Excel doc
  - b. Study agreement, authorized signatory, & state of incorporation for IC
- (iii) Demonstration of Site Exclusivity or posting of a SE Deposit
- (iv) A load flow model
- (v) A dynamic data file
- (vi) A reactive power capability document
- (vii) A site drawing
- (viii) A single-line diagram
- (ix) A flat run plot and a bump test plot from the positive sequence transient stability simulation application
- (x) A plot showing the requested MW at the Point of Interconnection from the positive sequence load flow application



#### Cluster Study, Application Process

- Validation & Deficiencies Cure of Interconnection Request (IR)
  - ISO has 10 business days to determine IR validity (initial review)
  - ISO has 5 BDs to communicate IR status (subsequent Reviews)
    - Day-for-day extension for ISO delays until May 31
  - ICs do not have response timeline requirements
- June 30<sup>th</sup> cut-off to cure all deficiencies
  - Plus any extensions due to ISO delay
  - Cure deficiencies in required timeframe to be included in cluster study
- Once all applications are validated:
  - Queue numbers assigned
  - Queue report is available in RIMS



## Questions?



## Cluster, Independent Study, and Fast Track Process Overview

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#### Cluster Study Process



- Interconnection Requests (IR) submitted April 1st – April 15th each year are studied together
- Study costs shared between projects assigned to same study group
- Two cost components:
  - Network Upgrade costs assigned to projects on pro rata basis, if shared
  - Interconnection Facilities costs are project specific, not shared



## Cluster - Customer Meetings & Studies

Cluster 14	Scoping	Phase I	Phase I	1 <sup>st</sup>	Phase II	Phase II	Transmission Plan Deliverability	2nd
Application	Meeting	Study	Meeting	Posting	Study	Meeting		Posting
Apr 2021	~June 2021	Jan 2022	Feb 2022	April 2022	Nov 2022	Dec 2022	Mar 2023	May 2023

#### Approximately 2 years for above timeline with deliverability

	Scoping Meeting	Phase I Study *	Phase I Results Meeting *	Phase II Study *	Phase II Results Meeting *
Purpose	In-Service / COD P.O.I. Transmission system	NU & IF Costs & Timeline Study Report	Study Results  Cost Responsibility for Upgrades	Updated NU & IF Costs & Timeline Study Report	Updated Study Results Cost Responsibility for upgrades
Timing	No later than June 30	Begins July 1 170 CD to Complete	Within 30 CD of Phase I Study Report	Begins May 1 205 CD to Complete	Within 30 CD of Phase II Study Report

<sup>\*</sup>Planned dates shown. Also applicable to ISP projects with deliverability studied with the cluster.



#### Cluster – IC Cost Responsibility

- Generally, IC's maximum set by lower of Phase I and Phase II Network Upgrades (NU) costs
- No maximum for Interconnection Facilities (IF) costs
- May be impacted by:
  - Appendix B allowed changes
    - Reduced MWs
    - Deliverability decisions
  - Reassessment study impacts
- Cost responsibility definitions will be covered in the second presentation that covers the study results

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#### Cluster - Modifications Between Phase I and II

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- Appendix B (to GISPA study agreement) due 10 business days after Phase I results meeting:
  - Confirms deliverability status & option A/B, project milestone dates, and other data provided in the IR
  - Identifies allowable modifications:
    - Decrease in MW output
    - Modify technical parameters of technology
    - Modify the interconnection configuration
    - Point of Interconnection (POI) Change



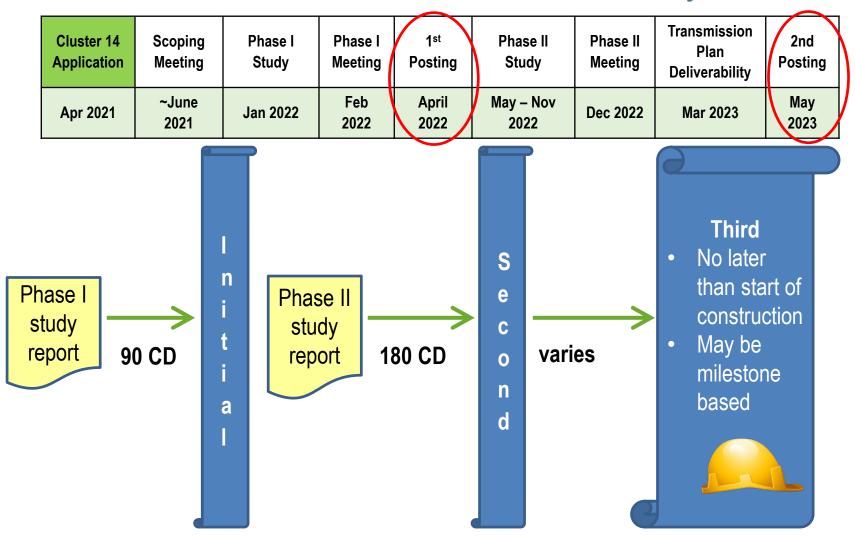
## Cluster - Interconnection Financial Security

- Posted to PTO as security for project costs
  - Network Upgrades
  - Interconnection Facilities
- Posting formulas
  - Initial 15% of upgrades with qualifiers
  - Second 30% of upgrades with qualifiers
  - Qualifiers include:
    - project size (initial posting only)
    - Minimums
    - Maximums





## Cluster - Interconnection Financial Security





### Independent Study Process Application

- Can submit an Interconnection Request anytime, however it is advantageous to submit the applications anytime between November and March
- Eligibility:
  - Demonstrate cluster process cannot accommodate desired Commercial Operation Date, and provide evidence of the following:
    - Financial resources
    - Permitting and regulatory approval
    - Purchase order for gen equipment
    - Point of Interconnection
    - · Reliability Network Upgrades
  - Site Exclusivity via documentation only
  - Electrical Independence





### Independent Study Process - Customer Meetings & Studies

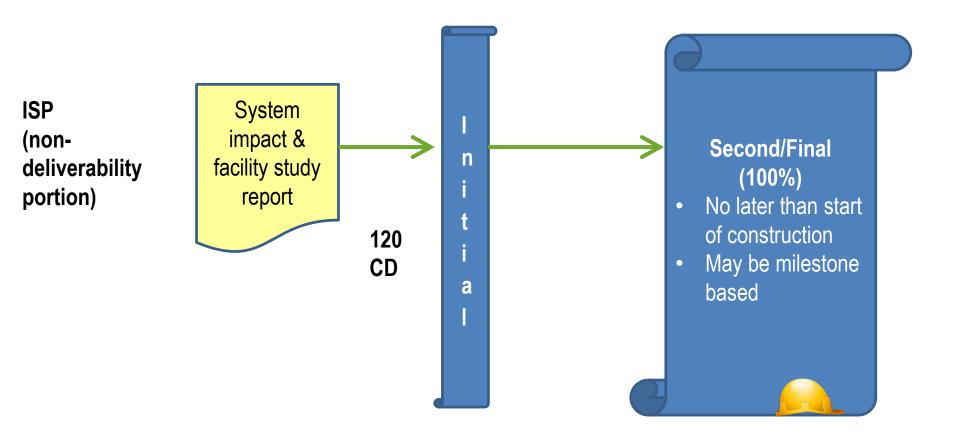
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Anytime	30 CD from ISP eligibility	30 CD of Electrical Independence	<= 120 CD of Study Agreement	<= 20 BD of Study Results	<= 120 CD of Study Results

#### Approximately 8 months for above timeline through Results Meeting

	Scoping Meeting	System Impact and Facilities Study	Results Meeting
Purpose	Facility Loadings  Instability, Short Circuit, Voltage, & Reliability Issues  Prior System Studies	Short Circuit, Stability, & Power Flow Analysis  IF & RNU Costs and Timeline  Study Report  Needed Studies	Study Results Cost Responsibility for Upgrades
Timing (Deliverability not included)	Scheduled within 5 BD of Notification of Electrical Independence	Completed within 120 CD after Execution of Study Agreement.	20 BD after System Impact and Facilities Study Report Provided to IC



#### Independent Study Process-Interconnection Financial Security



Deliverability Studies follow the Cluster Timeline



#### Independent Study Process- Interconnection Financial Security

- Posted to PTO as security for assigned project costs
- Network Upgrades and Interconnection Facilities costs
  - No ADNUs
  - Large (>20 MW) vs. small (<= 20 MW) formulas
- Cost Responsibility is established in the System Impact and Facilities study for Energy Only
- Deliverability portion is set forth in Phase I and Phase II study

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## Fast Track Study Process Application

- No larger than 5 MW with Energy Only status
- Submit Interconnection Request at any time
  - \$500 non-refundable processing fee
- Eligibility
  - Site Exclusivity via documentation only
  - Must pass all screens
- Customer Meetings, if required
  - Customer Options
  - Supplemental Review





## Fast Track Timelines and Meetings

FT Application	Initial Review (Screens)	Customer Options Meeting	Supplemental Review
Anytime	15 BD from FT Eligibility	10 BD from Determination of Upgrades/Additional Studies Needed	10 BD from Receipt of Review Deposit

Approximately 10 weeks or more for above timeline

	Customer Options Meeting (if needed)	Supplemental Review (if needed)
Purpose	If IR cannot be approved with minimal costs, or a supplemental study, or other additional studies	Determines whether the facility can continue to qualify for interconnection under the FT process
Timing	Scheduled within 10 BD of determination that IR cannot be approved without modifications at minimal cost.	IC will agree to a review within 15 BD of the offer.



## Fast Track-Cost Responsibility

- Financial Security is usually not required unless costs are identified in the supplemental review.
- Costs identified in the Customer Options Meeting or Supplemental Review.
  - Facility modifications
  - Modifications to the Participating TO's electric system



## Questions?



# Transmission Plan Deliverability Allocation and Other Study Processes

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#### Resource Adequacy & Deliverability

- Resource Adequacy (RA) is a CPUC program designed to:
  - Provide sufficient resources to the ISO to ensure safe and reliable operation of the grid in real time
  - Incentivize appropriate siting and construction of new resources to meet future reliability needs
- Deliverability is a resource attribute designated by ISO
  - Required for participation in the RA Program
  - Not to be confused with firm transmission service
  - Deliverability status does not guarantee that a project will avoid curtailment due to transmission congestion



# **Deliverability Statuses**

- Full Capacity Deliverability Status (FCDS)
  - Allows a resource to provide RA Capacity to meet a Load Serving Entity's RA requirement
  - Net Qualifying Capacity payments settled bilaterally
- Energy Only Deliverability Status
  - Not eligible to provide RA Capacity
- Partial Capacity Deliverability Status
  - Only a fraction of generating facility capacity is Deliverable

### Note:

- Operationally, no difference between Deliverability statuses
- The dispatch of energy is based on economics; not Deliverability Status



# TP Deliverability Allocation Process: Affidavits

Cluster 14 Application	Scoping Meeting	Phase I Study	Phase I Meeting	1 <sup>st</sup> Posting	Phase II Study	Phase II Meeting	Transmission Plan Deliverability	2nd Posting
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- Projects requesting FCDS must submit affidavit to be eligible for Deliverability allocation. Applies to:
  - Cluster, ISP, and PTO WDAT studied by ISO for Deliverability in current cluster
  - Parked projects
  - Energy Only projects seeking Deliverability from existing and approved transmission facilities
- Market Notice will specify due date (typically due early December)
- Projects must, at a minimum, select an allocation group and attest to current financing, permitting and land acquisition statuses
- Allocation groups will establish priority if insufficient Deliverability



# TP Deliverability Allocation Group Descriptions

Allocation Group	Deliverability Status	Status Deliverability)		
1	Current Cluster Phase 2 Study / Parked	(i) Executed or reg-approved PPA; OR (ii) LSE serving its own load	Yes	Allocated 1st
2	Current Cluster Phase 2 Study / Parked	<ul><li>(i) Shortlisted in a RFO/RFP; OR</li><li>(ii) Negotiating a PPA</li></ul>	Yes	Allocated 2 <sup>nd</sup>
3	Current Cluster Phase 2 Study	Proceeding without a PPA	Yes	Allocated 3 <sup>rd</sup>

- Group 1: Must provide copy of executed PPA
- Group 2: Confirmation of shortlisting and terms on RFO/RFP required; or Terms of PPA and counterparty confirmation required
- Group 3: Projects proceeding to construction even if unable to secure PPA
  - Must accept allocation or WITHDRAW
  - Project will be converted Energy-Only if unable to comply with strict rules designed to limit time in Queue



# TP Deliverability Allocation Group Descriptions

Allocation Group	Deliverability Status	Commercial Status	Can Build DNUs for Allocation?	Allocation Rank
4	<ul><li>(i) Converted to Energy-Only; OR</li><li>(ii) Energy-Only projects that achieved Commercial Operation Date</li></ul>	Executed or regulator-approved PPA requiring FCDS	No	Allocated 4 <sup>th</sup>
5	<ul><li>(i) Converted to Energy-Only; OR</li><li>(ii) Energy-Only projects that achieved Commercial Operation Date</li></ul>	Shortlisted in a RFO/RFP or Negotiating a PPA	No	Allocated 5 <sup>th</sup>
6	Converted to Energy-Only	Commercial Operation Date achieved	No	Allocated 6 <sup>th</sup>
7	Energy-Only	Commercial Operation Date achieved	No	Allocated 7 <sup>th</sup>

- Must submit a seeking TP Deliverability affidavit and \$60,000 study deposit as described in Market Notice



TP Deliverability Allocation Results

Cluster 14 Application	Scoping Meeting	Phase I Study	Phase I Meeting	1 <sup>st</sup> Posting	Phase II Study	Phase II Meeting	Transmission Plan Deliverability	2nd Posting
Apr 2021	~June 2021	Jul - Dec 2021	Jan 2022	Mar 2022	Nov 2022	Dec 2022	Mar 2023	May 2023

- Transmission Plan (TP) Deliverability allocation:
  - Determined from most recent Transmission Plan and eligible projects seeking Deliverability
  - Projects may be allocated 0% 100% of requested amount
  - Deliverability allocation results released to all eligible projects requesting FCDS in mid-March
  - Within seven calendar days of results notice, IC must confirm how to proceed via customer options form (accept allocation, decline, park, etc.)



# Distributed Generation (DG) Seeking Deliverability

- Annual Process
  - February July



- Must apply to Utility Distribution Company (UDC)
- Eligibility
  - Wholesale Distribution Access Tariff or CPUC Rule 21
- Business Practice Manual on Distributed Generation for Deliverability



# **Annual Downsizing Opportunity**

- Reduce existing project MW size for projects in the CAISO queue
  - Apply annually, Oct 15 Nov 15
  - Separate downsizing request application

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- \$60K study deposit
- Meet the eligibility requirements:
  - Project must be in good standing
- Included in the annual reassessment and downsizing results study



### Reassessments

- Annual downsizing and reassessment study report:
  - Shows the impacts of downsized projects, results of TP Deliverability, and withdrawals in the CAISO queue
  - Any active project that has complete the Phase II study and is impacted and/or submitted a request through the Annual Downsizing will receive this report
  - Issued around late July each year



# Questions?



# Withdrawals, Refunds, and Recovery

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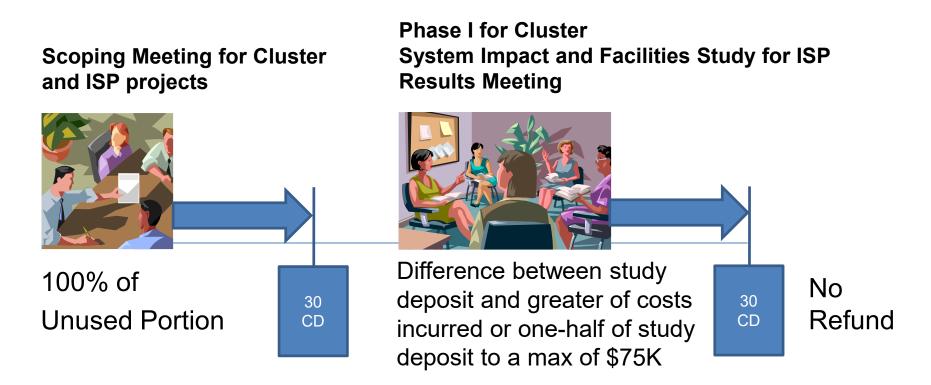
# Withdrawals, Refunds, and Recovery



ISO may withdraw an IR if the IC fails to adhere to certain requirements of the Tariff

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# Effects on study deposit





# Financial Security for Interconnection Facilities

 Release of entire posted amount, except any amounts necessary to pay for costs incurred or irrevocably committed.





Financial Security for **Network Upgrades** for Cluster and ISP projects

- On 2/19/19 FERC approved CAISO's proposed removal of all conditions for partial IFS recovery
- All projects qualify for recovery of 50% of IFS postings for NUs upon withdrawal
  - Less any irrevocably committed funds by PTO towards any NUs



# Initial Posting Second Posting Construction Second Posting Construction

Formula for non-refundable portion: Lesser of IFS (plus any other provided security plus any separately provided capital):

less all costs and expenses incurred or irrevocably committed,

### OR

minus the lesser of 50% of posted value **or** \$10K/MW (\$20K/MW after second posting)



Withdrawal between the initial posting and the deadline for the second posting for a cluster project

### **Example 1:**

Project size: 100 MW

Interconnection Financial Security (IFS) posted for Network Upgrades

(NUs): \$20M

50% of posted amount or \$10K/MW, whichever is less is calculated:

50% of \$20M = \$10M

 $10K \times 100 MW = 1M$ 

The lesser amount, \$1,000,000 is deducted from the posted security.

\$20M (deposit)

- 1M (\$10K/MW)

\$19M Recovered by IC



Withdrawal between the initial posting and the deadline for the second posting for a cluster project

### Example 2:

1,250 MW project

IFS posted for NUs: \$20M

50% of posted amount or \$10K/MW, whichever is less is calculated:

50% of \$20M = \$10M

 $10K \times 1,250 MW = 12.5M$ 

The lesser amount, \$10M is deducted from the posted security.

\$20M (deposit)

- 10M (50%)

\$10M Recovered by IC



Withdrawal between the second posting and the commencement of construction activities for a cluster project

### Example 1:

Project size: 100 MW

IFS posted for NUs: \$20M

50% of posted amount or \$20K/MW, whichever is less is calculated:

50% of \$20M = \$10M

 $20K \times 100 MW = 2M$ 

The lesser amount, \$2M is deducted from the posted security.

\$20M (deposit)

- 2M (\$20K/MW)

\$18M Recovered by IC



Withdrawal between the second posting and the commencement of construction activities for a cluster project

### Example 2:

Project size: 1,000 MW

IFS posted for NUs: \$20M

50% of posted amount or \$20K/MW, whichever is less is calculated:

50% of \$20M = \$10M

 $20K \times 1K MW = 20M$ 

The lesser amount, \$10M is deducted from the posted security.

\$20M (deposit)

- 10M (50%)

\$10M Recovered by IC



# Questions?



# RIMS App & Study Module

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- Resource Interconnection Management System (RIMS) is a secure web-based database application
- Electronic submission of Interconnection Requests accomplished via a user interface from the CAISO website
- RIMS5 User Guide is available on-line
- Access to RIMS is established by the CAISO's Access and Identity Management (AIM) system





App & Study

### https://rimspub.caiso.com



Global Dashboard

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### Resource Interconnection Management System

Tools

User Profile

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Project Details Form and associated documents. This only needs to be

2. Once a registration code is received, paste it into "Registration Code"

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Resource Interconnection Management System (RIMS) is the CAISO's system for tracking several different interconnection processes at the CAISO. A training presentation for RIMS is available here.

### Queue Viewing Instructions

Reporting

RIMS Notification Audit

- 1. Click on "Reporting" tab in top left corner of this screen
- Once you are on the report dashboard, use scroll bar on bottom to view information on the right side of the report screen
- Use Action Toolbar icons at top left of report dashboard to customize the view. Expand the following section to view the details.

### Action Toolbar

- 4. Export the report to Excel to further evaluate data
- 5. Link to more information: RIMS User Guide

### App & Study Module (Interconnection Request)

CAISO Queue Interconnection Requests are tracked in the App & Study Module. Click here for process guidance and forms. Please select the "Interconnection Request" request type at the left to submit this type of project.

### Annual Cluster Application Window April 1st - April 15th

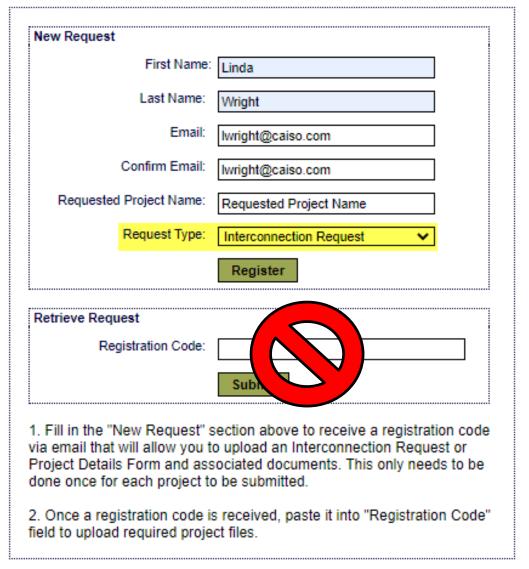
# Market Participation Asset Implementation Module (Project Details Form)

The MPAI module tracks requests going through CAISO's New Resource Implementation (NRI) process for modeling resources into CAISO markets and model (this process applies to all resources wishing to participate in CAISO markets, regardless of interconnection level. Click here for process guidance and forms. Please select the "NRI Project Details Form" request type at the left to submit this type of project.



done once for each project to be submitted.

field to upload required project files.







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CAISO Project Registration - Requested Project Name

### Action Items

Here are the details of your project registration

Project Name : Requested Project Name

Registration Code :21AS15509 TLMHX9 KF7CGH GUWJTG

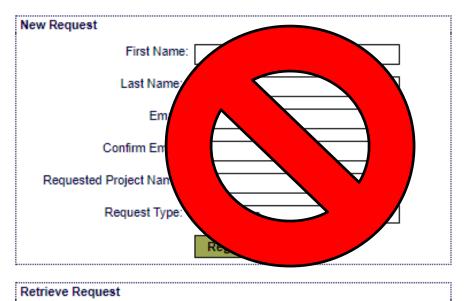
Please click on the link below to upload supporting documents:

https://rimspub.caiso.com/rims5

Please click on the link below to download Interconnection Request template. This is the only acceptable version, do not use past versions:

http://www.caiso.com/PublishedDocuments/GeneratingFacilityData-AttachmentAtoAppendix1.xlsm



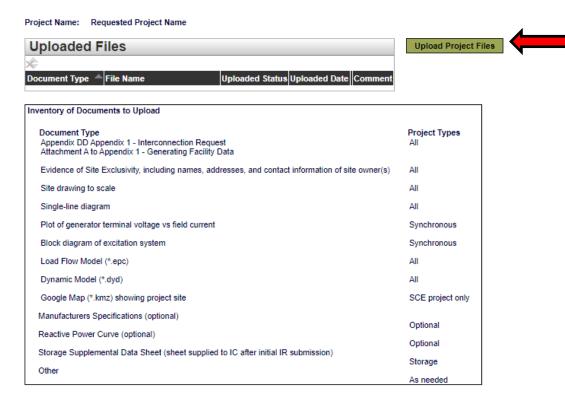




- Fill in the "New Request" section above to receive a registration code via email that will allow you to upload an Interconnection Request or Project Details Form and associated documents. This only needs to be done once for each project to be submitted.
- Once a registration code is received, paste it into "Registration Code" field to upload required project files.



### INTERCONNECTION REQUEST



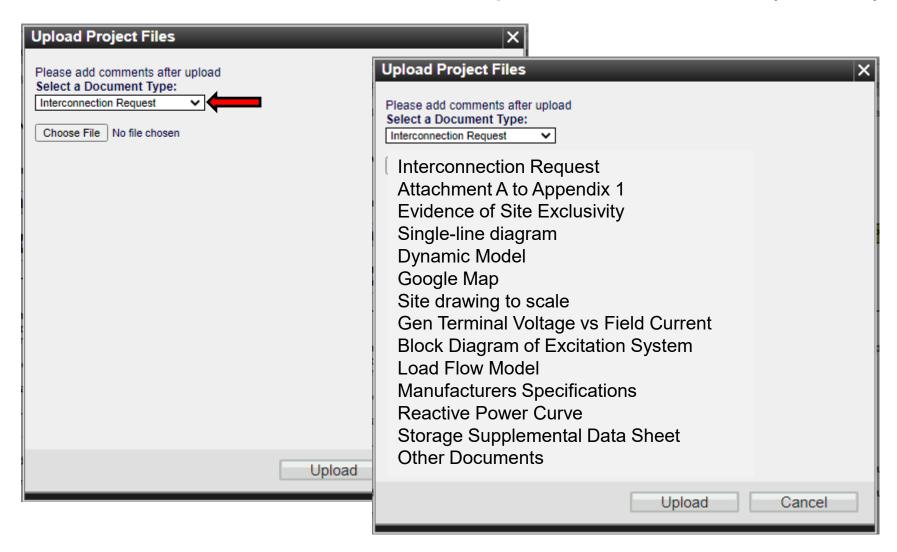
NOTE: The Interconnection Request form found on the Generation Interconnection webpage is the ONLY version that is compatible with the electronic submission process

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Submit Registration for Validation



By checking this box, you understand that electronic submission is not considered a complete and/or valid Interconnection Request until the CAISO provides acknowledgement within ten (10) Business Days of receipt that the Interconnection Request, which includes the timely receipt of study deposit funds, is deemed complete and/or valid pursuant to CAISO Tariff Appendix DD Section 3.5.2. In the event that the CAISO identifies any deficiencies in the interconnection request, you will have an opportunity to cure pursuant to Appendix DD Section 3.5.2.2.





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### INTERCONNECTION REQUEST

Project Name: Requested Project Name

Uploaded Files											
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Document Type		Uploaded Status	Uploaded Date		Comment						
Interconnection Request	Requested Project Name IR.docx	SUCCESS	02/22/2021	Delete	0 Comments						
Other Documents	GeneratingFacilityData-AttachmentAtoAppendix1-20210218.xlsm	SUCCESS	02/22/2021	Delete	0 Comments						

**Upload Project Files** 

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### OR

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Submit Registration for Validation



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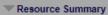
# **Accessing RIMS**

Once RIMS access is established via AIM, those provisioned access to a project will be able to:

- See screens that detail the project and its progress
- Access documents –
   THIS IS WHERE YOU WILL VIEW YOUR STUDY REPORTS
- Upload documents
- View IC, CAISO and PTO contact information



### **Cluster Project**



Project Name:	Cluster Project	Interconnection Request Info	
		Contact First Name:	RIMS
Queue Position:	1ABC	Contact Last Name:	Tester05
Queue Date:	31	Contact Title:	Director
Project Cost Code:	965875	Signature Date:	04/01/2021 31
Study Type:	Queue Cluster Process	Current Interconnection Custor	mer .
Cluster Number:	C09		Nexant Inc Merchant
PTO:	OTHER V	_	
110.	OTHER V	Company Type:	LLC
Affected PTO:	OTHER V	State Incorporated:	California
POI:	Fake Substation 230 kV	Parent Company:	
	Charle bout a seed BOI self-self-se	Interconnection Customer	Edu Community O TEST
	Check box to send POI notification	(Legal Entity):	Fake Company, LLC TEST
Voltage Level(kV):	230		//
Project Status:	ACTIVE 🗸	Project Location	
Project Status Date:	04/15/2021 31	Address: Address	
QM Project Standing:		City: City	County: County
Queue Managment Project Count		State: California	Zip Code: 11111
Requested Deliverability:	Energy Only	Latitude: 1234.22	Longitude: 1234.33
Current Approved Net MW:	100	1234.22	1234.33
	Check box to send capacity change notification	Comments	
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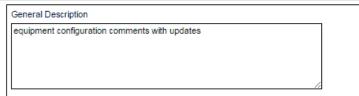


## **Available RIMS Screens**

- ▶ Equipment Configuration
- ▶ Deliverability and Transmission Implementation Details
- Project Details
- ▶ Block Implementation and Phasing
- Documents
- Project Contacts



### **▼** Equipment Configuration



### **NEW/EXISTING** Generation

New Generation Facility
 Existing Generation Facility

### Generation Type and Fuel Type

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Generator Type	Fuel Type	Net MW
Photovoltaic	Solar	79

### Other Generation and Fuel Type

outer contract and type
Other Generator Type A Other Fuel Type Net MW Comments

### **Project Megawatt**

Facility Gross	Facility Gross	Generating Facility Auxiliary Load (MW)	Electrical Output	to an Existing	Requested Net MW at POI (MW)
					79

### Automatic Control Scheme

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# Project Milestones ✓ X ✓ Y ✓ In Service Date Trial Operation Date COD Date Term of Service Send COD date change Notification IR 03/15/2021 04/15/2021 06/30/2021 20 CURRENT 10/01/2022 10/21/2022 12/31/2022 20

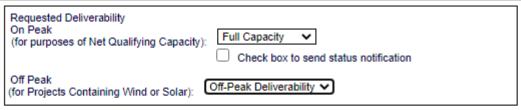
### Generation as Modeled and Implemented

Resource ID MW In-Service Date COD Fully Network Model DB Number



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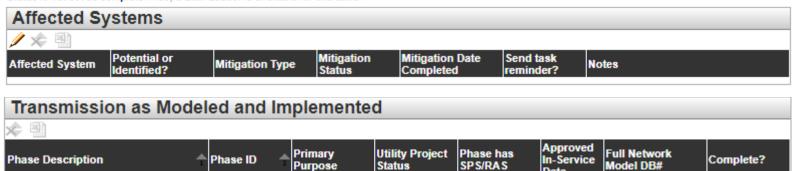
### **Deliverability and Transmission Implementation Details**



Annual Full Capacity Deliverability								
Received Date 📤	Study Cluster	Assigned MW	Allocation Date	Percentage (%)				
		60	08/15/2017	60				

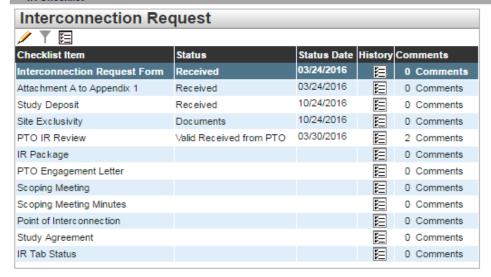
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Affidavit Type	Date Received 📤	Valid	Score	Comments	Allocation Detail (MW)	Accepted	Parked (MW)		Withdrawn (MW)
Allocation	10/01/2016	Y	17		50	20	20	5	5
Retention	10/01/2017	Υ	1 /	no change to allocation detail	50	20	20	5	5

Affected Systems Mitigations will appear on Weekly Digest Emails to responsible project contacts as listed in Notification Contacts table when the Current Approved Initial Synchronization Date (from the Project Milestone table) is less than 180 days away, and Affected Status Mitigation Status is not set as complete. Also, a Bulk Loader is available for this table.

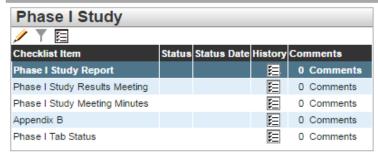


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### **▼IR Checklist**



### Phase I Checklist



- ▶ Phase II Checklist
- ▶ GIA Checklist
- Financial Security
- ▶ Study Costs



### **▼** Study Costs

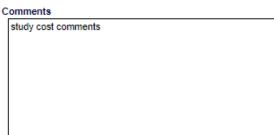
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Project Cost Code:
Project Name: Cluster Project
Study deposit:

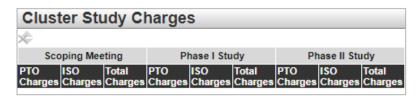
Invoiced by PTO: Accrued by ISO: Total: Study Refund to IC: Invoice to IC: Payment from IC:

To Date Cost

Project Status: ACTIVE

Amounts Invoiced as of 02/22/2021





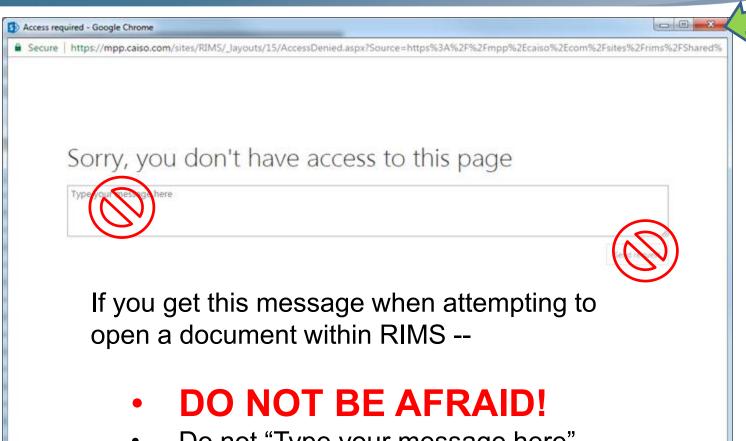
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**Upload Project Files** 



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#### Project Contacts

The Project Manager for your project is:



Please contact the Project Manager first for project inquiries and activities.

CAISO Contacts						
Name	Contact Type	Role	Email	Phone		
Haitao Xu	ISO Engineer	ISO Admin	hxu@caiso.com	(916) 802-0875		
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Raeann Quadro	ISO Queue Management	ISO Admin	rquadro@caiso.com	(916) 749-8392		

External Contacts (from AIM)				
Name	Contact Type Role Email Phone Address 1 Address 2 City State Zip Code			

Notification Contacts										
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First Name	Last Name	Contact Type	Role	Email	Phone	Address 1	Address 2	City	State	Zip Code
John	Smith	IC Primary	notification	jsmith@abc.test	123-4567				Arizona	
Susie	Queue	PTO Engineer	notific ation	susie@email.test					None	



# Planning to submit an Interconnection Request in Cluster 14?

### Submit IR early

- Establish your RIMS IR registration and access for your team
- RIMS could reject your IR form for incomplete or invalid information

PRO TIP: DO NOT CUT AND PASTE INFORAMTION!

- Remember to upload documents one at a time and wait for SUCCESS status before continuing with another document
- Apply early -- allows time to resolve IR data deficiencies
- Cluster 14 application window is April 1-15, 2021



#### Resources

Affidavit for Cluster 5 and Later Queue Clusters seeking Transmission Planning Deliverability <a href="http://www.caiso.com/Documents/AffidavitTemplate-Cluster5-LaterQueueClustersSeekingTPDeliverability.doc">http://www.caiso.com/Documents/AffidavitTemplate-Cluster5-LaterQueueClustersSeekingTPDeliverability.doc</a>

#### Appendix B to Generator Interconnection Study Process Agreement

http://www.caiso.com/Documents/AppendixB-GeneratorInterconnectionStudyProcessAgreement.doc

#### **Business Practice Manuals (BPM)**

- Generator Interconnection and Deliverability Allocation Procedures (GIDAP)
   <a href="http://bpmcm.caiso.com/Pages/BPMDetails.aspx?BPM=Generator%20Interconnection%20and%20Deliverability%20Allocation%20Procedures">http://bpmcm.caiso.com/Pages/BPMDetails.aspx?BPM=Generator%20Interconnection%20and%20Deliverability%20Allocation%20Procedures</a>
- Generator Management

http://bpmcm.caiso.com/Pages/BPMDetails.aspx?BPM=Generator Management

#### **Deliverability Allocation Customer Options Form**

http://www.caiso.com/Documents/DeliverabilityAllocationCustomerOptionsForm.doc

#### **Energy Storage Roadmap**

http://www.caiso.com/informed/Pages/StakeholderProcesses/EnergyStorageInterconnection.aspx



### Resources

Generator Interconnection and Deliverability Allocation Procedures Cluster Process Summary

http://www.caiso.com/Documents/GeneratorInterconnection-DeliverabilityAllocationProceduresClusterProcessSummary.pdf

#### **GIDAP Customer Guidelines**

http://www.caiso.com/Documents/GIDAPCustomerGuidelines.xls

#### Generator Interconnection Webpage

http://www.caiso.com/planning/Pages/GeneratorInterconnection/Default.aspx

Interconnection Request and Generating Facility Data (Tariff Appendix DD Appendix 1 – IR, and Attachment A to Appendix 1 – Technical Data)

http://www.caiso.com/Documents/GIDAPAppendix1-AttachmentA-Appendix1-InterconnectionRequest-GeneratingFacilityData.doc

#### ISO Generator Interconnection Queue

http://www.caiso.com/Documents/ISOGeneratorInterconnectionQueueExcel.xls

#### Participating Transmission Owner financial security instruments

http://www.caiso.com/planning/Pages/GeneratorInterconnection/GeneratorInterconnectionApplicationProcess/Default.aspx



#### Resources

#### Participating Transmission Owner per unit costs

http://www.caiso.com/planning/Pages/GeneratorInterconnection/GeneratorInterconnectionApplicationProcess/Default.aspx

#### Resource Interconnection Fair Webpage

http://www.caiso.com/informed/Pages/MeetingsEvents/PublicForums/Default.aspx

#### Sample IR/Tech Data

http://www.caiso.com/Documents/SampleInterconnectionRequest-TechnicalData-Solar-Wind.pdf http://www.caiso.com/Documents/SampleInterconnectionRequest-TechnicalData-Thermal.pdf

#### Tariff Section 25

http://www.caiso.com/Documents/Section25 Interconnection-GeneratingUnits-Facilities Dec3 2013.pdf

#### Tariff Appendix DD (GIDAP)

http://www.caiso.com/Documents/AppendixDD\_GeneratorInterconnection-DeliverabiltyAllocationProcess Dec3 2013.pdf

#### Technical Bulletin: Reassessment Process Reallocation of Cost Shares for Network Upgrades and Posting

http://www.caiso.com/Documents/TechnicalBulletin\_GIDAP-ReassessmentProcessReallocation-CostShares-NetworkUpgrades-Posting.pdf



# Questions? IRInfo@caiso.com







# IR Application Generator Facility Data Form Overview

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March 3, 2021

# Objective – IR Application Generator Facility Data Form Overview

- Understand how to fill out the required documents for each Interconnection Application
  - Appendix 1, Interconnection Request (Word)
  - Attachment A to Appendix 1, Generator Facility Data (Excel)
- Have all documents completed and validated in time for the studies



# Interconnection Process Map

#### You are here



ISO interconnection request

ISO interconnection study

ISO interconnection agreement

ISO new resource implementation

Sync date

Trial operations

COD

Distribution-level resource interconnection (using utility procedures)

(outside of ISO/utility procedures)

In parallel

Utility interconnection request

Utility interconnection study

Utility interconnection agreement

Permitting, engineering, procurement, construction



# Appendix 1 and Attachment A Instructions tab



#### Appendix 1 Interconnection Reques INTERCONNECTION REQUEST

NO HARD COPY REQUIRED FOR INTERCONNECTION REQUESTS SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY VIA  ${
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Provide one hard copy of this completed form pursuant to Section 7 of this Appendix 1 below for nonelectronic submissions.

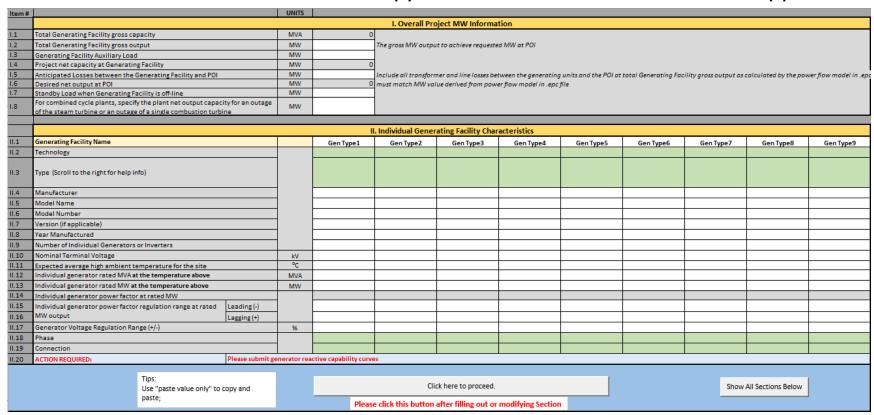
- Attachment A Instructions tab must match Appendix 1
- Guidelines and directions provided in Instructions tab

1.	The undersigned Interconnection Customer submi	to this are an all to be a second to the contract of the contr				
1.	Facility with the CAISO Controlled Grid pursuant to		CAISO Public Document			
Queue Cluster	Queue Cluster Process.	California ISO	Version:14.2			
	Deliverability from Non-Participating TOs pursi	California ioC	Last Updated: Feb 23, 2021			
2.	This Interconnection Request is for (check only o					
	A proposed new Generating Facility.		to the state of th			
L An i	Generating Facility.	Project Information Completed by Interconnection Customer (Must match Appendix 1)				
	Scheruling Fucility.	Project Name				
3.	Requested Deliverability Statuses are:	Q# (if assigned)				
	On-Peak (for purposes of Net Qualifying Capacity	Interconnection Customer Name				
	Full Capacity Partial Deliverability for % of electrical c	Interconnection Customer Contact				
	Energy Only	Requested Point of Interconnection (POI)				
	Off-Peak: (for Projects Containing Wind or Solar	NRI Project Number (if assigned)				
	○ Off-Peak Deliverability     □ Economic Only	Resource ID (if assigned)				
	Economic Only	Please read the instructions below!				
		Table of Contents	Descriptions			
		Instructions	Project Specific Information (above) & Guidelines for this document			
		I. Project Configuration	Project Data Input			
		I-a. Short Circuit Data Table	Short Circuit Data Input for Inverters			
		II. Technical Validation	Validation Calcs based on Project Data input on Tab I.			
		III. Power Flow Model	Power Flow Model Tool			
		IV. Dynamic Model	Dynamic Model Data Tool			
		V. IR Validation & Comments	IR Review and Validation questions and verifications			



# Attachment A Project Configuration tab

- Project data and information
- Fill in Section I, II and all other applicable sections consistent with Appendix 1





# Attachment A Project Configuration tab – New Data Item

	Power Plant Controller						
VII.18	Is there a Power Plant Controller (PPC)?		If yes, please answer the followings VII.19 to VII.31				
VII.19	PPC manufacturer						
	PPC VOLTAGE/VAR CONTROL						
VII.20	Plant level voltage/Var control mode under continuous normal conditions		If other, please expl				
VII.21	Plant level voltage/Var control mode under abnormal voltage conditions		If other, please expl				
VII.22	Does the PPC freeze voltage/Var control at low voltage?						
VII.23	If yes above, enter the voltage at which PPC freezes	p.u.					
VII.24	Does the PPC implement voltage droop control?						
VII.25	If yes above, enter the voltage droop	96					
VII.26	Provide a general description of the control coordination among generators/inverters, reactive devices and transformer tap changers.						
	PPC FREQUENCY/MW CONTROL						
VII.27	Does the PPC controls overall primary frequency response capability		If yes, please answer the next question				
VII.28	If yes above, will the PPC maintain headroom for upward frequency response (increasing output for low frequency)?						
VII.29	Describe how the MW at Point of Interconnection is controlled.						
VII.30	MW upward ramp rate limit (enter a positive number)	MW/min					
VII.31	MW downward ramp rate limit (enter a negative number)	MW/min					



### Attachment A Short Circuit Data Table tab

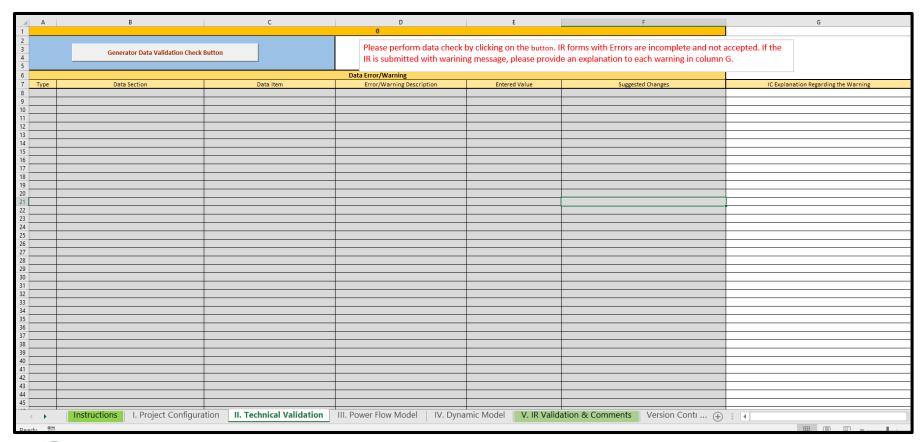
 Short circuit data for inverter based generators

Generating Fac	ility Name	Gen Type1			
Positive Sequence Voltage (pu)	Positive Sequence Current (pu)	Negative Sequence Current (pu)	Positive Sequence Power Factor Angle (deg)	Negative Sequence Power Factor Angle (deg)	
		1 Cycle Time F	rame		
0.9					
0.8					
0.7					
0.6					
0.5					
0.4					
0.3					
0.2					
0.1					
		3 Cycle Time F	rame		
0.9					
0.8					
0.7					
0.6					
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0.1					
	5 Cycle Time Frame				
0.9					
0.8					



### Attachment A Technical Validation tab

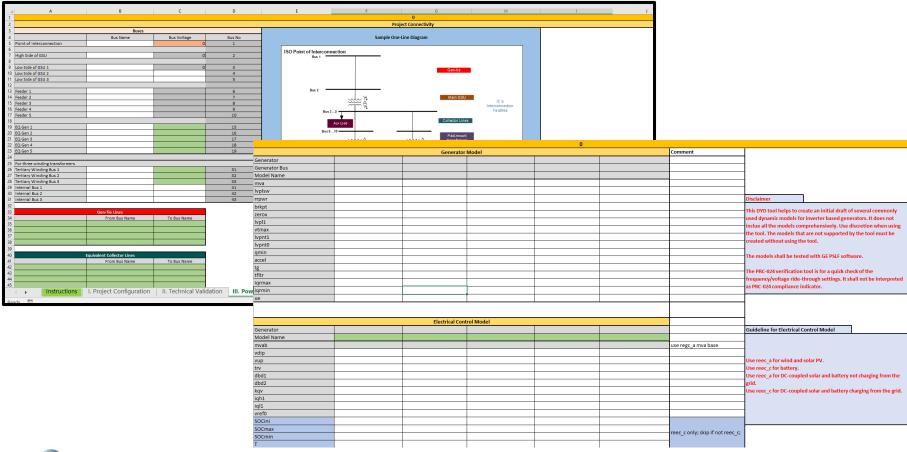
- Provides feedback on errors or missing data on Project Configuration tab
- All errors must be corrected before submitting form
- All warning messages must provide an explanation





# Attachment A Power Flow and Dynamic Model tabs

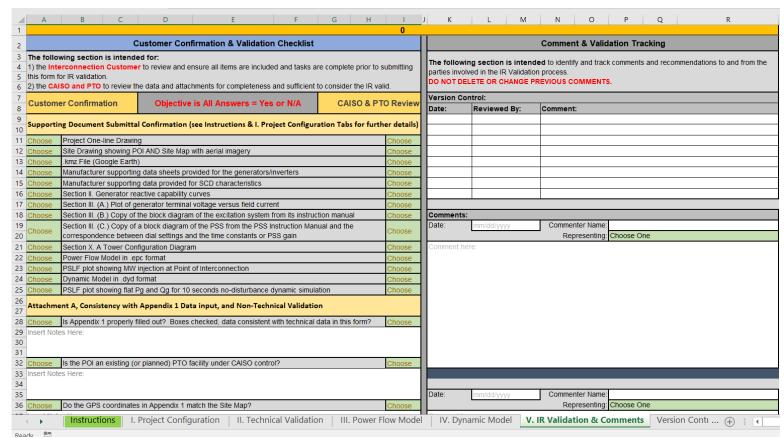
- Powerflow and dynamic data input and output
- Tools to help create \*.epc and \*.dyd files (use of tool is optional)
- May not fit all project configurations and must be tested before submission



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### Attachment A IR Validation & Comments tab

- Interconnection Customer to confirm prior to IR submission make a selection in all question boxes in Column A
- ISO & PTO to confirm during IR validation process





# Dynamic Models for Inverter-Based Interconnection Requests

- Usability requirement: no errors, initialize properly, flat run
- Modeling requirement: equivalencing and scaling, proper models
- Performance requirement: primary frequency response, automatic voltage regulation, fault ride-through

http://www.caiso.com/Documents/InverterBasedInterconnectionRequestsIBRDynamicModelReviewGuideline.pdf



# Technical Requirements for Asynchronous Generating Facilities



# Power Factor Requirement

- Maintain a composite power delivery at continuous rated power output
- Dynamic reactive power within the range of 0.95 leading to 0.95 lagging at the high-side of the generator substation
  - Utilize combination of the inherent dynamic reactive power capability of the inverter, dynamic reactive power devices (e.g., Static VAR Compensators), and static reactive power devices (e.g., capacitors) to make up for losses.

http://www.caiso.com/Documents/EvaluateGeneratorReactiveCapability-WhitePaper.pdf



# Primary Frequency Response

 Provide active power primary frequency response capability with a 5% droop for both under and overfrequency conditions, and a maximum deadband of ±36mHz.



# Voltage Ride-through Capability

- 1. Remain online for voltage disturbance
- 2. Momentary cessation is prohibited unless when the transient high voltage ≥ 1.2 pu
- 3. For transient low voltage conditions, inject reactive current proportional to terminal voltage reduction and reaches full reactive current at voltage of 0.5 pu
- 4. For transient high voltage between 1.0 pu and 1.2 pu, absorb reactive current
- 5. Automatically transition to normal current injection upon voltage recovery to 0.9 pu ~ 1.1 pu and ramp up active current at a minimum ramp rate of 100% per second



# Voltage Ride-through Capability

- 6. Inverters may not trip or cease current injection for momentary loss of the phase lock loop
- 7. Following an inverter trip, make at lease one attempt to resynchronize with 2.5 min unless tripped due to a fatal fault code
- 8. Coordinate inverter controls with plant level controller



# Diagnostic Equipment Requirements for Inverterbased Generation

### For plants with net export > 20 MW

- 1. Plant level data: monitor plant voltage, current and power factor, and any plant protective relay trips.
- 2. Inverter level data: record ride through events and phase lock loop status
- 3. Time synchronization of data (1 mSec)
- 4. Data retention: retain data for 30 calendar days
- 5. Data reporting: provide data within 10 calendar days
- 6. Install a PMU or equivalent (minimum 30 samples per sec). Real time telemetry is not required.



# Questions?



# Studies & Study Results



# Objective – Studies, Study Results

- Understand the study processes and study results
- Understand generation deliverability
- Understand different types of network upgrades
- Understand cost allocation and cost responsibilities
- Understand requirements for posting financial security



# Interconnection Process Map

#### You are here

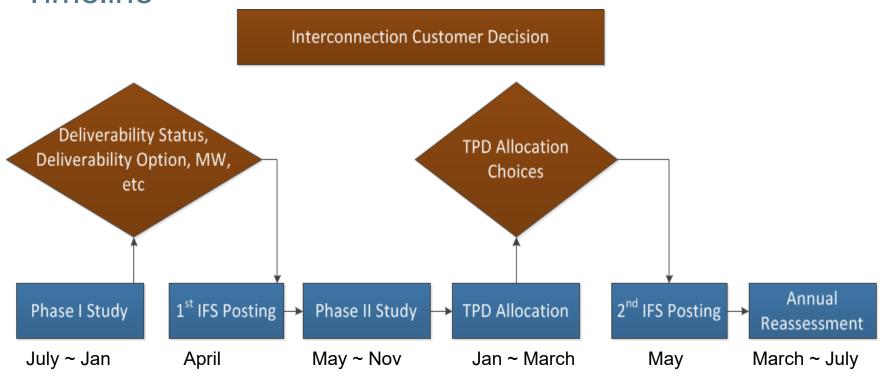
Transmission-level resource interconnection ISO interconnection ISO interconnection ISO interconnection (using ISO procedures) request study agreement ISO new resource Trial Sync COD date operations **implementation** ďate **Utility** interconnection Distribution-level Utility interconnection study **Utility** interconnection resource interconnection (using utility procedures) request agreement

In parallel (outside of ISO/utility procedures)

Permitting, engineering, procurement, construction



# Generation Interconnection Study Process-General Timeline



#### Study Process

Acronyms:

IFS - Interconnection Financial Security TPD - Transmission Plan Deliverability



# Scope of Interconnection Studies

- Deliverability Assessment
  - On-Peak Deliverability Assessment
  - Off-Peak Deliverability Assessment
- Reliability Assessment
  - Power Flow Contingency Analysis
  - Post-Transient Stability Analysis
  - Transient Stability Analysis
  - Energy Storage Charging Analysis
  - Short Circuit Analysis



# **Deliverability Assessment**

	On-Peak	Off-Peak
Purpose	Ensure system reliability, i.e. generation capacity is not constrained by the transmission capability when needed for reliability; for Resource Adequacy purpose	Address renewable curtailment due to local transmission constraints
Resources under Test	FCDS/PCDS	Wind and Solar
Load Condition	Summer peak sale and peak consumption	55% ~ 60% of summer peak sale; corresponding to load levels in many hours in all seasons
Non-intermittent Resources	QC	Historical minimum
Intermittent Resources	Low to medium output per methodology	Medium to high output per methodology



# **Deliverability Statuses**

- On-Peak: for Resource Adequacy (RA)
  - Full Capacity Deliverability Status (FCDS), Partial Capacity Deliverability Status (PCDS) or Energy-Only (EO)
  - FCDS and PCDS resources can count for Resource Adequacy; EO can't
- Off-Peak: Reduces curtailment risk; not required for RA
  - Off-Peak Deliverability Status (OPDS) or Off-Peak Energy Only (OPEO)
  - OPDS interconnection requests fund local off-peak network upgrades;
     OPEO can't.



# On-Peak Deliverability Assessment

- Ensure generation capacity is not constrained by the transmission when needed for system reliability
- Two study scenarios that align the generation outputs with the load conditions when the system capacity needs are the highest
- Two types of constraints and associated upgrades are identified
  - Local Delivery Network Upgrades for local constraints
  - Area Delivery Network Upgrades for area constraints



# Area Constraints and Transmission Plan Deliverability (TPD)

- For each area constraint, a Transmission Plan Deliverability (TPD) is calculated
  - Renewable portfolios are developed by the CPUC and then utilized in the ISO Transmission Planning Process (TPP)
  - ISO TPP approves new transmission upgrades to meet reliability, economic planning and policy needs
  - The transmission system with the TPP approved transmission upgrades provides capability to support a certain level of generation deliverability behind each area constraint, which is called Transmission Plan Deliverability (TPD)



# Deliverability Option Associated with FCDS/PCDS

- Option (A)
  - The interconnection request requires Transmission
     Plan Deliverability to move forward
- Option (B)
  - The interconnection customer is willing to fund ADNUs if they fail to receive a TPD allocation



# Questions?



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**Study Process** 

#### Phase I and Phase II Studies



#### Phase I and Phase II Studies – Model Development

# study Assumption

**Current Cluster** Generation Projects **Prior Generation** Projects and Network Upgrades **Approved** Transmission Upgrades Existing System and Load Forecast

Your project is here!

- Cluster projects in ISO Queue
- Cluster projects in WDAT Queue
- ISP projects requesting deliverability in ISO Queue
- ISP projects requesting deliverability in WDAT Queue

Acronyms:

WDAT – Wholesale Distribution Access Tariff ISP – Independent Study Process Page 111



#### Phase I and Phase II Studies

Studies are performed based on applicable ISO Tariff and in coordination with the applicable PTOs

- Deliverability Assessment
  - Generating Mode
    - On Peak
    - Off-Peak
- Reliability Assessment
  - Generating Mode (Simultaneous maximum generation)
    - On Peak
    - Off-Peak
  - Charging Mode (Simultaneous max charging)
    - Peak or Shoulder Peak
    - Off-Peak



#### Additional Phase II Operational Study

Current Cluster date-based transmission assessment is performed.

- Year by year peak deliverability assessments
- Year by year reliability assessments
- One study model per study year
- Transmission upgrades are modeled according to their in-service dates
- Generation projects are modeled according to their commercial operation dates



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### Phase I and Phase II Studies – what to expect out of the studies

- Facilities required to interconnect the project
  - Some are PTO's Interconnection Facilities (IF)
  - Some are Interconnection Reliability Network Upgrades (IRNU)
- Upgrades to mitigate adverse impacts and deliver power to the grid
  - General Reliability Network Upgrades (GRNU)
  - Local Delivery Network Upgrades (LDNU)
  - Area Delivery Network Upgrades (ADNU)
  - Local Off Peak Delivery Network Upgrades (LOPNU)
  - Area Off Peak Delivery Network Upgrades (AOPNU)

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# Phase I and Phase II Studies – what to expect out of the studies (Cont'd)

- Estimated costs and construction time for IFs and NUs
- Potential Affected System impacts and coordination



#### Purposes of Network Upgrades

IRNU	Achieve physical interconnection to the grid e.g. equipping a bus position at the POI substation to terminate the gen-tie
GRNU	Mitigate reliability impacts e.g. circuit breaker upgrades, RAS
LDNU	Mitigate local deliverability constraints to be able to count for Resource Adequacy e.g. line reconductoring needed for a few generators in a small localized area
ADNU	Increase generation deliverability behind an area constraint e.g. a major upgrade to provide incremental deliverability for generators spread in a wide area
LOPNU	Mitigate local transmission constraints due to high wind and solar output
AOPNU	Relieve area transmission constraints due to high wind and solar output (information only)



#### Applicability of Network Upgrades

IRNU	All interconnection requests	
GRNU	All interconnection requests	
LDNU	FCDS/PCDS interconnection requests	
ADNU	Option B FCDS/PCDS interconnection requests	
LOPNU	OPDS interconnection requests that contain wind or solar	
AOPNU	For information only	



#### Affected Systems

- The ISO does not comprehensively study the impacts on Affected Systems
- The Interconnection Customer shall:
  - cooperate with the ISO in all matters related to the Affected System studies,
  - enter into a study agreement with the Identified Affected System Operator to evaluate potential impacts on the Identified Affected System, and
  - pay for necessary studies and any upgrades necessary to mitigate the impacts of the interconnection on the Identified Affected Systems



# Questions?



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**Study Process** 

#### **Annual Reassessment**



#### **TPD Allocation**

- All projects must meet the criteria for one of the seven allocation groups (eligible) to receive TPD allocation
- In an electrical area without binding area constraints, all eligible projects receive TPD allocation
- In an electrical area with binding area constraints
  - TPD is first reserved for prior commitments;
  - TPD is then allocated to current generation projects in the electrical area based on the grouping and ranking scores reflecting the project development status in the submitted affidavits
- Option (A) and Option (B) projects get the same treatment in the TPD allocation study

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#### TPD Allocation (Cont.)

- If a project does not receive full allocation for its requested deliverability status
  - Option (A) projects may park the entire or a portion of the project and get a second chance of TPD allocation, and a third chance of TPD allocation if TPD is still available and not assigned NUs needed by other projects in the same or later clusters
  - Both Option (A) and Option (B) projects may change the project size or deliverability status to match the allocation



#### Reassessment

- The Network Upgrade requirements could change after the Phase II study due to:
  - Generation project withdrawals
  - Generation project downsizing
  - Generation project modifications allowed by the tariff
  - System condition changes, such as newly approved transmission upgrades, resource retirement, etc.
- The reassessment is completed to update the Network Upgrade requirements and cost responsibility following TPD allocation



# Questions?



For Cluster 10 and prior

# Cost Responsibility and Max Cost Responsibility



#### Cost Re-allocation in the Annual Reassessment

- NU cost re-allocation (CR)
  - If an NU is no longer needed for all projects in the reassessment, the cost is removed
  - If an NU or its alternative is needed, the cost is allocated to the remaining projects in the original responsible group pro rata on the Phase II cost allocation factors
- Maximum (RNU + LDNU) cost responsibility (MCR)
  - Original MCR: lower between Phase I and Phase II
  - Current MCR: maximum RNU and LDNU cost responsibility effective until the reassessment is issued
  - Updated MCR: maximum RNU and LDNU cost responsibility updated in the reassessment and effective once the reassessment is issued



#### Final Costs in the Annual Reassessment

- Updated maximum (RNU+LDNU) cost responsibility
  - If (CR) is at least 20% lower and at least \$1M lower than the current MCR,
    - updated MCR = min{current MCR, sum of 100% costs of all remaining (RNU + LDNU)}
  - If {(CR) > current MCR} and {current MCR < original MCR},</li>
    - updated MCR = min{(CR), original MCR}
  - Otherwise, updated MCR = current MCR
- Current cost responsibility (CCR) = min {(CR), (Updated MCR)}



For Cluster 11 and beyond

# Cost Responsibility, Max Cost Responsibility and Max Cost Exposure



#### **Network Upgrade Groups**

#### Assigned Network Upgrade (ANU)

RNUs, LDNUs and LOPNUs for which the Interconnection Customer has a direct cost responsibility.

#### Conditionally Assigned Network Upgrade (CANU)

RNUs, LDNUs and LOPNUs whose cost responsibility is assigned to an earlier Interconnection Customer, but which may fall to the then current Interconnection Customer.

#### Precursor Network Upgrade (PNU)

Network Upgrades required for an Interconnection Customer that consist of (1) Network Upgrades whose cost responsibility is assigned to an earlier Interconnection Customer that has executed its GIA; and (2) Network Upgrades in the approved CAISO Transmission Plan.



#### Cost Responsibility Definitions

#### Current Cost Responsibility (CCR)

The sum of the Interconnection Customer's current allocated costs for ANUs, not to exceed the MCR. This cost is used to calculate the Interconnection Customer's IFS requirement.

#### Maximum Cost Responsibility (MCR)

The lower sum of an Interconnection Customer's (1) full cost of assigned IRNUs and (2) allocated costs for all other ANUs, from its Phase I or Phase II Interconnection Studies, not to exceed the MCE.

#### Maximum Cost Exposure (MCE)

The sum of (1) the Interconnection Customer's MCR and (2) the cost of the Interconnection Customer's CANUs from its Phase I or Phase II Interconnection Studies.



#### Network Upgrades and Cost Responsibility

CANU: GRNU, LDNU & LOPNU

**CANU: IRNU** 

MCE: max cost exposure

If the IRNU are triggered for earlier queued generation project(s)

If all triggering generation MCR: 100% projects have withdrawn without executing GIA

ANU: IRNU

CCR: by usage

MCR: max cost responsibility including full

cost of IRNU

If the IRNU are triggered by the generation project

> CCR: current cost responsibility that the IFS is based on

GRNU, LDNU & LOPNU

Upon execution of one

GIA with the upgrade as

ANU

PNU: RNU & DNU

ANU:

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Scope is required for interconnection or deliverability; no cost responsibility on the generation project

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#### Phase I and Phase II Cost Allocation

RNU, LDNU and LOPNU cost allocation

Network Upgrade Type	ANU		CANU		
	CCR Allocation	MCR Allocation	MCE Allocation		
IRNU	Equally divided	Full cost	Full cost		
GRNU – short circuit upgrades	Pro rata by short circuit contributions				
GRNU – other	Pro rata by MWs at POI				
LDNU	Pro rata by flow impacts				
LOPNU	Pro rata by flow impacts				

- Phase I ADNU assignment: Project MW x Cost Rate
- Phase II ADNU cost allocation for Option (B): pro rata by flow impacts



#### CCR, MCR and MCE at Phase I

- Upon completion of Phase I study
  - CCR = allocated ANU: <u>basis for first IFS posting</u>
  - MCR = full cost of IRNU + other allocated ANU
  - MCE = MCR + CANU allocation
- Option (B) interconnection requests also post IFS for assigned ADNU cost



#### CCR, MCR and MCE at Phase II

- Upon completion of Phase II study
  - MCR = lower between(Phase I ANU MCR + Phase I CANU converting to ANU in Phase II, Phase II ANU MCR allocation)
  - CCR = lower between (Phase II ANU CCR allocation,
     Phase II MCR): <u>basis for second IFS posting</u>
  - MCE = Phase II MCR + Phase II CANU allocation
- Option (B) interconnection requests not receiving TPD allocation also post IFS for allocated ADNU cost
  - \* CCR and MCE cost could be higher in Phase II than Phase I



#### Cost Re-Allocation in Reassessment

- For ANU in reassessment
  - If new upgrades are identified for the first time, allocate cost the same as Phase I and Phase II
  - Otherwise, re-allocate among remaining active projects by normalizing Phase II cost shares
- For CANU in reassessment
  - No re-allocation after Phase II, i.e. fixed at Phase II allocation in reassessment if still needed



#### CCR, MCR and MCE in Reassessment

- If a CANU is no longer needed or becomes PNU, MCE is reduced by the Phase II allocated CANU cost.
- If a CANU becomes ANU, MCR increases by the Phase II allocated CANU cost.
- If projects in the same cluster triggering an IRNU as ANU posted 3<sup>rd</sup> IFS, the MCR for other projects sharing the IRNU is reduced by the posted amount.



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#### CCR, MCR and MCE in Reassessment (Cont'd)

- If ANU reallocation is at least 20% lower and at least \$1M lower than the MCR,
   MCR = min{MCR, sum of 100% costs of all remaining ANUs}
- If ANU reallocation > MCR and MCR < Phase II MCR,</li>
   MCR = min{ANU reallocation, Phase II MCR + Phase II CANU converted to ANU}
- CCR = min{ANU reallocation, MCR}



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#### Study Reports



#### Phase I and Phase II Study Reports and Addenda

- During the life-cycle of interconnection process, an IC will receive various project reports from the ISO
  - Final Phase I and Phase II study reports
  - Addendum to Phase I and/or Phase II report
    - Correction to non-substantial errors or omissions
    - Remove cost responsibility after an assigned NU is approved in TPP
    - Does not change the next IFS posting due date
  - Revised Phase I and/or Phase II reports
    - Correction to substantial errors or omissions
    - May change the next IFS posting due date

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#### Post-Phase II Notification and Updates

- During the life cycle of interconnection process, an IC will also receive from the ISO:
  - Notification of TPD allocation results
    - Information about the TPD allocation results
  - Annual reassessment reports
    - Updated NU requirements and cost responsibility



#### Resources

- Deliverability assessment methodology
   http://www.caiso.com/Documents/PLANNING/Reliability%20requirements/D
   eliverability/Deliverability%20assessment%20methodologies
- TPP and TPD
   http://www.caiso.com/planning/Pages/TransmissionPlanning/Default.aspx
- Study plans, data and reports
   https://portal.caiso.com/MPP\_files/MPPApps.html
   (This is a secure website that requires signed NDA with the ISO and certificate)
- Network upgrade cost responsibility
   http://www.caiso.com/Documents/Upgrade-Cost-Responsibility-Implementation.pdf



#### Resources

- Instructions to Transmission Plan Data NDA submission
   http://www.caiso.com/Documents/RegionalTransmissionNonDisclosureAgreementSubmissionInstructions.pdf
- Regional Transmission NDA Form <a href="http://www.caiso.com/Documents/RegionalTransmissionNDA.pdf">http://www.caiso.com/Documents/RegionalTransmissionNDA.pdf</a>



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# Agreements and Retirements

Infrastructure Contracts and Management

Richard Sandau, Contract Negotiation Julia Payton, Regulatory Contracts Angela Randall, Regulatory Contracts

March 3, 2021

# Interconnection Process Map

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# **Contract Negotiation**

Rich Sandau, Sr. Contracts Negotiator



# Generator Interconnection Agreement (GIA)

- A Project interconnecting to the CAISO Controlled Grid shall execute a Generator Interconnection Agreement (GIA) between the Interconnection Customer, the Participating TO, and the CAISO
- The GIA consists of:
  - Pro forma approved by Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
  - Appendices specific to an Interconnection Customer and Generating Facility at a single Point of Interconnection
  - The GIA is specific to an interconnection customer and its generating facility and may cover more than one Resource ID and CAISO Queue Position
- A Project interconnecting to the non-CAISO controlled grid may execute an agreement with the Participating TO or the Utility Distribution Company (UDC)

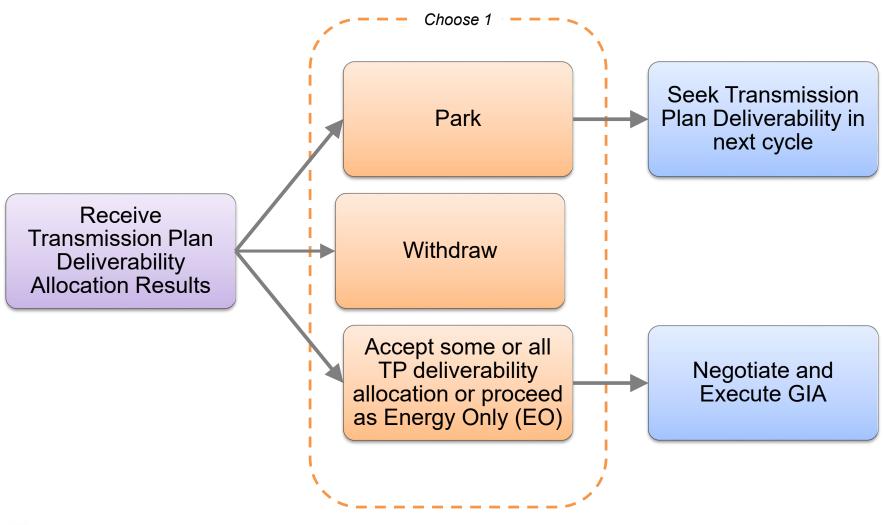


## Generating Unit Conversions to the CAISO Markets

- Qualifying Facilities (QFs) and other existing generators usually convert in accordance with Section 25.1.2 of CAISO Tariff, upon termination or expiration of their power purchase agreements and interconnection agreements
- Details about the process for can be found at the following link: <a href="http://www.caiso.com/participate/Pages/ResourceInterconnectionGuide/default.aspx">http://www.caiso.com/participate/Pages/ResourceInterconnectionGuide/default.aspx</a>
- An email request to <u>RegulatoryContracts@caiso.com</u> initiates the conversion process
- Generating Unit conversions require completion of the New Resource Implementation process



# GIA Implications for Transmission Plan Deliverability Allocation Choices



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### **GIA Tender**

In-Service date (future date)

Negotiation 120 CD

Account for milestones leading to construction start

Longest lead facility or network upgrade from study report Tender date for GIA (must be a future date)

# GIA Tender (Calculation Example)

In-Service date **April 1, 2023** 

180 CD 6 months

Longest lead construction time for interconnection facility or network upgrade 30 months

Tender date for GIA **April 1, 2020** 



## **GIA Negotiation**

- Participating TO tenders the GIA and all parties negotiate the GIA to finalization
- Participating TO sends execution ready GIA to CAISO following finalization and approval by all parties
- CAISO contract negotiator receives signatory information from the Participating TO and Interconnection Customer, and sends the package to CAISO regulatory contracts to process for execution

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# Regulatory Contracts Agreement Execution and Changes

Julia Payton, Contracts Analyst



### **GIA Execution Process**

CAISO prepares executable document

All parties
obtain
signatures
from
authorized
representative

All parties must sign via DocuSign® within 10 Business Days of receipt All parties receive email notification through DocuSign® when the GIA is fully executed

CAISO reports agreement execution to FERC

- Agreement are distributed for execution via email through Docu Sign.
- Final version of executed GIA is available for parties to download or print
- DocuSign Account is not mandatory in order to use their service



### Market Agreements

- Terms for participating in CAISO markets
  - Participating Generator Agreement (PGA) or Net Scheduled Participating Generator Agreement (NSPGA)
  - Participating Load Agreement (PLA) (e.g., pumps, pump-generating, energy storage)
  - Meter Service Agreement for a CAISO Metered Entity (MSACAISOME)
  - Meter Service Agreement for Scheduling Coordinators (MSASC)
  - Scheduling Coordinator Agreement (SCA)



### **Contract Changes**

### Submit requests to RegulatoryContracts@caiso.com

### **Changes to Customer Information**

- Assignments to affiliates and non affiliates
  - Assignee must meet the PTO's Interconnection Financial Security ("IFS") posting requirements
- Entity Name changes only
- Ownership changes

### Required Documentation (varies on type of change)

- Secretary of State certificate
- Proof of ownership
  - Sale agreement
  - Membership interest agreement



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# Regulatory Contracts Resource Retirements

Angela Randall, Contracts Administrator



### Resource Retirements – Scenarios

#### Scenario 2 Scenario 4 Scenario 1 Scenario 3 Repowering / Undecided / **Permanent Retirement** Mothball Decommission Unit(s) **Entered Queue** Resource has either Resource goes offline, Resource has not Resource remains intact been approved for the releases deliverability, completed repowering and is made unavailable affidavit repower and has no intention of study process, or has while next steps are process or has entered repowering not entered determined the queue to be studied interconnection queue for repowering



### Resource Retirements – Deliverability Retention

Deliverability Retention Period 3 years from effective date

CAISO receives notarized Notice of Retirement or Mothball Affidavit Deliverability
Study
Assessment
results are
available
within 90
calendar days

Depending on which scenario the retirement falls under, the generator owner *may* have specific actions to take during the Deliverability Retention Period.

Retirement requests must be submitted to RegulatoryContracts@caiso.com at least 90 calendar days prior to effective date.



### Resource Retirements – Affidavit for Retirement

### Notice of Generating Unit Retirement or Mothball Affidavit

- Affidavit will be reviewed by Regulatory Contracts for completion and accuracy.
- Regulatory Contracts cannot begin processing the retirement request until this notice is received completed and notarized.
- Regulatory Contracts reserves the right to request further information in order to process the retirement request.

### Notice of Generating Unit Retirement or Mothball

#### Including Rescission of Retirement or Mothball

This is a notification of the retirement or mothballing of a Generating Unit in accordance with Section 41 of the CAISO Tariff and the CAISO BPM for Generator Management. An electronic copy of this completed form should be sent to the CAISO at RegulatoryContracts@caiso.com. The CAISO may request additional information as reasonably necessary to support its review of planned non-operations. Legal Owner of the Generating Unit: Legal Owner's state of organization or incorporation: Name of Scheduling Coordinator: Identity of Generating Unit(s) Subject to Retirement/Mothball (Resource Name, Resource ID): Category of Retirement: Reason for retirement: Pursuant to the terms of the CAISO Tariff, Owner hereby certifies that: In accordance with the Business Practice Manual for Generator Management, it is retiring the [month], [day], Generating Unit effective [year]. The Generating Unit does not have a contract for Resource Adequacy Capacity for [check one or both] the upcoming year, it is uneconomic for the Generating Unit to the current year and/or remain in service for such year(s), and the decision to retire is definite unless the CAISO procures the Generating Unit, the Generating Unit is sold to an unaffiliated third-party, a third-party contracts with the Generating Unit for Resource Adequacy purposes, or the Generating Unit obtains some other contract In accordance with the Business Practice Manual for Generator Management, it is retiring the [month], \_\_\_\_\_[day], \_\_\_ [year]. The Generating Unit Generating Unit effective does not have a contract for Resource Adequacy Capacity for [check one or both] the upcoming year, it is retiring the Generating Unit for reasons the current year and/or other than it is uneconomic for the unit to remain in service during such year(s). Owner is retiring the Generating Unit for the following reason(s) (state with specificity the reason for retiring the unit):



### Resources

- Contracts and agreements
   http://www.caiso.com/rules/Pages/ContractsAgreements/Default.aspx
- Generating unit conversion process (located under "Already connected?")
   <a href="http://www.caiso.com/participate/Pages/ResourceInterconnectionGuide/default.aspx">http://www.caiso.com/participate/Pages/ResourceInterconnectionGuide/default.aspx</a>
- Reliability Requirement information
   http://www.caiso.com/planning/Pages/ReliabilityRequirements/Default.aspx
- Business Practice Manual for Generator Management
   <a href="https://bpmcm.caiso.com/Pages/BPMDetails.aspx?BPM=Generator Management">https://bpmcm.caiso.com/Pages/BPMDetails.aspx?BPM=Generator Management</a>
- Notice of Generating Unit Retirement or Mothball Affidavit
   http://www.caiso.com/Documents/Notice-GeneratingUnitRetirement-Mothball.docx
- Announced Retirement and Mothball List: <a href="http://www.caiso.com/Documents/AnnouncedRetirementAndMothballList.xlsx">http://www.caiso.com/Documents/AnnouncedRetirementAndMothballList.xlsx</a>



# Questions?



# Thank you!

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# Queue Management

Jason Foster, Lead Queue Management Specialist

## Agenda

- Contract Implementation
- Affected Systems
- Modifications
  - Commercial Viability
  - Energy Storage
  - Permissible Technological Advancements
  - Transfer of Surplus Interconnection Service
- Suspensions
- Repowering
- Limited Operation Studies
- COM vs COD



## Queue Management Overview

- Part of Infrastructure Contracts and Management
  - Regulatory Contracts
  - Contract Negotiators
- Project management responsibility after Generator Interconnection Agreement (GIA) execution
- Coordination with New Resource Implementation (NRI)





### **Contract Implementation**

### **GIA Milestone tracking**

- Interconnection Customers must meet the project milestones in their GIA to remain in good standing
  - Deliverability may not be reserved for projects not in good standing
- Interconnection Customers provide quarterly project progress reports to Queue Management after the GIA is effective
  - Provided monthly after project's start of construction

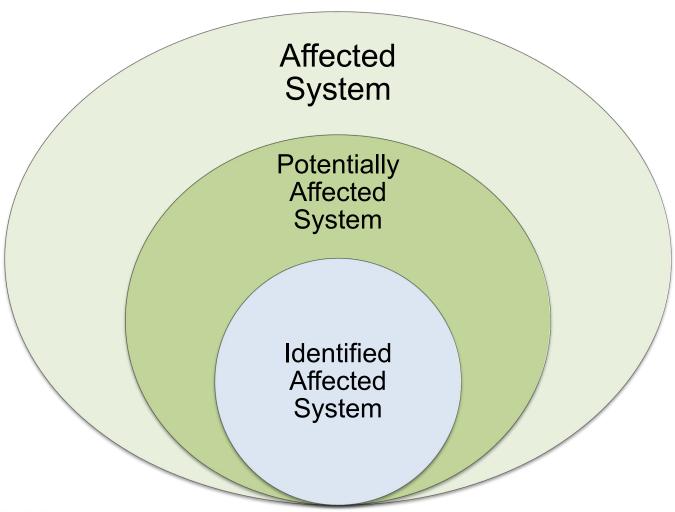


### Contract Implementation cont.

- Prior to Initial Synchronization and COD Queue
   Management verifies GIA obligations have been met
  - Upgrades
  - Inverters
  - Affected Systems
  - Asynchronous Obligations
  - MW values in GIA, PGA, and Master File
  - WECC Path Rating and Progress Report Policies and Procedures
- Upon verification, Queue Management provides approval in the New Resource Implementation (NRI) process



# Affected Systems



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### Affected System Process

#### Potentially Affected System

- CAISO invites Potentially Affected Systems to scoping meeting and Phase I results meeting
- Must identify as Identified Affected Systems within 60 calendar days of notification from the CAISO after initial Interconnection Financial Security has been posted.

#### Identified Affected system

- CAISO will notify Interconnection Customer of their Identified Affected Systems
- Interconnection Customer to affirmatively contact the Identified Affected System operators and make reasonable efforts to address system impacts

#### Impacts Resolved

 Impacts must be resolved no later than six months prior to the generating unit's Initial Synchronization Date



## **Upcoming Affected System Outreach**

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- The CAISO will reach out to Potentially Affected Systems after projects post Initial Financial Security (~May 2021)
- Potentially Affected Systems must identify themselves as Identified Affected Systems within 60 days of CAISO notification
- CAISO will notify Interconnection Customers of their Identified Affected Systems (August 2021)



### Modifications to Interconnection Requests

### Before Phase II Results Meeting Minutes are published

- Certain changes are allowed without a Material Modification Assessment (MMA) between Phase I and Phase II
- Modification requests are processed by your Interconnection Specialist (the Interconnection Resources team)

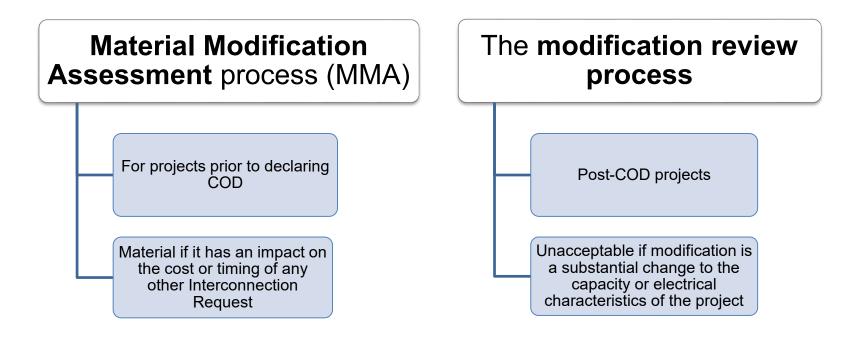
### After Phase II Results Meeting Minutes are published

- Modifications requests require MMA
- Modification requests are processed by QueueManagement@caiso.com



### **Modification Review Process**

Two very similar processes for modification requests





### Modification Review Process cont.

#### 45 Calendar Days

Interconnection Customer submits request, deposit, and complete technical data

CAISO and
Participating TO
engineers perform an
assessment to identify
any material impacts

CAISO responds to the request in writing

Agreement is amended, deposit is reconciled with invoices, and actual cost is paid

- Submit request with justification in writing to QueueManagement@caiso.com
- Modifications requiring technical data take more time for technical data validation
- The deposit amount is \$10,000
  - Please note project name and 'for MMA' on the wire transfer
  - Interconnection Customer will be charged actual costs incurred by the CAISO and Participating TO, and remaining deposit, if any, is returned
- In the event a facility reassessment is required, an additional
   45 days may be required to complete the assessment

## Modifications Subject to Commercial Viability

- Projects requesting to extend their Commercial
   Operation Date (COD) beyond 7 years or modifications
   to projects that have already exceeded the 7 years are
   subject to Commercial Viability Criteria
  - Criteria includes permitting, power purchase agreement status, site exclusivity, and GIA in good standing
- Failure to meet criteria results in conversion to Energy Only deliverability status
- Limited exemption for no power purchase agreement
  - One year delay for conversion to Energy Only
- Energy Only conversion will result in a reduction to cost responsibility only if assigned upgrades are eliminated



## Modifications Subject to Commercial Viability cont.

- Criteria cannot be met with balance sheet financing
- Power purchase agreement must reflect the point of interconnection, capacity, fuel type, technology, and site location of project
- Fuel type modifications after the 7 year timeline are prohibited
  - Modifications to add energy storage are not considered fuel-type modifications



## Modifications to Add Energy Storage

- Customers may request to add energy storage to their Interconnection Request or operating Generating Facility
  - Energy storage addition does not alter the approved Net-to-Grid MW capacity
  - If a project is wholly replaced or increasing the Net-to-Grid MW then a new Interconnection Request is required
  - If an energy storage modification request is denied, the CAISO will work with the Interconnection Customer to identify how much energy storage might be acceptable
- If an existing Generating Facility that has added energy storage is retiring, an assessment will determine if the energy storage can continue to operate



#### Hybrid Resources Initiative

- Proposes modifications to implementation and optimization of hybrid and co-located resources
- The CAISO started an initiative for Hybrid Resources in 2019.
  - Phase 1 received FERC approval November 19, 2020
  - Phase 2, second revised draft tariff language is expected in March 2021.
- http://www.caiso.com/StakeholderProcesses/Hybridresources



#### **Deliverability Transfers**

- Customers may request to transfer deliverability to energy storage additions or other generating units located at the same point of interconnection
- The deliverability transfer cannot result in a deliverability amount that exceeds the existing deliverability associated with the projects
- To request a deliverability transfer, send the Deliverability Transfer Request form to <u>QueueManagement@caiso.com</u> either as its own request or as part of an MMA
- http://www.caiso.com/Documents/DeliverabilityTransferRequestForm. docx



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#### Other Modification Evaluations

- Permissible Technological Advancements (DD 6.7.2.4)
  - May include: removing equipment; aligning COD with a PPA; adding <5</li>
     MW of storage; or changing battery hour durations.
  - Cannot impact other Interconnection Customers or Affected Systems.
  - Cannot require a re-study or evaluation.
- Transfer of Surplus Interconnection Service (SISVC) (DD 3.4)
  - Any unneeded portion of Interconnection Service Capacity established in a LGIA.
  - The total Interconnection Service Capacity of the original Interconnection Customer and the assignee of the Surplus Interconnection Capacity may not exceed the original Interconnection Customer's constructed Generating Facility Capacity.
  - When original generating facility retires, the unit that receives SISVC loses us service (additional study required to retain)



#### Suspension

- LGIAs include suspension rights for a period of up to 3 years
  - SGIAs do not have suspension rights
- Suspension requests/notifications are sent to QueueManagement@caiso.com
- Notifications should include
  - Effective date of the suspension
  - good faith estimate of how long a suspension will last
- A material modification assessment will be required if milestone dates are changing
  - If material impacts can be mitigated the suspension can be approved
- Suspension rights do not apply to the financial obligations of shared upgrades

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#### Repowering Requests

- Repowering is for existing generating facilities, including QFs, that wish to make changes that are not substantial
  - Facilities who propose substantial changes must enter Generation Interconnection and Deliverability Allocation Procedures (GIDAP)
  - Substantiality is determined based on impact of changed electrical characteristics as outlined in the Generator Management BPM
- Must utilize the same fuel source and point of interconnection
  - Energy storage can be considered the same fuel source
  - May require a facilities study with the Participating TO
- Repowering Affidavit and technical data is uploaded into RIMS, with a notification to <u>queuemanagement@caiso.com</u>
  - Information provided in the affidavit is subject to audit by the CAISO
- Study deposit is \$50,000



#### **Limited Operation Studies**

 All reliability network upgrades and pre-cursor transmission projects must be in-service prior to initial synchronization date

#### Limited Operation Studies

- Can be used to evaluate if system can support early, energy-only interconnection before network upgrades and interconnection facilities are complete
- The study is paid for by the Interconnection Customer
- Only within 5 months of Initial Synchronization
- Submit request to <u>QueueManagement@caiso.com</u>
- Results of the study determine the operating capability of the project

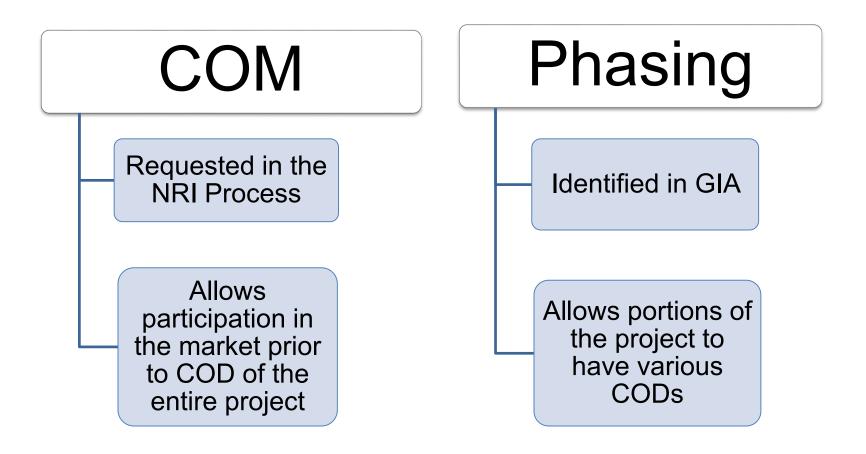


#### Commercial Operation for Markets (COM)

- Block implementation in advance of COD of the project
- CAISO acknowledges wind and solar block construction and ability to energize
- Portion of project is allowed to bid into CAISO markets while remaining portion is testing or under construction
- Resource adequacy eligibility requirements
  - Qualifying capacity must be obtained from the CA Public Utilities Commission
  - Obligated to meet all tariff and resource adequacy requirements (bid, penalty, etc.)
  - Reliability network upgrades must be completed



#### **COM versus Phasing**





#### Resources

- Hybrid Resource Stakeholder Initiative http://www.caiso.com/StakeholderProcesses/Hybrid-resources
- Technical Bulletin: Implementation of Hybrid Energy Storage Generating Facilities http://www.caiso.com/market/Pages/ReportsBulletins/Default.aspx
- Potentially Affected System Contact List http://www.caiso.com/Documents/GeneratorInterconnectionProcedures AffectedSystemsContactList.xls
- Repowering Affidavit Template
   http://www.caiso.com/Documents/RepoweringAffidavitTemplate 20141002.doc
- Quarterly Status Report Template http://www.caiso.com/Documents/QueueManagementQuarterlyStatusReportTemplate.docx
- MMA and Deliverability Transfer Documents
   <a href="http://www.caiso.com/planning/Pages/GeneratorInterconnection/InterconnectionRequest/Default.aspx">http://www.caiso.com/planning/Pages/GeneratorInterconnection/InterconnectionRequest/Default.aspx</a>
- Opportunities for Adding Storage Presentations

Nov 4, 2019: <a href="http://www.caiso.com/Documents/Presentation-OpportunitiesforAddingStorageatExistingorNewGenerationSites-Nov4-2019.pdf#search=opportunities%20for%20adding%20storage">http://www.caiso.com/Documents/Presentation-OpportunitiesforAddingStorageatExistingorNewGenerationSites-Nov4-2019.pdf#search=opportunities%20for%20adding%20storage</a>

Oct 10, 2019: http://www.caiso.com/Documents/Presentation-

<u>OpportunitiesforAddingStorageatExistingorNewGenerationSites.pdf#search=opportunities%20for%20adding%20storage</u>



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## New Resource Implementation

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March 3, 2021

#### Objectives

- New Resource Implementation (NRI) process
  - Getting started
  - Bucket Requirements
  - RIMS Reminders
  - Tips for success
  - Full Network Model Schedule
  - GRDT Updates
- Hybrid Resources
- NRI Hot Topics in 2021!



#### **NRI Process**

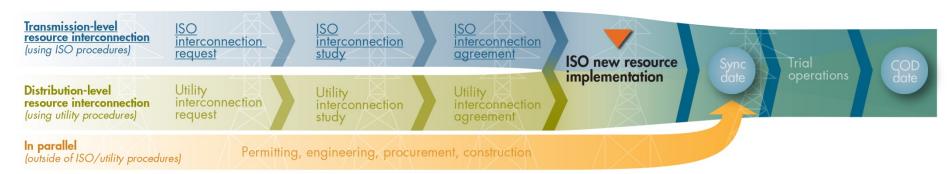
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#### Interconnection Process Map

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For some interconnection customers (IC), such as distribution connected and QF resources, New Resource Implementation (NRI) will be the first point of contact at the ISO.

New Resource Implementation ensures that a resource requirements are met before:

- Initial sync
- Commercial operations
- Qualified Facility conversions



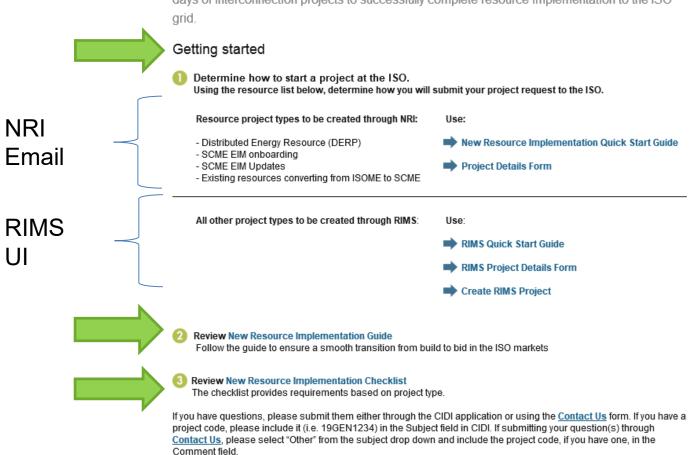
## **Getting Started**

California ISO

Home > Participate > New Resource Implementation

#### New Resource Implementation process and requirements

This webpage contains the guidelines, deliverables and activities needed during the final 203 days of interconnection projects to successfully complete resource implementation to the ISO grid.



## Creating a project

The first step of the NRI process is to:

- Submit a Project Details Form through the <u>RIMS Public Site</u>
   Participate → Generation → New resource implementation → Create RIMS project
- Submit Project in advance of your estimated initial sync or Implementation date
- Once successfully submitted, your project will be assigned a NRI project code (i.e. 21GEN1234)
- You will need this project code to get access to your project in RIMS



#### 2021 Full Network Model Schedule

- Submission Deadline
- Review Period
- Final Scope Published

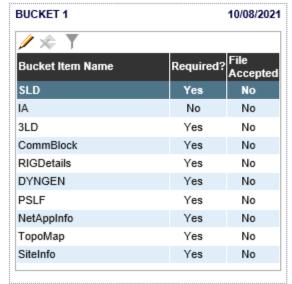
- Production Deployment
- Master File Data Freeze

FNM Label	Customer Model Document	ISO Publishes	Production Deployment
	<b>Submission Deadline</b>	Final Scope	
21M2_DB102	10/23/2020	11/13/2020	Week of 2/1/2021
21M3_DB103	12/17/2020	1/7/2021	Week of 3/15/2021
21M4_DB104	2/4/2021	2/25/2021	Week of 4/26/2021
21M6_DB105	3/11/2021	4/1/2021	Week of 6/7/2021
21M7_DB106	4/15/2021	5/6/2021	Week of 7/19/2021
21M8_DB107	5/27/2021	6/17/2021	Week of 8/23/2021
21M10_DB108	7/8/2021	7/29/2021	Week of 10/4/2021
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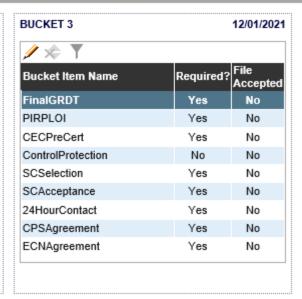


## **Bucket Requirements**

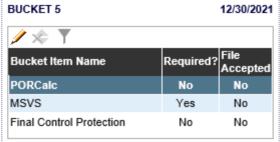
#### **▼ Bucket Items**













#### GRDT Supporting Docs now required

- Supporting explanation is required with GRDT giving details of how the resources design capabilities were calculated (Section 4.6.4)
- Submit into RIMS in an excel format with the following file naming convention:

Document Title: GRDT Explanation

File naming ex: 21GEN1234 FinalGRDT Explanation Ver1

Document Title: GRDT Supporting Docs

File naming ex: 21GEN1234 FinalGRDT Supporting Doc Ver1



#### RIMS Reminders

- Keep project information current and accurate
- Bucket due dates are automatically enforced by the system
- Status of Bucket Items can be found under Bucket Notes and in the FNM Project emails
- Assigned Model Build can be found in the project view
- Sync/COD approval status can be monitored with the RIMS project view



#### Tips for success

- Review the NRI Guide and Checklist
- Review required project and file naming conventions
- Start the NRI process early and submit documents well before due dates
- Get access to your project in RIMS
  - UAARequests@caiso.com
- Read all email communications from RIMS
- Include your project code in all email inquiries
- Start/Update Agreements early



#### Hybrid Resources

Christina Weiler, Resource Implementation Support Lead



## Hybrid Resources

- Hybrid resource: combination of multiple technologies or fuel sources combined into a single resource with a single point of interconnection
- Hybrid Resources Initiative

http://www.caiso.com/StakeholderProcesses/Hybrid-resources



#### Hybrid Resources Initiative

#### Hybrid Phase 1 = Co- Located resources

- ➤ Deployed Fall of 2020
- Aggregate capability constraint/ Co-located Resources

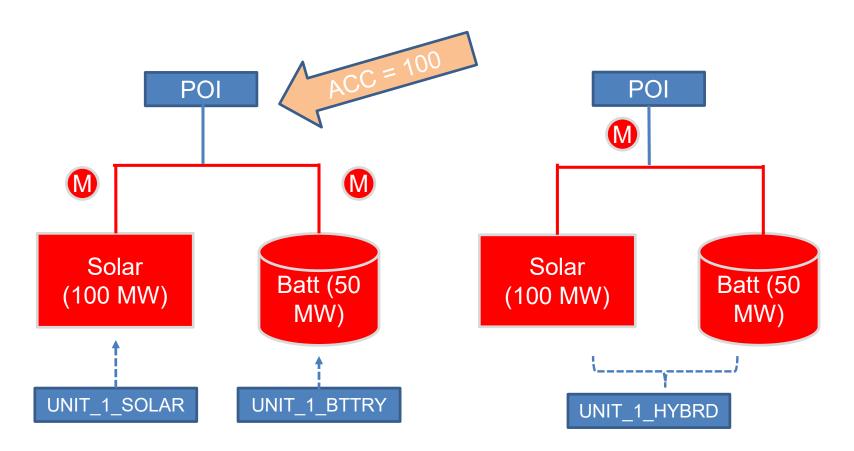
#### Hybrid Phase 2 = Hybrid functionality

- ➤ Targeting for October 2021 \*subject to change
- Currently Hybrids can participate as a Battery Storage
- > VER MW are required via telemetry



#### Co-Located vs Hybrid

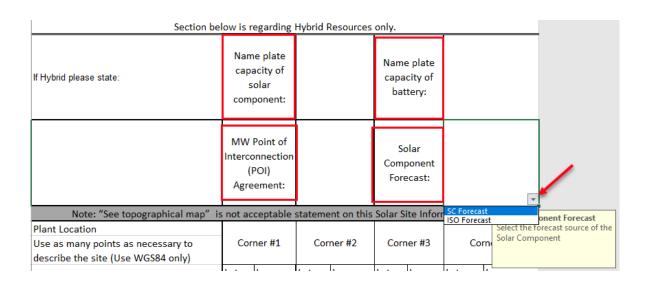
- POI Limit = 100 MW's





#### Hybrid Resources

- NRI Process Updates
  - Checklist
  - Updated Site Info Sheet (Solar & Wind)





#### NRI Hot Topics - 2021

Christina Weiler, Resource Implementation Support Lead



#### Hot Topic- RIMS Enhancements Phase 2

- New Enhancements for 2021
- Bucket Dates will align with FNM Database Release Schedule
- RIMS User Interface Updates



#### Hot Topic- FERC841 and IPE Enhancement

#### <u>IPE</u>

New Bucket 3 Requirement

#### **FERC 841**

- New Project type "Storage" in Project Details Form
- New checkbox for 3 Party Sharing Generation interconnection
- ➤ New Project Details form (V12) posted
- Updated NRI Guide and Checklist posted



# Resources: NRI Webpage, Checklist, and Guide

- New Resource Implementation webpage: <a href="http://www.caiso.com/participate/Pages/NewResourceImplementation/Default.aspx">http://www.caiso.com/participate/Pages/NewResourceImplementation/Default.aspx</a>
- NRI Checklist: <a href="http://www.caiso.com/Documents/NewResourceImplementationChecklist.xls">http://www.caiso.com/Documents/NewResourceImplementationChecklist.xls</a>
- NRI Guide: <a href="http://www.caiso.com/Documents/NewResourceImplementationGuide.doc">http://www.caiso.com/Documents/NewResourceImplementationGuide.doc</a>
- Hybrid Initiative
   http://www.caiso.com/StakeholderProcesses/Hybrid-resources
- 2021 Full Network Model Schedule
   http://www.caiso.com/market/Pages/NetworkandResourceModeling/Default.aspx



# Questions?



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## Metering and Telemetry

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March 3, 2021

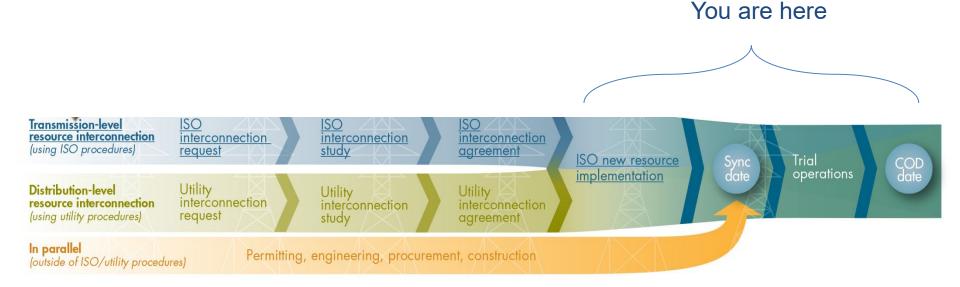
# **Topics**

- What is EDAS?
- Fieldwork Projects
- EDAS Request Tool
- > Telemetry Non-Compliance
- > New Telemetry Requirements





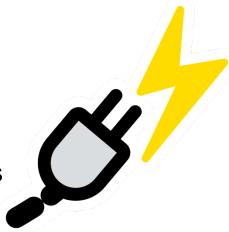
## Interconnection Process Map





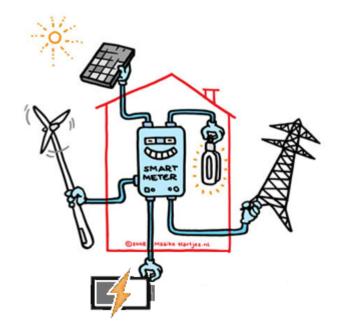
## What is EDAS?

- ➤ Energy Data Acquisition Specialist Team (**EDAS**) is responsible for engineering requirements and standards for:
  - Revenue Metering via:
    - Approved CAISO Meters
    - CAISO Inspected and Certified
    - CAISO Meter data processing
    - Settlement Quality meter data (SQMD) plans
  - Direct Telemetry via:
    - Distributed Network Protocol (DNP) devices



# Fieldwork Projects

- Opening an NRI Project for Fieldwork
- Meters
  - Maintenance
  - Replacements
  - Reprogram
  - Communication change
- Real Time Devices
  - Replacements
  - Reconfiguration to Points List
  - Communication change or adding backup IP address\*
- Point-to-Point (P2P) Test





# Fieldwork Projects (Cont.)

- Meter and Site Verification Sheet (MSVS) and Meter Maintenance forms should be submitted within 5 Business days of meter inspection
  - Meter seals are validated on meter documentation.
- Meter Documents will be sent using DocuSign for signatures
- Meter documents should be signed in DocuSign within 5 Business days



#### **EDAS** Request Tool

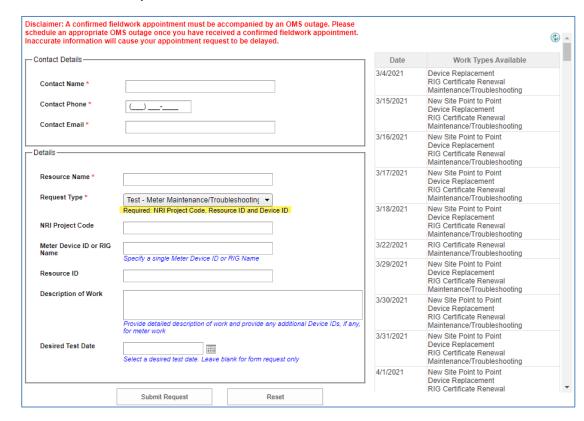
- Single RIMS project per Device ID (\*Exception: new onboarding projects)
  - If two meters require annual meter maintenance; two RIMS projects must be created and two fieldwork appointment requests will be needed.
- Used to schedule Fieldwork Appointments and request pre-populated metering documents
- Shows available dates based on work type
- ➤ Upon approval, associates Device IDs to RIMS projects (Refer to Fieldwork Guide for more detailed instructions)



### Fieldwork Appointments

#### The below information may be required:

- NRI Project Code (Example: 17GEN1234)
- Device ID
  - ISO Meter (Ex: 5914123)
    - Required for Meter Fieldwork
  - RTU Name (Ex: IRG123)
    - Required for RIG Fieldwork
- Resource ID (Ex: INVSBL\_3\_TESTG1)
  - Always required





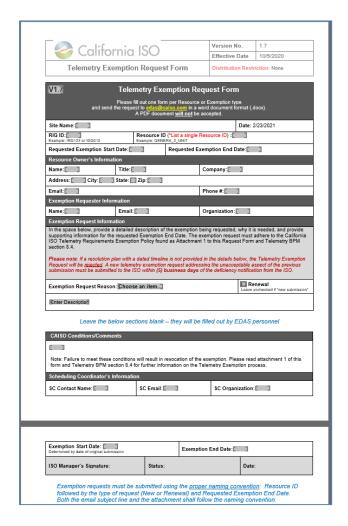
#### **Telemetry Non-Compliance**

- ➤ Telemetry BPM Section 8.4
  - Applies to commercial units
- Loss of Telemetry emails
  - Resource Owner is responsible to expeditiously investigate and resolve the issue
  - Or request a Telemetry exemption from the ISO for providing the telemetry data
- Deadlines:
  - (5) Business days after notification of the telemetry issue for resources >= 45 MW's.
  - (14) Business days after notification of the telemetry issue for resources < 45 MW's.
- Critical points:
  - UPMW, UCON, and additionally for renewables: irradiance, back-panel temperature, wind speed, wind direction



### **Telemetry Exemptions (Cont.)**

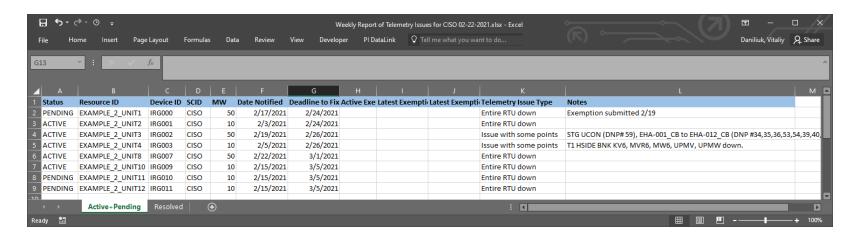
- > (72) consecutive hours of good quality to be considered resolved
- Submit Telemetry Exemption requests to EDAS
  - Must include a detailed resolution plan with concrete deadlines
- Scheduling Coordinator must contact the CAISO Real Time Generation Dispatcher to update the plant output
- Refer to Telemetry BPM Section 8.4 for guidelines on providing Telemetry value updates.





#### **Telemetry Reports**

- EDAS team has created automated reports and reminders to help customers remain compliant
  - Weekly SC Telemetry Report
  - "Exemption is Due" reminders
    - > [Notification] Telemetry Issues for EXAMPLE\_2\_UNIT1 (IRG000) Exemption is Due TODAY, 3/3/2021
  - > "Exemption is Expiring" reminders
    - [Notification] Telemetry Exemption for EXAMPLE 2 UNIT2 IRG001 Expires TODAY, 3/3/2021





#### New Telemetry Requirements

- Hybrid Resources: VER UPMW data is required for reliability and forecasting purposes.
- > TLS requirements:
  - ➤ Internet connected RTUs: TLS 1.0 and 1.1 are not supported after 6/30/21
  - ➤ ECN connected RTUs: TLS 1.0 and 1.1 are not supported after 6/30/22
  - Ciphers CBC and RC4 are not supported after 6/30/21



#### New Telemetry Requirements

- ➤ BAL-003-1.1 Requirements for Frequency Response:
  - Droop Setting
  - Governor dead band
  - > Operational ramp rate
  - ➤ Governor Block status
- Implementation schedule posted in Telemetry BPM.



#### **Helpful Links**

Certification of Metering Facilities
<a href="http://www.caiso.com/Documents/5710.pdf">http://www.caiso.com/Documents/5710.pdf</a>



- Meter Data Acquisition and Processing Procedure <a href="http://www.caiso.com/Documents/5740.pdf">http://www.caiso.com/Documents/5740.pdf</a>
- Appointment Scheduling for EDAS Fieldwork
  <a href="http://www.caiso.com/fieldworksupport/Pages/default.aspx">http://www.caiso.com/fieldworksupport/Pages/default.aspx</a>
- Direct Telemetry BPM
  <a href="https://bpmcm.caiso.com/Pages/BPMDetails.aspx?BPM=Direct%20Telemetry">https://bpmcm.caiso.com/Pages/BPMDetails.aspx?BPM=Direct%20Telemetry</a>



# Helpful Links (Cont.)

EDAS request tool

http://www.caiso.com/fieldworksupport/Pages/default.aspx

Fieldwork Guide

http://www.caiso.com/Documents/FieldworkGuide.pdf

➤ RIG Acceptance Test (RAT) Procedures

http://www.caiso.com/Documents/RIGAcceptanceTest\_RAT\_Procedures.pdf

➤ RIG/DPG Validation Procedure

http://www.caiso.com/Documents/RIG DPGValidationProcedure.pdf

Metering Exemptions from Compliance

http://www.caiso.com/Documents/5730.pdf



#### **Helpful Links (Cont.)**

BPM for Metering

http://bpmcm.caiso.com/Pages/BPMDetails.aspx?BPM=Metering

SQMD Template

http://www.caiso.com/Documents/SQMDPlanTemplate.docx

SQMD Template Tutorial

http://www.caiso.com/Documents/SQMDResourceTemplateTutorial.pdf

- Operating Procedure 5750 Submission and Approval Process http://www.caiso.com/Documents/5750.pdf
- EDAS Document Checklists

http://www.caiso.com/Documents/Checklist-CommunicationBlockDrawing.pdf

http://www.caiso.com/Documents/Checklist-

MeteringAndRIGDrawingRequirements.pdf



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