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**Appendix Y GIP**  
**For Interconnection Requests**  
**Generator Interconnection Procedures (GIP)**

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## **Section 1 Objectives And Definitions**

### **1.1 Objectives And Applicability**

The objective of this GIP is to implement the requirements for both Small and Large Generating Facility interconnections to the CAISO Controlled Grid. This GIP applies to Interconnection Requests that are either: (i) assigned to a Queue Cluster, (ii) included in the Independent Study Process, or (iii) included in the Fast Track Process, pursuant to the terms of this CAISO Tariff for the performance of its Interconnection Studies.

### **1.2 Definitions**

#### **1.2.1 Master Definitions Supplement.**

Unless the context otherwise requires, any word or expression defined in the Master Definitions Supplement, Appendix A to the CAISO Tariff, shall have the same meaning where used in this GIP. References to GIP are to this Appendix Y.

#### **1.2.2 Special Definitions for this GIP.**

In this GIP, the following words and expressions shall have the meanings set opposite them: "Confidential Information" shall mean any confidential, proprietary or trade secret information of a plan, specification, pattern, procedure, design, device, list, concept, policy or compilation relating to the present or planned business of a Party, which is designated as confidential by the Party supplying the information, whether conveyed orally, electronically, in writing, through inspection, or otherwise, subject to Section 13.1 of this GIP.

"Dispute Resolution" shall mean the procedure set forth in this GIP for resolution of a dispute between the Parties.

"Fast Track Process" shall mean the procedure for evaluating an Interconnection Request for a certified Small Generating Facility no larger than 5 MW that includes the GIP Section 5.3 screens, customer options meeting, and optional supplemental review.

"Force Majeure" shall mean any act of God, labor disturbance, act of the public enemy, war, insurrection, riot, fire, storm or flood, explosion, breakage or accident to machinery or equipment, any order, regulation or restriction imposed by governmental, military or lawfully established civilian authorities, or any other cause beyond a Party's control. A Force Majeure event does not include acts of negligence or intentional wrongdoing by the Party claiming Force Majeure.

"Governmental Authority" shall mean any federal, state, local or other governmental, regulatory or administrative agency, court, commission, department, board, or other governmental subdivision, legislature, rulemaking board, tribunal, or other governmental authority having jurisdiction over the Parties, their respective facilities, or the respective services they provide, and exercising or entitled to exercise any administrative, executive, police, or taxing authority or power; provided, however, that such term does not include the Interconnection Customer, CAISO, or Participating TO, or any Affiliate thereof.

"Independent Study Process" or "ISP" shall mean the procedure for evaluating an Interconnection Request for a Generating Facility independently of the process applicable to a Generating Facility assigned to a Queue Cluster or the Fast Track Process.

"Party" or "Parties" shall mean the CAISO, Participating TO(s), Interconnection Customer or the applicable combination of the above.

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"Phased Generating Facility" shall mean a Generating Facility that is structured to be completed and to achieve Commercial Operation in two or more successive sequences that are specified in a GIA, such that each sequence comprises a portion of the total megawatt generation capacity of the entire Generating Facility.

"Reasonable Efforts" shall mean, with respect to an action required to be attempted or taken by a Party under the Generator Interconnection Procedures, efforts that are timely and consistent with Good Utility Practice and are otherwise substantially equivalent to those a Party would use to protect its own interests.

"Roles and Responsibilities Agreement" shall mean the Agreement for the Allocation of Responsibilities with Regard to Generator Interconnection Procedures and Interconnection Study Agreements, a pro forma version of which is attached to this GIP.

## **Section 2 Scope And Application**

### **2.1 Application Of Generator Interconnection Procedures**

Sections 2 through 13 of this GIP apply to processing an Interconnection Request pertaining to a Generating Facility that is either: (i) assigned to a Queue Cluster, (ii) included in the Independent Study Process, or (iii) included in the Fast Track Process, pursuant to the terms of this CAISO Tariff for the performance of its Interconnection Studies. Appendix 2 of this GIP sets forth exceptions to the provisions of this GIP that apply to processing an Interconnection Request pertaining to a Generating Facility that meets the criteria set forth in GIP Appendix 2.

### **2.2 Comparability**

The CAISO shall receive, process, and analyze Interconnection Requests in a timely manner as set forth in this GIP. The CAISO will use the same Reasonable Efforts in processing and analyzing Interconnection Requests from all Interconnection Customers as set forth in this GIP, whether the Generating Facilities are owned by a Participating TO, its subsidiaries, or Affiliates or others.

### **2.3 Interconnection Base Case Data**

For each Interconnection Study Cycle, the CAISO, in coordination with applicable Participating TO(s), shall publish updated Interconnection Base Case Data, including, as applicable, separate Interconnection Base Case Data for each Group Study to reflect system conditions particular to the Group Study, to a secured section of the CAISO Website: (1) prior to the Phase I Interconnection Study with the Generation reflected in valid Interconnection Requests submitted in the Cluster Application Windows for the Interconnection Study Cycle, as well as all Generation reflected in the Interconnection Requests in the Independent Study Process that entered the CAISO's interconnection queue prior to the creation of the Base Case, along with any associated transmission upgrades or additions; (2) after the Phase I Interconnection Study with the Generation reflected in valid Interconnection Requests submitted in the Cluster Application Window for the Interconnection Study Cycle, and the identified preliminary transmission upgrades or additions, as well as all Generation reflected in the Interconnection Requests in the Independent Study Process that entered the CAISO's interconnection queue prior to the creation of the Base Case, along with any associated transmission upgrades or additions; (3) prior to the Phase II Interconnection Study, including all remaining Generation from the Phase I Interconnection Study for the Interconnection Study Cycle, as well as all Generation reflected in the Interconnection Requests in the Independent Study Process that entered the CAISO's interconnection queue prior to the creation of the Base Case, along with any associated transmission upgrades or additions; and (4) after the Phase II Interconnection Study, including all remaining Generation from the applicable Phase I Interconnection Study and the identified transmission upgrades and additions for the

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Interconnection Study Cycle, as well as all Generation reflected in the Interconnection Requests in the Independent Study Process that entered the CAISO's interconnection queue prior to the creation of the Base Case, along with any associated transmission upgrades or additions.

Interconnection Base Case Data shall include information subject to the confidentiality provisions in GIP Section 13.1.

The CAISO shall require current and former Interconnection Customers, Market Participants, and electric utility regulatory agencies within California to sign a CAISO confidentiality agreement and, where the current or former Interconnection Customer or Market Participant is not a member of WECC, or its successor, an appropriate form of agreement with WECC, or its successor, as necessary. All other entities or persons seeking Interconnection Base Case Data must satisfy the foregoing requirements as well as all requirements under 18 C.F.R. Section 388.113 for obtaining the release of Critical Energy Infrastructure Information (as that term is defined by FERC).

## **2.4 Interconnection Service And Studies**

### **2.4.1 No Applicability to Transmission Service.**

Nothing in this GIP shall constitute a request for transmission service or confer upon an Interconnection Customer any right to receive transmission service.

### **2.4.2 The Product.**

Interconnection Service allows the Interconnection Customer to connect the Generating Facility to the CAISO Controlled Grid and be eligible to deliver the Generating Facility's output using the available capacity of the CAISO Controlled Grid. Interconnection Service does not in and of itself convey any right to deliver electricity to any specific customer or point of delivery or rights to any specific MW of available capacity on the CAISO Controlled Grid.

### **2.4.3 The Interconnection Studies.**

For Interconnection Requests in a Queue Cluster, the Interconnection Studies consist of a Phase I Interconnection Study and a Phase II Interconnection Study. For Interconnection Requests processed under the Independent Study Process, the Interconnection Studies consist of a System Impact Study and a Facilities Study. The Interconnection Studies will include, but not be limited to, short circuit/fault duty, steady state (thermal and voltage) and stability analyses. The Interconnection Studies will identify direct Interconnection Facilities and required Reliability Network Upgrades necessary to mitigate thermal overloads and voltage violations, and address short circuit, stability, and reliability issues associated with the requested Interconnection Service.

The Phase I and Phase II Interconnection Studies for Queue Cluster Generating Facilities will also identify Delivery Network Upgrades for all Generating Facilities, including those being processed under the Independent Study Process, to allow the full output of a Generating Facility selecting Full Capacity Deliverability Status, the elected output of a Generating Facility seeking Partial Deliverability Status and, as applicable, the maximum allowed output of the interconnecting Generating Facility without one or more Delivery Network Upgrades in accordance with the On-Peak Deliverability Assessment and Off-Peak Deliverability Assessment set forth in GIP Section 6.5.2.

All cost estimates for Interconnection Facilities and Network Upgrades contained in Interconnection Studies will be set forth in the Interconnection Study report in present



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dollar costs as well as time-adjusted dollar costs, adjusted to the estimated year of construction of the components being constructed.

### **Section 3 Interconnection Requests**

#### **3.1 General**

Pursuant to CAISO Tariff Section 25.1, an Interconnection Customer shall submit to the CAISO an Interconnection Request in the form of Appendix 1 to this GIP. The CAISO will forward a copy of the Interconnection Request to the applicable Participating TO within five (5) Business Days of receipt.

The Interconnection Customer shall submit a separate Interconnection Request for each site and may submit multiple Interconnection Requests for a single site. The Interconnection Customer must submit a deposit with each Interconnection Request even when more than one request is submitted for a single site. An Interconnection Request to evaluate one site at two different voltage levels shall be treated as two Interconnection Requests.

#### **3.2 Roles And Responsibilities**

- (a) Each Interconnection Request will be subject to the direction and oversight of the CAISO. The CAISO will conduct or cause to be performed the required Interconnection Studies and any additional studies the CAISO determines to be reasonably necessary, and will direct the applicable Participating TO to perform portions of studies where the Participating TO has specific and non-transferable expertise or data and can conduct the studies more efficiently and cost effectively than the CAISO. The CAISO will coordinate with Affected System Operators in accordance with GIP Section 3.7.
- (b) The CAISO will complete or cause to be completed all studies as required within the timelines provided in this GIP. Any portion of the studies performed at the direction of the CAISO by the Participating TOs or by a third party shall also be completed within timelines provided in this GIP.
- (c) The CAISO has established a pro forma Roles and Responsibilities Agreement, attached hereto as Appendix 4 and incorporated herein by reference, for execution by the CAISO and the applicable Participating TOs.
- (d) Each Interconnection Customer shall pay the actual costs of all Interconnection Studies, and any additional studies the CAISO determines to be reasonably necessary in response to the Interconnection Request. The CAISO shall reimburse the Participating TO for the actual cost of any portion of all Interconnection Studies that such Participating TO performs at the direction of the CAISO.

#### **3.3 Timing for Submitting Interconnection Requests**

##### **3.3.1 Timing for Submitting Interconnection Requests in Queue Cluster**

Except for Interconnection Customers requesting processing under the Independent Study Process or Fast Track Process, Interconnection Requests must be submitted during a Cluster Application Window. There will be two Cluster Application Windows associated with each Interconnection Study Cycle. The first Cluster Application Window will open on October 15 and close on November 15 of the year prior to the year in which the Interconnection Studies are performed. The second Cluster Application Window will open on March 1 and close on March 31 of the year in which the Interconnection Studies are performed. In the event that any date set forth in this section is not a Business Day, then the applicable date shall be the next Business Day thereafter.

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For the CAISO's fourth Queue Cluster, there will only be one Cluster Application Window, which will open on March 1, 2011 and close on March 31, 2011.

**3.3.2 Timing for Submitting Interconnection Requests for Independent Study Process and Fast Track Process**

Interconnection Customers may submit Interconnection Requests for processing under the Independent Study Process or the Fast Track Process at any time during the year.

**3.4 [Not Used]**

**3.5 Processing of Interconnection Requests**

**3.5.1 Initiating an Interconnection Request.**

To initiate an Interconnection Request, except as set forth in GIP Section 5, the Interconnection Customer must submit all of the following during a Cluster Application Window, or at any time during the year for proposed Generating Facilities applying for processing under the Independent Study Process:

- (i) An Interconnection Study Deposit equal to \$50,000 plus \$1,000 per MW of electrical output of the Generating Facility, up to a maximum of \$250,000. With respect to Interconnection Customers that have submitted Interconnection Requests: (1) if such customers, for whom the Phase I Interconnection Studies have not yet commenced, or are in the CAISO's third Queue Cluster, have posted an Interconnection Study Deposit that is less than the amount required by this section, such Interconnection Customers must post the difference between the amount posted and the amount required by this section within thirty (30) calendar days of a FERC order accepting this provision; (2) if such customers, for whom the Phase I Interconnection Studies have not yet commenced, or are in the CAISO's third Queue Cluster, have posted an Interconnection Study Deposit that is greater than the amount required by this section, such Interconnection Customers will receive a refund equal to the difference between the amount originally posted and the amount required under this section within thirty (30) calendar days of a FERC order accepting this provision.
- (ii) A completed application in the form of GIP Appendix 1, including requested deliverability status, requested study process (either Queue Cluster or Independent Study Process), preferred Point of Interconnection and voltage level, and all other required technical data.
- (iii) Demonstration of Site Exclusivity or, for Interconnection Requests in a Queue Cluster, a posting of a Site Exclusivity Deposit of \$100,000 for a Small Generating Facility or \$250,000 for a Large Generating Facility. The demonstration of Site Exclusivity, at a minimum, must be through the Commercial Operation Date of the new Generating Facility or increase in capacity of the existing Generating Facility.

**3.5.1.1 Use of Interconnection Study Deposit.**

The CAISO shall deposit all Interconnection Study Deposits in an interest bearing account at a bank or financial institution designated by the CAISO. The Interconnection Study Deposit shall be applied to pay for prudent costs incurred by the CAISO, the Participating TOs, or third parties at the direction of the CAISO or Participating TOs, as applicable, to perform and administer the Interconnection Studies and to meet and

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otherwise communicate with Interconnection Customers with respect to their Interconnection Requests.

Except for proposed Generating Facilities processed under the Fast Track Process set forth in Section 5 of this GIP, the Interconnection Study Deposits shall be refundable as follows:

- (a) Should an Interconnection Request be withdrawn by the Interconnection Customer or be deemed withdrawn by the CAISO by written notice under GIP Section 3.8 on or before thirty (30) calendar days following the Scoping Meeting, the CAISO shall refund to the Interconnection Customer any portion of the Interconnection Customer's Interconnection Study Deposit, including interest earned at the rate provided for in the interest-bearing account from the date of deposit to the date of withdrawal, that exceed the costs the CAISO, Participating TOs, and third parties have incurred on the Interconnection Customer's behalf.
- (b) Should an Interconnection Request made under GIP Section 3.5.1 be withdrawn by the Interconnection Customer or be deemed withdrawn by the CAISO by written notice under GIP Section 3.8 more than thirty (30) calendar days after the Scoping Meeting, but on or before thirty (30) calendar days following the Results Meeting (or the latest date permitted under this GIP for a Results Meeting if a customer elects not to have a Results Meeting) for the Phase I Interconnection Study or the System Impact Study for Generating Facilities processed under the Independent Study Process, the CAISO shall refund to the Interconnection Customer the difference between (i) the Interconnection Customer's Interconnection Study Deposit and (ii) the greater of the costs the CAISO and Participating TOs have incurred on the Interconnection Customer's behalf or one-half of the original Interconnection Study Deposit up to a maximum of \$100,000, including interest earned at the rate provided for in the interest-bearing account from the date of deposit to the date of withdrawal.
- (c) Should an Interconnection Request be withdrawn by the Interconnection Customer or be deemed withdrawn by the CAISO by written notice under GIP Section 3.8 at any time more than thirty (30) calendar days after the Results Meeting (or the latest date permitted under this GIP for a Results Meeting if a customer elects not to have a Results Meeting) for the Phase I Interconnection Study, or the System Impact Study for proposed Generating Facilities processed under the Independent Study Process, the Interconnection Study Deposit shall be non-refundable.
- (d) Upon execution of a GIA by an Interconnection Customer, the CAISO and the applicable Participating TOs, or the approval by FERC of an unexecuted GIA, the CAISO shall refund to the Interconnection Customer any portion of the Interconnection Customer's Interconnection Study Deposit, including interest earned at the rate provided for in the interest-bearing account from the date of deposit to the date of withdrawal, that exceeds the costs the CAISO, Participating TOs, and third parties have incurred on the Interconnection Customer's behalf.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, an Interconnection Customer that withdraws or is deemed to have withdrawn its Interconnection Request during an Interconnection Study Cycle shall be obligated to pay to the CAISO all costs in excess of the Interconnection Study Deposit that have been prudently incurred or irrevocably have been committed to be incurred with respect to that Interconnection Request prior to withdrawal. The CAISO will reimburse the applicable Participating TO(s) or third parties, as applicable, for all work performed on behalf of the withdrawn Interconnection Request at the CAISO's direction.

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The Interconnection Customer must pay all monies due before it is allowed to obtain any Interconnection Study data or results.

All non-refundable portions of the Interconnection Study Deposit that exceed the costs the CAISO, Participating TOs, or third parties have incurred on the Interconnection Customer's behalf shall be treated in accordance with CAISO Tariff Section 37.9.4. In addition, any funds received by the CAISO from a Participating TO, pursuant to a requirement in the Participating TO's wholesale distribution tariff for funds to be distributed by the CAISO, shall be treated in accordance with CAISO Tariff Section 37.9.4.

**3.5.1.2 Obligation for Study Costs.**

Except as otherwise provided in GIP Section 3.5.1.1, the CAISO shall charge and the Interconnection Customer(s) shall pay the actual costs of the Interconnection Studies. Where an Interconnection Study is performed by means of a Group Study, the cost of the Group Study will be charged pro rata to each Interconnection Request assigned to the Group Study. The cost of Interconnection Studies performed for an individual Interconnection Request, not part of a Group Study, will be charged solely to the Interconnection Customer that submitted the Interconnection Request.

The Participating TO and any third parties performing work on the Interconnection Customer's behalf shall invoice the CAISO for such work, and the CAISO shall issue invoices for Interconnection Studies that shall include a detailed and itemized accounting of the cost of each Interconnection Study. The CAISO shall draw from the Interconnection Study Deposit any undisputed costs within thirty (30) calendar days of issuance of an invoice. Whenever the actual cost of performing the Interconnection Studies exceeds the Interconnection Study Deposit, the Interconnection Customer shall pay the undisputed difference in accordance with the CAISO issued invoice within thirty (30) calendar days. The CAISO shall not be obligated to continue to have any studies conducted unless the Interconnection Customer has paid all undisputed amounts in compliance herewith. In the event an Interconnection Study, or portions thereof, is performed by the CAISO, the Interconnection Customer shall pay only the costs of those activities performed by the Participating TO to adequately review or validate that Interconnection Study or portions thereof.

**3.5.1.3 Use of Site Exclusivity Deposit.**

The CAISO shall deposit all Site Exclusivity Deposits in an interest bearing account at a bank or financial institution designated by the CAISO. The Site Exclusivity Deposit shall be refundable to the Interconnection Customer at any time upon demonstration of Site Exclusivity or the Interconnection Request is withdrawn by the Interconnection Customer or deemed withdrawn by the CAISO by written notice under GIP Section 3.8. The refund of the Site Exclusivity Deposit shall include interest earned at the rate provided for in the interest-bearing account from the date of deposit to the date of withdrawal. The Site Exclusivity Deposit shall continue to be required after the Interconnection Customer either executes a GIA or requests the filing of an unexecuted GIA under GIP Section 11 if Site Exclusivity has not been demonstrated.

**3.5.1.4 Proposed Commercial Operation Date.**

The proposed Commercial Operation Date of the new Generating Facility or increase in capacity of the existing Generating Facility shall not exceed seven years from the date the Interconnection Request is received by the CAISO, unless the Interconnection Customer demonstrates, and the applicable Participating TO(s) and the CAISO agree, such agreement not to be unreasonably withheld, that engineering, permitting and

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construction of the new Generating Facility or increase in capacity of the existing Generating Facility will take longer than the seven year period.

### **3.5.2 Validation of Interconnection Request.**

#### **3.5.2.1 Acknowledgment of Interconnection Request.**

The CAISO shall notify the Interconnection Customer within ten (10) Business Days of receipt of the Interconnection Request, which notice shall state whether the Interconnection Request is deemed complete, valid, and ready to be studied.

#### **3.5.2.2 Deficiencies in Interconnection Request.**

An Interconnection Request will not be considered to be a valid request until the CAISO determines that the information contained in the Interconnection Request is complete and the Interconnection Customer has provided all items in satisfaction of GIP Section 3.5.1. If an Interconnection Request fails to meet the requirements set forth in GIP Section 3.5.1, the CAISO shall include in its notification to the Interconnection Customer under GIP Section 3.5.2.1 the reasons for such failure and that the Interconnection Request does not constitute a valid request. The Interconnection Customer shall provide the CAISO the additional requested information needed to constitute a valid request. Whenever additional requested information is provided by the Interconnection Customer, the CAISO shall notify the Interconnection Customer within five (5) Business Days of receipt of the additional requested information whether the Interconnection Request is valid. If the Interconnection Request continues to fail to meet the requirements set forth in GIP Section 3.5.1, the CAISO shall include in its notification to the Interconnection Customer the reasons for such failure. If an Interconnection Request has not been deemed valid, the Interconnection Customer must submit all information necessary to meet the requirements of GIP Section 3.5.1 no later than twenty (20) Business Days after the close of the applicable Cluster Application Window or ten (10) Business Days after the CAISO first provided notice that the Interconnection Request was not valid, whichever is later. Interconnection Requests that have not met the requirements of GIP Section 3.5.1 within twenty (20) Business Days after the close of the applicable Cluster Application Window or ten (10) Business Days after the CAISO first provided notice that the Interconnection Request was not valid, whichever is later, will be deemed invalid and will not be included in Interconnection Study Cycle or otherwise studied..

Interconnection Requests deemed invalid under this GIP Section 3.5.2.2 are not subject to GIP Section 3.8. Interconnection Customers with invalid Interconnection Request under this GIP Section 3.5.2.2 may seek relief under GIP Section 13.5 by so notifying the CAISO within two (2) Business Days of the notice of invalidity.

### **3.6 Internet Posting**

The CAISO will maintain on the CAISO Website a list of all Interconnection Requests. The list will identify, for each Interconnection Request: (i) the maximum summer and winter megawatt electrical output; (ii) the location by county and state; (iii) the station or transmission line or lines where the interconnection will be made; (iv) the most recent projected Commercial Operation Date; (v) the status of the Interconnection Request, including whether it is active or withdrawn; (vi) the availability of any studies related to the Interconnection Request; (vii) the date of the Interconnection Request; (viii) the type of Generating Facility to be constructed (e.g., combined cycle, combustion turbine, wind turbine, and fuel type); and (ix) requested deliverability status.

Except in the case of an Affiliate, the list will not disclose the identity of the Interconnection Customer until the Interconnection Customer executes a GIA or requests

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that the applicable Participating TO(s) and the CAISO file an unexecuted GIA with FERC. The CAISO shall post on the CAISO Website an advance notice whenever a Scoping Meeting will be held with an Affiliate of a Participating TO.

The CAISO shall post to the CAISO Website any deviations from the study timelines set forth herein. The CAISO shall further post to the secure CAISO Website portions of the Phase I Interconnection Study that do not contain customer-specific information following the final Results Meeting and portions of the Phase II Interconnection Study that do not contain customer-specific information no later than publication of the final Transmission Plan under CAISO Tariff Section 24.2.5.2 (such posted information to be placed on the secure CAISO Website to protect any Critical Energy Infrastructure Information contained therein). The CAISO shall post to the secure CAISO Website any documents or other materials posted pursuant to this GIP or a Business Practice Manual that contain Critical Energy Infrastructure Information.

### **3.7 Coordination With Affected Systems**

The CAISO will notify the Affected System Operators that are potentially affected by the Interconnection Customer's Interconnection Request or Group Study within which the Interconnection Customer's Interconnection Request will be studied. The CAISO will coordinate the conduct of any studies required to determine the impact of the Interconnection Request on Affected Systems with Affected System Operators, to the extent possible, and, if possible, the CAISO will include those results (if available) in its applicable Interconnection Study within the time frame specified in this GIP. The CAISO will include such Affected System Operators in all meetings held with the Interconnection Customer as required by this GIP. The Interconnection Customer will cooperate with the CAISO in all matters related to the conduct of studies and the determination of modifications to Affected Systems, including signing separate study agreements with Affected System owners and paying for necessary studies. An entity which may be an Affected System shall cooperate with the CAISO in all matters related to the conduct of studies and the determination of modifications to Affected Systems.

### **3.8 Withdrawal**

The Interconnection Customer may withdraw its Interconnection Request at any time by written notice of such withdrawal to the CAISO, and the CAISO will notify the applicable Participating TO(s) and Affected System Operators, if any, within three (3) Business Days of receipt of such a notice. In addition, after confirmation by the CAISO of a valid Interconnection Request under GIP Section 3.5.2, if the Interconnection Customer fails to adhere to all requirements of this GIP, except as provided in GIP Section 13.5 (Disputes), the CAISO shall deem the Interconnection Request to be withdrawn and shall provide written notice to the Interconnection Customer within five (5) Business Days of the deemed withdrawal and an explanation of the reasons for such deemed withdrawal. Upon receipt of such written notice, the Interconnection Customer shall have five (5) Business Days in which to respond with information or action that either cures the deficiency or supports its position that the deemed withdrawal was erroneous and notifies the CAISO of its intent to pursue Dispute Resolution.

Withdrawal shall result in the removal of the Interconnection Request from the Interconnection Study Cycle. If an Interconnection Customer disputes the withdrawal and removal from the Interconnection Study Cycle and has elected to pursue Dispute Resolution, the Interconnection Customer's Interconnection Request will not be considered in any ongoing Interconnection Study during the Dispute Resolution process.

In the event of such withdrawal, the CAISO, subject to the provisions of GIP Sections 13.1 and 3.5.1.1, shall provide, at the Interconnection Customer's request, all information

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that the CAISO developed for any completed study conducted up to the date of withdrawal of the Interconnection Request.

### **3.9 Transferability Of Interconnection Request**

An Interconnection Customer may transfer its Interconnection Request to another entity only if such entity acquires the specific Generating Facility identified in the Interconnection Request and the Point of Interconnection does not change.

## **Section 4 Independent Study Process**

The CAISO, in coordination with the applicable Participating TO(s), will study Interconnection Requests eligible for treatment under this Independent Study Process independently from other Interconnection Requests.

All provisions of this GIP will apply unless superseded by provisions in this GIP Section 4.

### **4.1 Criteria for Independent Study Process Eligibility**

Any Interconnection Request that meets the following criteria will be processed under the Independent Study Process:

- 4.1.1** The Interconnection Customer must provide, along with its Interconnection Request, an objective demonstration that inclusion in a Queue Cluster will not accommodate the desired Commercial Operation Date for the Generating Facility. As part of this demonstration, the Interconnection Customer must show that the desired Commercial Operation Date is physically and commercially achievable, by demonstrating at least two of the following:
- (i) The Interconnection Customer has obtained, or has demonstrated the ability to obtain, all regulatory approvals and permits needed to complete construction in time to meet the Generating Facility's requested Commercial Operation Date.
  - (ii) The Interconnection Customer is able to provide, or has demonstrated the ability to obtain, a purchase order for generating equipment specific to the proposed Generating Facility, or a statement signed by an officer or authorized agent of the Interconnection Customer demonstrating that the Interconnection Customer has a commitment for the supply of its major generating equipment in time to meet the Commercial Operation Date through a purchase agreement to which the Interconnection Customer is a party.
  - (iii) The Interconnection Customer can provide reasonable evidence of adequate financing or other financial resources necessary to make the Interconnection Financial Security postings required in Sections 9.2 and 9.3 of this GIP.
- 4.1.2** The Interconnection Customer must demonstrate Site Exclusivity.
- 4.1.3** The proposed Generating Facility must be electrically independent of Interconnection Requests included in an existing Queue Cluster, pursuant to GIP Section 4.2, and, in addition, must be electrically independent of any other Generating Facility that is currently being studied under an earlier-queued Independent Study Process Interconnection Request.

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- 4.1.4** The CAISO will inform an Interconnection Customer whether it has satisfied the requirements set forth in Sections 4.1.1 and 4.1.2 of the GIP within fifteen (15) Business Days of receiving the Interconnection Request.
- 4.1.5** The CAISO will inform an Interconnection Customer whether it has satisfied the requirement that it be electrically independent of other Interconnection Requests, pursuant to Section 4.2 of the GIP, within fifteen (15) Business Days of receiving the Interconnection Request.
- 4.1.6** Any Interconnection Request that does not satisfy the criteria set forth in Sections 4.1.1, 4.1.2, and 4.1.3 of the GIP shall be deemed withdrawn, without prejudice to the Interconnection Customer submitting a request at a later date, unless the Interconnection Customer notifies the CAISO in writing within ten (10) Business Days that it wishes the CAISO to hold the Interconnection Request for inclusion in the next Queue Cluster, in which event the CAISO will do so.

**4.2 Determination of Electrical Independence**

Each Interconnection Request submitted under the Independent Study Process must pass both the flow impact test and the short circuit test set forth in this GIP Section 4.2 in order to qualify for the Independent Study Process. The available power flow and short circuit Base Cases that are being used for the most recent Queue Cluster will be used as the starting Base Cases for these tests.

**4.2.1 Flow Impact Test**

An Interconnection Request shall have satisfied the requirements of this Section if it satisfies, alternatively, either the set of requirements set forth in GIP Section 4.2.1.1 or the set of requirements set forth in GIP Section 4.2.1.2.

**4.2.1.1 Requirement Set Number One General Independent Study Requests:**

the CAISO, in coordination with the applicable Participating TO(s), will perform the flow impact test for an Interconnection Request requesting to be processed under the Independent Study Process as follows:

- (i) Identify the transmission facility closest, in terms of electrical distance, to the proposed Point of Interconnection of the Generating Facility being tested that will be electrically impacted, either as a result of Network Upgrades identified or reasonably expected to be needed by Generating Facilities currently being studied in a Queue Cluster, or as a result of Network Upgrades identified or reasonably expected to be needed by earlier queued Generating Facilities currently being studied through the Independent Study Process. If the current Queue Cluster studies or earlier queued Independent Study Process studies have not yet determined which transmission facilities electrically impacted by the Generating Facility being tested require Network Upgrades, and the CAISO cannot reasonably anticipate whether such transmission facilities will require Network Upgrades from other data, then the CAISO will wait to conduct the independence analysis under this section until sufficient information exists in order to make this determination.
- (ii) The incremental power flow on the transmission facility identified in Section 4.2.1(i) that is caused by the Generating Facility being tested will be divided by the lesser of the Generating Facility's size or the transmission facility capacity. If the result is five percent (5%) or less,



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the Generating Facility shall pass the flow impact test. If the Generating Facility being tested is tested against the nearest transmission facility and that transmission facility has been impacted by a cluster that required an upgrade as a result of a contingency, then that contingency will be used when applying the flow impact test.

- (iii) If the Generating Facility being tested under the flow impact test is reasonably expected to impact transmission facilities that were identified, per Section 4.2.1 (i), when testing one or more earlier queued Generating Facilities currently being studied through the Independent Study Process, then an additional aggregate power flow test shall be performed on these earlier identified transmission facilities. The aggregate power flow test shall require that the aggregated power flow of the Generating Facility being tested, plus the flow of all earlier queued Generating Facilities currently being studied under the Independent Study Process that were tested against the transmission facilities described in the previous sentence, must be five (5) percent or less of those transmission facilities' capacity.

However, even if the aggregate power flow on any transmission facility tested pursuant to this section (iii) is greater than five (5) percent of the transmission facility's capacity but the incremental power flow as a result of the Generating Facility being tested is one (1) percent or less than of the transmission facility's capacity, the Generating Facility shall pass the test.

If the Generating Facility being tested is tested against the nearest transmission facility and that transmission facility has been impacted by a cluster that required an upgrade as a result of a contingency, then that contingency will be used when applying the flow impact test.

The Generating Facility being tested must pass both this aggregate test as well as the individual flow test described in Section 4.2.1 (ii), in no particular order.

4.2.1.2 Requirement Set Number Two: for Requests for Independent Study of Behind-the-Meter Capacity Expansion of Generating Facilities

This GIP Section 4.2.1.2 applies to an Interconnection Request relating to a behind-the-meter capacity expansion of a Generating Facility. Such an Interconnection Request submitted under the Independent Study Process will satisfy the requirements of GIP Section 4.2.1 if it satisfies all of the following technical and business criteria:

- (i) Technical criteria.
- The total nameplate capacity of the existing Generating Facility plus the incremental increase in capacity does not exceed in the aggregate one hundred twenty-five (125) percent of its previously studied capacity, and the incremental increase in capacity does not exceed, in the aggregate, one hundred (100) MW.
  - The behind-the-meter capacity expansion shall not take place until after the original Generating Facility has achieved Commercial Operation and all Reliability Network Upgrades for the original Generating Facility have been placed in service. An Interconnection Request for a behind-the-meter capacity expansion may be

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submitted prior to the Commercial Operation Date of the original Generating Facility.

- The expanded capacity for the Generating Facility has been placed under a separate breaker (the expansion breaker) such that the expansion can be metered separately at all times. With the consent of the CAISO and the applicable Participating TO(s), the Interconnection Customer may make the Generating Facilities that will be tied to the expansion breaker a mixture of original and expanded facilities such that the total installed capacity behind the expansion breaker is equal to or greater than the planned amount of behind-the-meter capacity expansion.
- Unless specifically requested by the CAISO, the total output of the Generating Facility does not exceed its originally studied capacity at any time. The CAISO will have the authority to trip the expansion breaker if the total output of the Generating Facility exceeds the originally studied capacity.
- The processing of an Interconnection Request for behind-the-meter expansion under the Independent Study Process shall not result in any increase in the rated Generating Facility electrical output (MW capacity) beyond the rating which pre-existed the Interconnection Request. Further, the processed Interconnection Request shall not operate as a basis under the CAISO Tariff to increase the Net Qualifying Capacity of the Generating Facility beyond the rating which pre-existed the Interconnection Request.

(ii) Business criteria.

- The Deliverability Status (Full Capacity, Partial Deliverability or Energy-Only) of the capacity expansion is the same as the Deliverability Status specified for the formally studied Generating Facility.
- The GIA is amended to reflect the revised operational features of the Generating Facility capacity expansion.
- The Interconnection Customer may at any time request that the CAISO convert the Interconnection Request for behind-the-meter expansion to an Independent Study Process Interconnection Request to evaluate an incremental increase in electrical output (MW generating capacity) for the existing Generating Facility. The Interconnection Customer must accompany such a conversion request with an appropriate Interconnection Study Deposit and agree to comply with other sections of GIP Section 4 applicable to an Independent Study Process Interconnection Request.

#### 4.2.2 Short Circuit Test

If the short circuit contribution from the Generating Facility (existing or proposed) being tested at the transmission facility identified in GIP Section 4.2.1(i) is less than 100 amperes, the Generating Facility shall pass the short circuit test.

#### **4.3 Scoping Meeting**

Within five (5) Business Days after the CAISO notifies the Interconnection Customer that if the Generating Facility associated with its Interconnection Request has satisfied the independence test set forth in GIP Section 4.2, the CAISO shall establish a date agreeable to the Interconnection Customer and the applicable Participating TO(s) for the Scoping Meeting. With input from the Participating TO, the CAISO shall evaluate whether the Interconnection Request is at or near the boundary of an affected Participating TO(s)' service territory or of any other Affected System(s) so as to potentially affect such third parties, and, if such is the case, the CAISO shall invite the affected Participating TO(s) and/or Affected System Operator(s), in accordance with GIP Section 3.7, to the Scoping Meeting by informing such third parties, as soon as practicable, of the time and place of the scheduled Scoping Meeting.

The purpose of the Scoping Meeting shall be to discuss the Interconnection Request and review existing studies relevant to the Interconnection Request. The applicable Participating TO(s) and the CAISO will bring to the meeting, as reasonably necessary to accomplish its purpose, technical data, including, but not limited to, (i) general facility loadings, (ii) general instability issues, (iii) general short circuit issues, (iv) general voltage issues, and (v) general reliability issues. The Interconnection Customer will bring to the Scoping Meeting, in addition to the technical data in Attachment A to GIP Appendix 1, any system studies previously performed. The applicable Participating TO(s), the CAISO, and the Interconnection Customer will also bring to the meeting personnel and other resources as may be reasonably required to accomplish the purpose of the meeting in the time allocated for the meeting. The CAISO shall prepare minutes from the meeting, and provide an opportunity for other attendees and the Interconnection Customer to confirm the accuracy thereof. The Scoping Meeting may be omitted by agreement of the Interconnection Customer, Participating TO, and the CAISO.

The CAISO shall, no later than five (5) Business Days after the Scoping Meeting (or agreement to forego such Scoping Meeting), provide the Interconnection Customer with a Independent Study Process Study Agreement (in the form set forth in Appendix 6 to the GIP), which shall contain an outline of the scope of the system impact and facilities studies and a non-binding good faith estimate of the cost to perform the studies. The Interconnection Customer shall return the executed Independent Study Process Study Agreement or request an extension of time for good cause within thirty (30) Business Days thereafter, or the Interconnection Request shall be deemed withdrawn.

#### **4.4 System Impact Study**

- 4.4.1** The system impact study will consist of a short circuit analysis, a stability analysis, a power flow analysis, an assessment of the potential magnitude of financial impacts, if any, on Local Furnishing Bonds, and a proposed resolution, and any other studies that are deemed necessary.
- 4.4.2** The system impact study shall state the assumptions upon which it is based, state the results of the analyses, and provide the requirement or potential impediments to providing the requested Interconnection Service, including a preliminary indication of the cost and length of time that would be necessary to correct any problems identified in those analyses and implement the Interconnection.
- 4.4.3** The system impact study shall provide a list of Interconnection Facilities and Reliability Network Upgrades that are required as a result of the Interconnection Request along with a non-binding good faith estimate of cost responsibility and the amount of construction time required. The good faith estimate will be based on the Per Unit Costs as described in GIP Section 6.6.

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- 4.4.4** The system impact study will be completed and the results transmitted to the Interconnection Customer within ninety (90) calendar days after the execution of an Independent Study Process Study Agreement. The Interconnection Customer shall execute the agreement(s) and deliver them to the CAISO, and shall make its initial posting of Interconnection Financial Security, within thirty days (30) calendar days after being provided with the final system impact study report, in accordance with GIP Section 9.2, or its Interconnection Request shall be deemed withdrawn.
- 4.4.5** If requested by the Interconnection Customer, a Results Meeting shall be held among the CAISO, the applicable Participating TO(s), and the Interconnection Customer to discuss the results of the system impact study report, including assigned cost responsibility. The CAISO shall prepare minutes from the meeting. Any such Results Meeting will be held within 20 Business Days of the date the system impact study report is provided to the Interconnection Customer.
- 4.4.6** For Interconnection Requests under the Independent Study Process, the initial posting of Interconnection Financial Security described in GIP Section 9.2 will be based on the cost responsibility for Network Upgrades, and Participating TO's Interconnection Facilities set forth in the system impact study. If the system impact study is waived, then such posting will be based upon the cost responsibility set forth in the facilities study described in GIP Section 4.5.
- 4.5 Facilities Study**
- 4.5.1** The facilities study shall specify and estimate the cost of the equipment, engineering, procurement, and construction work (including overheads) needed to implement the conclusions of the system impact study, including, if applicable, the cost of remedial measures that address the financial impacts, if any, on Local Furnishing Bonds. The facilities study shall also identify (1) the electrical switching configuration of the equipment, including, without limitation, transformer, switchgear, meters, and other station equipment, (2) the nature and estimated cost of the Participating TO's Interconnection Facilities and upgrades necessary to accomplish the Interconnection, and (3) an estimate of the time required to complete the construction and installation of such facilities or for effecting remedial measures that address the financial impacts, if any, on Local Furnishing Bonds.
- 4.5.2** The facilities study may be waived if the system impact study does not identify any Interconnection Facilities and Reliability Network Upgrades.
- 4.5.3** The facilities study will be completed within ninety (90) calendar days after the Interconnection Customer posts Interconnection Financial Security in accordance with GIP Section 9.2 where Network Upgrades are identified. In cases where no Network Upgrades are identified and the required facilities are limited to Interconnection Facilities only, the facilities study will be completed within sixty (60) calendar days after the Interconnection Customer posts Interconnection Financial Security in Accordance with GIP Section 9.2.
- 4.5.4** If requested by the Interconnection Customer within ten (10) Business Days of the date of the facilities study report, a Results Meeting shall be held among the CAISO, the applicable Participating TO(s), and the Interconnection Customer to discuss the results of the facilities study report, including assigned cost responsibility. The CAISO shall prepare minutes from the meeting. Any such Results Meeting will be held within twenty (20) Business Days of the date the facilities study report is provided to the Interconnection Customer.

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**4.5.5** For Interconnection Requests under the Independent Study Process, the second posting and third postings of Interconnection Financial Security described in GIP Section 9.3 will be based on the cost responsibility for Network Upgrades and the Participating TO's Interconnection Facilities set forth in the facilities study.

**4.6 Deliverability Assessment**

Interconnection Customers under the Independent Study Process that requests Partial or Full Capacity Deliverability Status will have a Deliverability Assessment performed as part of the next scheduled Phase I and Phase II Interconnection Studies for Queue Clusters. If the Deliverability Assessment identifies any Delivery Network Upgrades that are triggered by the Interconnection Request, the Interconnection Customer will be responsible to pay its proportionate share of the costs of those Upgrades, pursuant to Sections 6 and 7 of this GIP. If the Generating Facility (or increase in capacity of an existing Generating Facility) achieves its Commercial Operation Date before the Deliverability Assessment is completed and any necessary Delivery Network Upgrades are in service, the proposed Generating Facility (or increase in capacity) will be treated as an Energy-Only Deliverability Status Generating Facility until such Delivery Network Upgrades are in service.

**4.7 Extensions of Commercial Operation Date**

Extensions of the Commercial Operation Date for Interconnection Requests under the Independent Study Process will not be granted except for circumstances beyond the control of the Interconnection Customer.

**Section 5 Fast Track Process**

**5.1 Applicability and Initiation of Fast Track Process Request**

Applicability to a proposed Generating Facility. An Interconnection Customer may request interconnection of a proposed Generating Facility to the CAISO Controlled Grid under the Fast Track Process if the Generating Facility is no larger than 5 MW and is requesting Energy-Only Deliverability Status and if the Interconnection Customer's proposed Generating Facility meets the codes, standards, and certification requirements of Appendices 9 and 10 of this GIP, or if the applicable Participating TO notifies the CAISO that it has reviewed the design for or tested the proposed Small Generating Facility and has determined that the proposed Generating Facility may interconnect consistent with Reliability Criteria and Good Utility Practice.

Applicability to an existing Generating Facility. If the Interconnection of an existing Generating Facility meets the qualifications for Interconnection under CAISO Tariff Section 25.1(d) or (e) but, at the same time, the Interconnection Customer also seeks to repower or reconfigure the existing Generating Facility in a manner that increases the gross generating capacity by not more than 5 MW, then the Interconnection Customer may request that the Fast Track Process be applied with respect to the repowering or reconfiguration of the existing Generating Facility that results in the incremental increase in MW.

Initiating the Fast Track Interconnection Request. To initiate an Interconnection Request under the Fast Track Process, the Interconnection Customer must provide the CAISO with:

- (i) a completed Interconnection Request as set forth in Appendix 1 to the GIP;

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- (ii) a non-refundable processing fee of \$500 and a study deposit of \$1,000; and
- (iii) a demonstration of Site Exclusivity. For the Fast Track Process, such demonstration may include documentation reasonably demonstrating a right to locate the Generating Facility on real estate or real property improvements owned, leased, or otherwise legally held by another.

The CAISO shall review and validate the Fast Track Process Interconnection Request pursuant to GIP Section 5.2.

All provisions of this GIP will apply unless superseded by provisions in this GIP Section 5.

## **5.2 Initial Review**

Within fifteen (15) Business Days after the CAISO notifies the Interconnection Customer that the Interconnection Request is deemed complete, valid, and ready to be studied, the applicable Participating TO shall perform an initial review using the screens set forth in GIP Section 5.3 below, shall notify the Interconnection Customer of the results, and shall include with the notification copies of the analysis and data underlying the Participating TO's determinations under the screens.

## **5.3 Screens**

- 5.3.1** The proposed Generating Facility must pass the following screens to be eligible for Interconnection under this Fast Track Process:
  - 5.3.1.1** The proposed Generating Facility's Point of Interconnection must be on the CAISO Controlled Grid.
  - 5.3.1.2** For interconnection of a proposed Generating Facility to a radial transmission circuit, the aggregated generation on the circuit, including the proposed Generating Facility, shall not exceed 15 percent of the line section annual peak load as most recently measured at the substation. For purposes of this GIP Section 5.3.1.2, a line section shall be considered as that portion of a Participating TO's electric system connected to a customer bounded by automatic sectionalizing devices or the end of the transmission line.
  - 5.3.1.3** For interconnection of a proposed Generating Facility to the load side of spot network protectors, the proposed Generating Facility must utilize an inverter-based equipment package and, together with the aggregated other inverter-based generation, shall not exceed the smaller of 5 percent of a spot network's maximum load or 50 kW. For purposes of this GIP Section 5.3.1.3, a spot network shall be considered as a type of distribution system found in modern commercial buildings for the purpose of providing high reliability of service to a single retail customer.
  - 5.3.1.4** The proposed Generating Facility, in aggregation with other generation on the transmission circuit, shall not contribute more than 10 percent to the transmission circuit's maximum fault current at the point on the high voltage (primary) level nearest the proposed point of change of ownership.
  - 5.3.1.5** The proposed Generating Facility, in aggregate with other generation on the transmission circuit, shall not cause any transmission protective devices and equipment (including, but not limited to, substation breakers, fuse cutouts, and line reclosers), or Interconnection Customer equipment on the system to exceed 87.5 percent of the short circuit interrupting capability; nor shall the interconnection proposed for a circuit that already exceeds 87.5 percent of the short circuit interrupting capability.

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- 5.3.1.6** The Generating Facility, in aggregate with other generation interconnected to the transmission side of a substation transformer feeding the circuit where the Generating Facility proposes to interconnect shall not exceed 10 MW in an area where there are known, or posted, transient stability limitations to generating units located in the general electrical vicinity (*e.g.*, three or four transmission busses from the Point of Interconnection).
- 5.3.2** If the proposed interconnection passes the screens and no Upgrades are reasonably anticipated, the Interconnection Request shall be approved. Within fifteen (15) Business Days thereafter, the Participating TO will provide the Interconnection Customer with a Small Generator Interconnection Agreement for execution.
- 5.3.3** If the proposed interconnection fails the screens and no Upgrades are reasonably anticipated, but the CAISO and Participating TO determine that the Generating Facility may nevertheless be interconnected consistent with safety, reliability, and power quality standards under these procedures, the Participating TO shall, within fifteen (15) Business Days, provide the Interconnection Customer with a Small Generator Interconnection Agreement for execution.
- 5.3.4** If the proposed interconnection passes the screens and Upgrades are reasonably anticipated, the CAISO and Participating TO shall provide the Interconnection Customer with the opportunity to attend a customer options meeting as described in GIP Section 5.4.

**5.4 Customer Options Meeting**

If the CAISO and Participating TO determine the Interconnection Request cannot be approved without modifications at minimal cost; or a supplemental study or other additional studies or actions; or at significant cost to address safety, reliability, or power quality problems, within the five (5) Business Day period after the determination, the CAISO and Participating TO shall notify the Interconnection Customer and provide copies of all data and analyses underlying its conclusion. Within ten (10) Business Days of the CAISO and Participating TO's determination, the CAISO and Participating TO shall offer to convene a customer options meeting with the CAISO and Participating TO to review possible Interconnection Customer facility modifications or the screen analysis and related results, to determine what further steps are needed to permit the Small Generating Facility to be connected safely and reliably. At the time of notification of the CAISO and Participating TO's determination, or at the customer options meeting, the CAISO and Participating TO shall:

- 5.4.1** Offer to perform facility modifications or modifications to the Participating TO's electric system (*e.g.*, changing meters, fuses, relay settings) and provide a non-binding good faith estimate of the limited cost to make such modifications to the Participating TO's electric system; or
- 5.4.2** Offer to perform a supplemental review if the CAISO and Participating TO concludes that the supplemental review might determine that the Generating Facility could continue to qualify for interconnection pursuant to the Fast Track Process, and provide a non-binding good faith estimate of the costs of such review; or
- 5.4.3** Obtain the Interconnection Customer's agreement to continue evaluating the Interconnection Request under the Independent Study Process or Cluster Study Process.

**5.5 Supplemental Review**

If the Interconnection Customer agrees to a supplemental review, the Interconnection Customer shall agree in writing within fifteen (15) Business Days of the offer, and submit a deposit for the estimated costs in an amount reasonably determined by the CAISO and Participating TO. The Interconnection Customer

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shall be responsible for the CAISO and Participating TO's actual costs for conducting the supplemental review. The Interconnection Customer must pay any review costs that exceed the deposit within twenty (20) Business Days of receipt of the invoice or resolution of any dispute. If the deposit exceeds the invoiced costs, the CAISO and Participating TO will return such excess, without interest, within twenty (20) Business Days of the invoice.

- 5.5.1** Within ten (10) Business Days following receipt of the deposit for a supplemental review, the CAISO and Participating TO will determine if the Small Generating Facility can be interconnected safely and reliably.
- 5.5.1.1** If so, then, within fifteen (15) Business Days of such a determination, the Participating TO shall forward a Small Generator Interconnection Agreement to the Interconnection Customer for execution.
- 5.5.1.2** If so, and Interconnection Customer facility modifications are required to allow the Generating Facility to be interconnected consistent with safety, reliability, and power quality standards, the Participating TO shall forward a Small Generator Interconnection Agreement to the Interconnection Customer for execution within fifteen (15) Business Days after confirmation that the Interconnection Customer has agreed to pay for the identified modifications to the Participating TO's electric system.
- 5.5.1.3** If so, and Upgrades to the Participating TO's electric system are required to allow the Small Generating Facility to be interconnected consistent with safety, reliability, and power quality standards, the Participating TO shall forward a Small Generator Interconnection Agreement to the Interconnection Customer for execution within fifteen (15) Business Days that requires the Interconnection Customer to pay the costs of such system modifications prior to interconnection.
- 5.5.2** If not, the Interconnection Request will be deemed withdrawn, without prejudice to the Interconnection Customer resubmitting its Interconnection Request for processing in either a Queue Cluster or under the Independent Study Process.

**Section 6 Interconnection Study Process for Queue Clusters**

The provisions of this Section 6 of this GIP shall apply to all Interconnection Requests except those processed under the Independent Study Process as set forth in Section 4 of this GIP, the Fast Track Process as set forth in Section 5 of this GIP, or the 10 kW inverter process as set forth in Appendix 7 of this GIP.

**6.1 Generator Interconnection Study Process Agreement**

Within thirty (30) calendar days of the close of a Cluster Application Window, the CAISO shall provide to each Interconnection Customer with a valid Interconnection Request received during the Cluster Application Window a pro forma Generator Interconnection Study Process Agreement in the form set forth in Appendix 3 of this GIP. The pro forma Generator Interconnection Study Process Agreement shall specify that the Interconnection Customer is responsible for the actual cost of the Interconnection Studies, including reasonable administrative costs, and all requirements of this GIP. Within three (3) Business Days following the Scoping Meeting, the Interconnection Customer shall specify for inclusion in the attachment to the Generator Interconnection Study Process Agreement the Point of Interconnection for the Phase I Interconnection Study. Within ten (10) Business Days following the CAISO's receipt of such designation, the CAISO, in coordination with the applicable Participating TOs, shall provide to the Interconnection Customer a signed Generator Interconnection Study Process Agreement. The Interconnection Customer shall execute and deliver to the CAISO the Generator Interconnection Study Process Agreement no later than thirty (30) calendar days after the Scoping Meeting.



## 6.2 Scoping Meeting

Within five (5) Business Days after the CAISO notifies the Interconnection Customer of a Interconnection Request that is complete, valid, and ready for study, the CAISO shall establish a date agreeable to the Interconnection Customer and the applicable Participating TO(s) for the Scoping Meeting. All Scoping Meetings shall occur no later than sixty (60) calendar days after the close of a Cluster Application Window, unless otherwise mutually agreed upon by the Parties. The CAISO shall evaluate whether the Interconnection Request is at or near the boundary of an affected Participating TO(s) service territory or of any other Affected System(s) so as to potentially affect such third parties, and, in such case, the CAISO shall invite the affected Participating TO(s), and/or Affected System Operator(s) in accordance with GIP Section 3.7, to the Scoping Meeting by informing such third parties of the time and place of the scheduled Scoping Meeting as soon as practicable.

The purpose of the Scoping Meeting shall be to discuss reasonable Commercial Operation Dates and alternative interconnection options, to exchange information including any transmission data that would reasonably be expected to impact such interconnection options, to analyze such information and to determine the potential feasible Points of Interconnection and eliminate alternatives given resources and available information. The applicable Participating TO(s) and the CAISO will bring to the meeting, as reasonably necessary to accomplish its purpose, the following: (a) such already available technical data, including, but not limited to, (i) general facility loadings, (ii) general instability issues, (iii) general short circuit issues, (iv) general voltage issues, and (v) general reliability issues, and (b) general information regarding the number, location, and capacity of other Interconnection Requests in the Interconnection Study Cycle that may potentially form a Group Study with the Interconnection Customer's Interconnection Request.

The Interconnection Customer will bring to the Scoping Meeting, in addition to the technical data in Attachment A to GIP Appendix 1, any system studies previously performed. The applicable Participating TO(s), the CAISO and the Interconnection Customer will also bring to the meeting personnel and other resources as may be reasonably required to accomplish the purpose of the meeting in the time allocated for the meeting. On the basis of the meeting, the Interconnection Customer shall designate its Point of Interconnection. The duration of the meeting shall be sufficient to accomplish its purpose.

The CAISO shall prepare minutes from the meeting, and provide the Interconnection Customer and the other attendees an opportunity to confirm the accuracy thereof, that will include, at a minimum, discussions among the applicable Participating TO(s) and the CAISO of the expected results and a good faith estimate of the costs for the Phase I Interconnection Study.

## 6.3 Grouping Interconnection Requests

At the CAISO's option, and in coordination with the applicable Participating TO(s), Interconnection Requests received during the two Cluster Application Windows for a particular year may be studied individually or in a Group Study for the purpose of conducting one or more of the analyses forming the Interconnection Studies. For each Interconnection Study within an Interconnection Study Cycle, the CAISO may develop one or more Group Studies. A Group Study will include, at the CAISO's sole judgment after coordination with the applicable Participating TO(s), Interconnection Requests that electrically affect one another with respect to the analysis being performed without regard to the nature of the underlying Interconnection Service. The CAISO may also, in its sole judgment after coordination with the applicable Participating TO(s), conduct an Interconnection Study for an Interconnection Request separately to the extent warranted

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by Good Utility Practice based upon the electrical remoteness of the proposed Generating Facility from other Generating Facilities with Interconnection Requests in the two Cluster Application Windows for a particular year.

An Interconnection Request's inclusion in a Group Study will not relieve the CAISO or Participating TO(s) from meeting the timelines for conducting the Phase I Interconnection Study provided in the GIP. Group Studies shall be conducted in such a manner to ensure the efficient implementation of the applicable regional transmission expansion plan in light of the transmission system's capabilities at the time of each study.

#### **6.4 Scope and Purpose of Phase I Interconnection Study**

The Phase I Interconnection Study shall (i) evaluate the impact of all Interconnection Requests received during the two Cluster Application Windows for a particular year on the CAISO Controlled Grid, (ii) preliminarily identify all Network Upgrades needed to address the impacts on the CAISO Controlled Grid of the Interconnection Requests, (iii) preliminarily identify for each Interconnection Request required Interconnection Facilities, (iv) assess the Point of Interconnection selected by each Interconnection Customer and potential alternatives to evaluate potential efficiencies in overall transmission upgrades costs, (v) establish the maximum cost responsibility for Network Upgrades assigned to each Interconnection Request in accordance with GIP Section 6.5, and (vi) provide a good faith estimate of the cost of Interconnection Facilities for each Interconnection Request.

The Phase I Interconnection Study will consist of a short circuit analysis, a stability analysis to the extent the CAISO and applicable Participating TO(s) reasonably expect transient or voltage stability concerns, a power flow analysis, including off-peak analysis, and an On-Peak Deliverability Assessment and Off-Peak Deliverability Assessment (which will be for informational purposes only beginning with the Phase II Interconnection Study for Queue Clusters 3 and 4), as applicable, in accordance with GIP Section 6.5.2. The Phase I Interconnection Study will state for each Group Study or Interconnection Request studied individually (i) the assumptions upon which it is based, (ii) the results of the analyses, and (iii) the requirements or potential impediments to providing the requested Interconnection Service to all Interconnection Requests in a Group Study or to the Interconnection Request studied individually. The Phase I Interconnection Study will provide, without regard to the requested Commercial Operation Dates of the Interconnection Requests, a list of Network Upgrades to the CAISO Controlled Grid that are preliminarily identified as required as a result of the Interconnection Requests in a Group Study or as a result of any Interconnection Request studied individually and Participating TO's Interconnection Facilities associated with each Interconnection Request, and an estimate of any other financial impacts (i.e., on Local Furnishing Bonds).

#### **6.5 Identification And Cost Allocation for Network Upgrades**

##### **6.5.1 Reliability Network Upgrades.**

The CAISO, in coordination with the applicable Participating TO(s), will perform short circuit and stability analyses for each Interconnection Request either individually or as part of a Group Study to preliminarily identify the Reliability Network Upgrades needed to interconnect the Generating Facilities to the CAISO Controlled Grid. The CAISO, in coordination with the applicable Participating TO(s), shall also perform power flow analyses, under a variety of system conditions, for each Interconnection Request either individually or as part of a Group Study to identify Reliability Criteria violations, including applicable thermal overloads, that must be mitigated by Reliability Network Upgrades.

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The cost of all Reliability Network Upgrades identified in the Phase I Interconnection Study shall be estimated in accordance with GIP Section 6.6. The estimated costs of short circuit related Reliability Network Upgrades identified through a Group Study shall be assigned to all Interconnection Requests in that Group Study pro rata on the basis of the short circuit duty contribution of each Generating Facility. The estimated costs of all other Reliability Network Upgrades identified through a Group Study shall be assigned to all Interconnection Requests in that Group Study pro rata on the basis of the maximum megawatt electrical output of each proposed new Generating Facility or the amount of megawatt increase in the generating capacity of each existing Generating Facility as listed by the Interconnection Customer in its Interconnection Request. The estimated costs of Reliability Network Upgrades identified as a result of an Interconnection Request studied separately shall be assigned solely to that Interconnection Request.

## **6.5.2 Delivery Network Upgrades.**

### **6.5.2.1 The On-Peak Deliverability Assessment.**

The CAISO, in coordination with the applicable Participating TO(s), shall perform an On-Peak Deliverability Assessment for Interconnection Customers selecting Full Capacity or Partial Deliverability Status in their Interconnection Requests. The On-Peak Deliverability Assessment shall determine the Interconnection Customer's Generating Facility's ability to deliver its Energy to the CAISO Controlled Grid under peak load conditions, and identify preliminary Delivery Network Upgrades required to provide the Generating Facility with Full Capacity or Partial Deliverability Status. The preliminary Delivery Network Upgrades identified by the On-Peak Deliverability Assessment will be used to establish the maximum cost responsibility for Delivery Network Upgrades for each Interconnection Customer selecting Full Capacity or Partial Deliverability Status. Deliverability of a new Generating Facility will be assessed on the same basis as all other existing resources interconnected to the CAISO Controlled Grid.

The On-Peak Deliverability Assessment will identify the Network Upgrades that are required to enable the Generating Facility of each Interconnection Customer requesting Full Capacity or Partial Deliverability Status to meet the requirements for deliverability. Deliverability requires that the Generating Facility Capacity, or the portion of Generating Facility Capacity designated for Partial Deliverability, as set forth in the Interconnection Request, can be delivered to the aggregate of Load on the CAISO Controlled Grid, consistent with Reliability Criteria, under CAISO Controlled Grid peak load and Contingency conditions, and assuming the aggregate output of existing Generating Facilities with established Net Qualifying Capacity values and other Generating Facilities in the Interconnection Study Cycle seeking Full Capacity or Partial Deliverability Status identified within the On-Peak Deliverability Assessment based on the effect of Transmission Constraints.

The On-Peak Deliverability Assessment will further perform an analysis to estimate the MW of deliverable generation capacity for the individual or Group Study if the highest cost Delivery Network Upgrade component were removed from the preliminary Delivery Network Upgrade plan, or, at the CAISO's sole discretion, if any other identified Delivery Network Upgrade component(s) were removed from the preliminary Delivery Network Upgrade plan. This information is provided to allow Interconnection Customers to address at the Results Meeting potential modifications under GIP Section 6.9.2 or change the Interconnection Request's Full Capacity Deliverability Status for purposes of financing under GIP Section 12.3.1.

The methodology for the On-Peak Deliverability Assessment will be published on the CAISO Website or, when effective, included in a CAISO Business Practice Manual. The

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On-Peak Deliverability Assessment does not convey any right to deliver electricity to any specific customer or Delivery Point.

The cost of all Delivery Network Upgrades identified in the On-Peak Deliverability Assessment as part of a Phase I Interconnection Study shall be estimated in accordance with GIP Section 6.4. The estimated costs of Delivery Network Upgrades identified in the On-Peak Deliverability Assessment shall be assigned to all Interconnection Requests selecting Full Capacity or Partial Deliverability Status based on the flow impact of each such Generating Facility on the Delivery Network Upgrades as determined by the Generation distribution factor methodology set forth in the On-Peak Deliverability Assessment methodology.

#### **6.5.2.2 Off-Peak Deliverability Assessment.**

The CAISO, in coordination with the applicable Participating TO(s), shall perform an Off-Peak Deliverability Assessment to identify transmission upgrades in addition to those Delivery Network Upgrades identified in the On-Peak Deliverability Assessment, if any, for a Group Study or individual Phase I Interconnection Study that includes one or more Location Constrained Resource Interconnection Generators (LCRIG), where the fuel source or source of energy for the LCRIG substantially occurs during off-peak conditions. The transmission upgrades identified under this Section shall comprise those needed for the full maximum megawatt electrical output of each proposed new LCRIG or the amount of megawatt increase in the generating capacity of each existing LCRIG as listed by the Interconnection Customer in its Interconnection Request, whether studied individually or as a Group Study, to be deliverable to the aggregate of Load on the CAISO Controlled Grid under the Generation dispatch conditions studied. The methodology for the Off-Peak Deliverability Assessment will be published on the CAISO Website or, if applicable, included in a CAISO Business Practice Manual.

Beginning with the Phase II Interconnection Study for Queue Clusters 3 and 4, the ISO will perform the Off-Peak Deliverability Assessment performed under this Section 6.5.2.2 for Interconnection Customer informational purposes only, and any Delivery Network Upgrades identified in the Off-Peak Deliverability Assessment as part of Phase I Interconnection Study shall be estimated in accordance with GIP Section 6.6. The estimated costs of Delivery Network Upgrades identified in the assessment will be referred to as "off peak deliverability transmission upgrades," the description of such upgrades in any report will be conceptual in nature, and such transmission upgrades will not be included in a plan of service within the applicable Interconnection Study report.

The cost of all transmission upgrades identified in the Off-Peak Deliverability Assessment performed during the course of the Phase I Interconnection Study shall be estimated in accordance with GIP Section 6.6. However, because these transmission upgrades shall be conceptual in nature only (as of the Phase II Interconnection Study for Clusters 3 and 4), then, beginning with that study, the transmission upgrades identified in this Section 6.5.2.2 shall be treated as follows:

- (i) these transmission upgrades will not be required for the proposed Generating Facility (or proposed increase in capacity) that is the subject to the Interconnection Request to achieve Full Capacity Deliverability Status;
- (ii) the estimated costs for these transmission upgrades shall not be assigned to any Interconnection Customer in an Interconnection Study report, such costs shall not be considered in determining the cost responsibility or maximum cost responsibility of the Interconnection Customer for Network Upgrades under this GIP or in determining the Interconnection Financial Security than an Interconnection Customer must post under Section 9;

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- (iii) and the applicable Participating TO(s) shall not be responsible under this GIP for financing or constructing such transmission upgrades.

## **6.6 Use Of Per Unit Costs To Estimate Network Upgrade Costs**

Each Participating TO, under the direction of the CAISO, shall publish per unit costs for facilities generally required to interconnect Generation to their respective systems.

These per unit costs shall reflect the anticipated cost of procuring and installing such facilities during the current Interconnection Study Cycle, and may vary among Participating TOs and within a Participating TO Service Territory based on geographic and other cost input differences, and should include an annual adjustment for the following ten (10) years to account for the anticipated timing of procurement to accommodate a potential range of Commercial Operation Dates of Interconnection Requests in the Interconnection Study Cycle. The per unit costs will be used to develop the cost of Reliability Network Upgrades, Delivery Network Upgrades and Participating TO's Interconnection Facilities under this GIP Section 6. Deviations from a Participating TO's benchmark per unit costs will be permitted if a reasonable explanation for the deviation is provided and there is no undue discrimination.

Prior to adoption and publication of final per unit costs for use in the Interconnection Study Cycle, the CAISO shall publish to the CAISO Website draft per unit costs, including non-confidential information regarding the bases therefore, hold a stakeholder meeting to address the draft per unit costs, and permit stakeholders to provide comments on the draft per unit costs. A schedule for the release and review of per unit costs is set forth in Appendix 5 of this GIP.

## **6.7 Effect of Phase I Study Cost Estimates**

Until such time as the Phase II Interconnection Study report is issued to the Interconnection Customer, the costs assigned to Interconnection Customers for Network Upgrades under this Section 6 of the GIP shall establish the maximum value for the Interconnection Financial Security required from each Interconnection Customer under GIP Section 9 for such Network Upgrades, as well as the maximum value for each Interconnection Customer's total cost responsibility for Network Upgrades. As set forth in Section 9.5 of this GIP, after issuance of the Phase II Interconnection Study, the Interconnection Customer's Interconnection Financial Security obligations and maximum cost responsibility for Network Upgrades will be based on the lesser of the cost estimates set forth in the Phase I and Phase II Interconnection Studies.

## **6.8 Phase I Interconnection Study Procedures**

The CAISO shall coordinate the Phase I Interconnection Study with applicable Participating TO(s) pursuant to GIP Section 3.2 and any Affected System that is affected by the Interconnection Request pursuant to GIP Section 3.7. Existing studies shall be used to the extent practicable when conducting the Phase I Interconnection Study. The CAISO will coordinate Base Case development with the applicable Participating TOs to ensure the Base Cases are accurately developed. The CAISO shall use Reasonable Efforts to commence the Phase I Interconnection Study by June 1 of each year, and to complete and issue to Interconnection Customers the Phase I Interconnection Study report within one hundred thirty-four (134) days after the annual commencement of the Phase I Interconnection Study; however, each individual study or Group Studies may be completed prior to this maximum time where practicable based on factors, including, but not limited to, the number of Interconnection Requests in the two associated Cluster

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Application Windows, study complexity, and reasonable availability of subcontractors as provided under GIP Section 13.2. The CAISO will share applicable study results with the applicable Participating TO(s) for review and comment and will incorporate comments into the study report. The CAISO will issue a final Phase I Interconnection Study report to the Interconnection Customer. At the time of completion of the Phase I Interconnection Study, the CAISO may, at the Interconnection Customer's request, determine whether the provisions of GIP Section 7.6 apply.

At any time the CAISO determines that it will not meet the required time frame for completing the Phase I Interconnection Study due to the large number of Interconnection Requests in the two associated Cluster Application Windows, study complexity, or unavailability of subcontractors on a reasonable basis to perform the study in the required time frame, the CAISO shall notify the Interconnection Customers as to the schedule status of the Phase I Interconnection Study and provide an estimated completion date with an explanation of the reasons why additional time is required.

Upon request, the CAISO shall provide the Interconnection Customer all supporting documentation, workpapers and relevant pre-Interconnection Request and post-Interconnection Request power flow, short circuit and stability databases for the Phase I Interconnection Study, subject to confidentiality arrangements consistent with GIP Section 13.1.

#### **6.9 Phase I Interconnection Study Results Meeting**

Within thirty (30) calendar days of issuing the Phase I Interconnection Study report to the Interconnection Customer, the applicable Participating TO(s), the CAISO and the Interconnection Customer shall hold a Results Meeting to discuss the results of the Phase I Interconnection Study, including assigned cost responsibility. The CAISO shall prepare the minutes from the meetings, and provide the Interconnection Customer and the other attendees an opportunity to confirm the accuracy thereof.

Should the Interconnection Customer provide written comments on the final Phase I Interconnection Study report within ten (10) Business Days of receipt of the report, but in no event less than three (3) Business Days before the Results Meeting conducted to discuss the report, whichever is sooner, the ISO will address the written comments in the Phase I Interconnection Study Results Meeting. Should the Interconnection Customer provide comments at any later time (up to the time of the Results Meeting), then such comments shall be considered informal inquiries to which the CAISO will provide informal, informational responses at the Results Meeting, to the extent possible.

The Interconnection Customer may submit, in writing, additional comments on the final Phase I Interconnection Study report up to (3) Business Days following the Results Meeting. Based on any discussion at the Results Meeting and any comments received, the CAISO (in consultation with the applicable Participating TO(s)) will determine, in accordance with Section 6.10 of this GIP, whether it is necessary to follow the final Phase I Interconnection Study report with a revised study report or an addendum. The CAISO will issue any such revised report or addendum to the Interconnection Customer no later than fifteen (15) Business Days following the Results Meeting.

#### **6.9.1 Commercial Operation Date.**

At the Results Meeting, the Interconnection Customer shall provide a schedule outlining key milestones including environmental survey start date, expected environmental permitting submittal date, expected procurement date of project equipment, back-feed date for project construction, and expected project construction date. This will assist the parties in determining if Commercial Operation Dates are reasonable. If major

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Interconnection Customer's Interconnection Facilities for the Generating Facility have been identified in the Phase I Interconnection Study, such as telecommunications equipment to support a possible Special Protection System (SPS), distribution feeders to support back feed, new substation, and/or expanded substation work, permitting and material procurement lead times may result in the need to alter the proposed Commercial Operation Date. The Parties may agree to a new Commercial Operation Date. In addition, where an Interconnection Customer intends to establish Commercial Operation separately for different Electric Generating Units or project phases at its Generating Facility, it may only do so in accordance with an implementation plan agreed to in advance by the CAISO and Participating TO, which agreement shall not be unreasonably withheld. Where the parties cannot agree, the Commercial Operation Date determined reasonable by the CAISO, in coordination with the applicable Participating TO(s), will be used for the Phase II Interconnection Study where the changed Commercial Operation Date is needed to accommodate the anticipated completion, assuming Reasonable Efforts by the applicable Participating TO(s), of necessary Reliability Network Upgrades and/or Participating TO's Interconnection Facilities, pending the outcome of any relief sought by the Interconnection Customer under GIP Section 13.5. The Interconnection Customer must notify the CAISO within five (5) Business Days following the Results Meeting that it is initiating dispute procedures under GIP Section 13.5.

**6.9.2 Modifications.**

**6.9.2.1** At any time during the course of the Interconnection Studies, the Interconnection Customer, the applicable Participating TO(s), or the CAISO may identify changes to the planned interconnection that may improve the costs and benefits (including reliability) of the interconnection, and the ability of the proposed change to accommodate the Interconnection Request. To the extent the identified changes are acceptable to the applicable Participating TO(s), the CAISO, and Interconnection Customer, such acceptance not to be unreasonably withheld, the CAISO shall modify the Point of Interconnection and/or configuration in accordance with such changes without altering the Interconnection Request's eligibility for participating in Interconnection Studies.

**6.9.2.2** At the Phase I Interconnection Study Results Meeting, the Interconnection Customer should be prepared to discuss any desired modifications to the Interconnection Request. After the issuance of the final Phase I Interconnection Study, but no later than five (5) Business Days following the Phase I Interconnection Study Results Meeting, the Interconnection Customer shall submit to the CAISO, in writing, modifications to any information provided in the Interconnection Request. The CAISO will forward the Interconnection Customer's modification to the applicable Participating TO(s) within one (1) Business Day of receipt.

Modifications permitted under this Section 6.9.2 shall include specifically: (a) a decrease in the electrical output (MW) of the proposed project; (b) modifying the technical parameters associated with the Generating Facility technology or the Generating Facility step-up transformer impedance characteristics; and (c) modifying the interconnection configuration.

For any modification other than these, the Interconnection Customer must first request that the CAISO evaluate whether such modification is a Material Modification. In response to the Interconnection Customer's request, the CAISO, in coordination with the affected Participating TO(s) and, if applicable, any Affected System Operator, shall evaluate the proposed modifications prior to making them and the CAISO shall inform the Interconnection Customer in writing of whether the modifications would constitute a Material Modification. The CAISO may engage the services of the applicable Participating TO to assess the modification. Costs incurred by the Participating TO and CAISO (if any) shall be borne by the party making the request under Section 6.9.2, and such costs shall be included in any CAISO invoice for modification assessment activities.

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Any change to the Point of Interconnection, except for that specified by the CAISO in an Interconnection Study or otherwise allowed under this GIP Section 6.9.2, shall constitute a Material Modification. The Interconnection Customer may then withdraw the proposed modification or proceed with a new Interconnection Request for such modification.

The Interconnection Customer shall remain eligible for the Phase II Interconnection Study if the modifications are in accordance with this GIP Section 6.9.2.

**6.9.2.3**

The Interconnection Customer shall provide the CAISO a \$10,000 deposit for the modification assessment at the time the request is submitted. Except as provided below, any modification assessment will be concluded, and a response provided to the Interconnection Customer in writing, within forty-five (45) calendar days from the date the CAISO receives all of the following: the Interconnection Customer's written notice to modify the project, technical data required to assess the request and payment of the \$10,000 deposit. If the modification assessment cannot be completed within that time period, the CAISO shall notify the Interconnection Customer and provide an estimated completion date with an explanation of the reasons why additional time is required. The Interconnection Customer will be responsible for the actual costs incurred by the CAISO and applicable Participating TO(s) in conducting the modification assessment. If the actual costs of the modification assessment are less than the deposit provided by the Interconnection Customer, the Interconnection Customer will be refunded the balance. If the actual costs of the modification assessment are greater than the deposit provided by the Interconnection Customer, the Interconnection Customer shall pay the balance within 30 days of being invoiced. The CAISO shall coordinate the modification request with the Participating TO(s). The Participating TO(s) shall invoice the CAISO for any assessment work within seventy-five (75) calendar days of completion of the assessment, and, within thirty (30) days thereafter, the CAISO shall issue an invoice or refund to the Interconnection Customer, as applicable, based upon such submitted Participating TO invoices and the CAISO's own costs for the assessment.

The CAISO will publish cost data regarding modification assessments in accordance with the terms set forth in a Business Practice Manual.

**6.9.3 Confirmation of Deliverability Status**

Within five (5) Business Days following the Phase I Interconnection Study Results Meeting, the Interconnection Customer shall submit to the CAISO the completed form of Appendix B (Data Form To Be Provided by the Interconnection Customer Prior to Commencement of the Phase II Interconnection Study) to the Generator Interconnection Study Process Agreement, and within such Appendix B, the Interconnection Customer shall either (i) confirm the desired deliverability status that the Interconnection Customer had previously designated in the completed form of Appendix A to the Generator Interconnection Study Process Agreement (Assumptions Used in Conducting the Phase I Interconnection Study) or (ii) change the status of desired deliverability as follows:

- (a) from Full Capacity Deliverability Status to Energy-Only Deliverability Status;
- (b) from Full Capacity Deliverability Status to Partial Deliverability Status with a specified Partial Deliverability level in MW;
- (c) from Partial Deliverability Status to Energy-Only Deliverability Status; or
- (d) reduce the level of Partial Deliverability Status in MW.



**6.9.4 Determination of Impact of Modifications Decreasing Generating Capacity Output or Deliverability Status Reductions on Calculation of Initial Financial Security Posting**

After receiving from the Interconnection Customer any modification elections involving decreases in electrical output (MW) of the Generating Facility and/or changes (*i.e.*, reductions) in deliverability status as permitted in Section 6.9.3 above, the CAISO, in coordination with the applicable Participating TO(s), will determine, based on best engineering judgment, whether such modifications will eliminate the need for any Delivery Network Upgrades and/or Reliability Network Upgrades identified in the Phase I Interconnection Study report. The CAISO and applicable Participating TO(s) will not conduct any re-studies in making this determination.

If the CAISO and applicable Participating TO(s) should determine that one or more Delivery Network Upgrades identified in the Phase I Interconnection Study are no longer needed, then, solely for purposes of calculating the amount of the Interconnection Customer's initial Financial Security Posting under Section 9.2, such Delivery Network Upgrade(s) will be considered to be removed from the plan of service described in the Interconnection Customer's Phase I Interconnection Study report and the cost estimates for such upgrades shall not be included in the calculation of Interconnection Financial Security in Section 9.2. The CAISO will inform in a timely manner any Interconnection Customers so affected, and provide the Interconnection Customers with written notice of the revised initial Interconnection Financial Security posting amounts. No determination under this Section 6.9.4 shall affect either (i) the timing for the initial Interconnection Financial Security posting or (ii) the maximum value for the Interconnection Customer's total cost responsibility for Network Upgrades established by the Phase I Interconnection Study report.

**6.10 Revisions and Addenda to Final Interconnection Study Reports**

**6.10.1 Substantial Error or Omissions; Revised Study Report**

Should the CAISO discover, through written comments submitted by an Interconnection Customer or otherwise, that a final Phase I or Phase II Interconnection Study Report (which can mean a final Phase I or Phase II Interconnection Study Report for cluster studies or a final System Impact or Facilities report for the Independent Study Process) contains a substantial error or omission, the CAISO will cause a revised final report to be issued to the Interconnection Customer. A substantial error or omission shall mean an error or omission that results in one or more of the following:

- (i) understatement or overstatement of the Interconnection Customer's cost responsibility for either Network Upgrades or Participating TO Interconnection Facilities by more than five (5) percent or one million dollars (\$1,000,000), whichever is greater; or
- (ii) results in a delay to the schedule by which the Interconnection Customer can achieve Commercial Operation, based on the results of the final Interconnection Study, by more than one year.

A dispute over the plan of service by an Interconnection Customer shall not be considered a substantial error or omission unless the Interconnection Customer demonstrates that the plan of service was based on an invalid or erroneous study assumption that meets the criteria set forth above.

**6.10.2 Other Errors or Omissions; Addendum**

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If an error or omission in an Interconnection Study report (for either the cluster process or Independent Study Process) is not a substantial error or omission, the CAISO shall not issue a revised final Interconnection Study report, although the error or omission may result in an adjustment of the corresponding Interconnection Financial Security. Rather, the CAISO shall document such error or omission and make any appropriate correction by issuing an addendum to the final report.

The CAISO and applicable Participating TO shall also incorporate, as needed, any corrected information pertinent to the terms or conditions of the GIA in the draft GIA provided to an Interconnection Customer pursuant to Section 11 of this GIP.

### **6.10.3 Only Substantial Errors or Omissions Adjust Posting Dates**

Unless the error or omission is a substantial error resulting in the issuance of a revised final Interconnection Study report, the correction of an error or omission shall not operate to delay any deadline for posting Interconnection Financial Security set forth in Section 9 of this GIP. In the case of a substantial error or omission resulting in the issuance of a revised final Phase I or Phase II Interconnection Study report, the deadline for posting Interconnection Financial Security shall be extended as set forth in GIP Section 9. In addition to issuing a revised final report, the CAISO will promptly notify the Interconnection Customer of any revised posting amount and extended due date occasioned by a substantial error or omission.

An Interconnection Customer's dispute of a CAISO determination that an error or omission in a final Study report does not constitute substantial error shall not operate to change the amount of Interconnection Financial Security that the Interconnection Customer must post or to postpone the applicable deadline for the Interconnection Customer to post Interconnection Financial Security. In case of such a dispute, the Interconnection Customer shall post the amount of Interconnection Financial Security in accordance with Section 9 of this GIP, subject to refund in the event that the Interconnection Customer prevails in the dispute.

## **Section 7 Phase II Interconnection Study for Queue Clusters**

The provisions of this Section 7 of this GIP shall apply to all Interconnection Requests except those processed under the Independent Study Process, as set forth in Section 4 of this GIP, the Fast Track Process, as set forth in Section 5 of this GIP, or the 10 kW inverter process as set forth in Appendix 7 of this GIP.

### **7.1 Scope Of Phase II Interconnection Study**

The CAISO, in coordination with the applicable Participating TO(s), will conduct a Phase II Interconnection Study that will incorporate eligible Interconnection Requests from the previous two Phase I Interconnection Studies. Beginning with Queue Cluster 5, the Phase II Interconnection Study will incorporate eligible Interconnection Requests from the previous Phase I Interconnection Study. The Phase II Interconnection Study shall (i) update, as necessary, analyses performed in the Phase I Interconnection Studies to account for the withdrawal of Interconnection Requests, (ii) identify final Reliability Network Upgrades needed in order to achieve Commercial Operation status for the Generating Facilities, (iii) assign responsibility for financing the identified final Reliability Network Upgrades, (iv) identify, following coordination with the CAISO's Transmission Planning Process, final Delivery Network Upgrades needed to interconnect those Generating Facilities selecting Full Capacity Deliverability Status, (v) assign responsibility for financing Delivery Network Upgrades needed to interconnect those Generating

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Facilities selecting Full Capacity Deliverability Status, (vi) identify for each Interconnection Request final Point of Interconnection and Participating TO's Interconnection Facilities, (vii) provide a +/-20% estimate for each Interconnection Request of the final Participating TO's Interconnection Facilities, (viii) optimize in-service timing requirements based on operational studies in order to maximize achievement of the Commercial Operation Dates of the Generating Facilities, and (ix) if it is determined that the Delivery Network Upgrades cannot be completed by the Interconnection Customer's identified Commercial Operation Date, provide that operating procedures necessary to allow the Generating Facility to interconnect as an energy-only resource, on an interim-only basis, will be developed and utilized until the Delivery Network Upgrades for the Generating Facility are completed and placed into service.

With respect to the foregoing items, the Phase II Interconnection Study shall specify and estimate the cost of the equipment, engineering, procurement and construction work, including the financial impacts (i.e., on Local Furnishing Bonds), if any, and schedule for effecting remedial measures that address such financial impacts, needed on the CAISO Controlled Grid to implement the conclusions of the updated Phase II Interconnection Study technical analyses in accordance with Good Utility Practice to physically and electrically connect the Interconnection Customer's Interconnection Facilities to the CAISO Controlled Grid. The Phase II Interconnection Study shall also identify the electrical switching configuration of the connection equipment, including, without limitation: the transformer, switchgear, meters, and other station equipment; the nature and estimated cost of any Participating TO's Interconnection Facilities and Network Upgrades necessary to accomplish the interconnection; and an estimate of the time required to complete the construction and installation of such facilities.

The CAISO will perform an operational partial and interim Deliverability Assessment (operational Deliverability Assessment) as part of the Phase II Interconnection Study. The operational Deliverability Assessment will be performed for each applicable queue cluster study group for each applicable study year through the prior year before all of the required Delivery Network Upgrades are in-service. The CAISO will consider operational Deliverability Assessment results stated for the first year in the pertinent annual Net Qualifying Capacity process that the CAISO performs for the next Resource Adequacy Compliance Year. The study results for any other years studied in operational Deliverability Assessment will be advisory and provided to the Interconnection Customer for its use only and for informational purposes only.

The CAISO will publish the methodology under which the CAISO will perform the operational deliverability assessment on the CAISO Website or within a Business Practice Manual.

## **7.2 Phase II Study Coordinated To Transmission Planning Process**

The CAISO shall coordinate the Phase II Interconnection Studies with the CAISO's Transmission Planning Process under CAISO Tariff Section 24. This coordination shall include, but not be limited to:

- (i) consistency, to the maximum extent applicable under Good Utility Practice, between the Interconnection Base Case Data used for performance of the Phase II Interconnection Studies and the Unified Planning Assumptions developed for the Transmission Planning Process, including, but not limited to, data relating to Demand data, network topology, and generation resources;
- (ii) consideration of any conceptual transmission plan(s) developed, but not rejected, in the current or former Transmission Planning Processes intended to access

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generation development areas as a means to satisfy the Network Upgrade requirements to interconnect Generating Facilities included in the Phase II Interconnection Study;

- (iii) performance of sensitivities within the Transmission Planning Process, including cases considering Generating Facilities included in the Phase II Interconnection Study(ies) to the extent possible, to optimize transmission upgrades developed in the current Transmission Planning Process to achieve System Reliability, economic efficiency, and satisfy the Network Upgrade requirements to interconnect Generating Facilities included in the Phase II Interconnection Study;
- (iv) consideration of future generation development potential in transmission upgrade designs pursuant to criteria developed as part of the Unified Planning Assumptions; and
- (v) consideration of phased development and option value of transmission projects to address uncertainty.

Network Upgrades, apart from detail engineering and final cost determinations, identified in any Phase II Interconnection Study or as part of the Transmission Planning Process that must receive CAISO Governing Board approval under Section 24 of the CAISO Tariff may be subject to Section 24.2.5.2 of the CAISO Tariff.

Generation projects entering the Phase II Interconnection Study will also be considered in the Unified Planning Assumptions, as appropriate. Transmission projects proposed through the Phase II Interconnection Study that require CAISO Governing Board approval will be integrated into the stakeholder process under the Transmission Planning Process.

### **7.3 Financing Of Reliability Network Upgrades**

The responsibility to finance final Reliability Network Upgrades identified in the Phase II Interconnection Study of an Interconnection Request studied separately shall be assigned solely to that Interconnection Request up to the cost assignment for Reliability Network Upgrades under GIP Section 6.5.1. The responsibility to finance final short circuit related Reliability Network Upgrades identified through a Group Study in the Phase II Interconnection Study shall be assigned to all Interconnection Requests in that Group Study pro rata on the basis of short circuit duty contribution of each Generating Facility up to the cost assignment for Reliability Network Upgrades under GIP Section 6.5.1. The responsibility to finance all other final Reliability Network Upgrades identified through a Group Study in the Phase II Interconnection Study shall be assigned to all Interconnection Requests in that Group Study pro rata on the basis of the maximum megawatt electrical output of each proposed new Generating Facility or the amount of megawatt increase in the generating capacity of each existing Generating Facility as listed by the Interconnection Customer in its Interconnection Request up to the cost assignment for Reliability Network Upgrades under GIP Section 6.5.1.

### **7.4 Financing Of Delivery Network Upgrades**

The responsibility to finance all Delivery Network Upgrades identified in the On-Peak Deliverability Assessment and Off-Peak Deliverability Assessment as part of Phase II Interconnection Study shall be assigned to all Interconnection Requests selecting Full Capacity or Partial Deliverability Status based on the flow impact of each such Generating Facility on each Delivery Network Upgrade as determined by the Generation distribution factor methodology set forth in the On-Peak and Off-Peak Deliverability Assessment methodologies. The financing responsibility shall be up to, but no greater

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than, the cost assignment for Delivery Network Upgrades for each Interconnection Request under GIP Sections 6.5.2.1 and 6.5.2.2.

Beginning with the Phase II Interconnection Study for Clusters 3 and 4, any transmission upgrades identified in the Off-Peak Deliverability Assessment as part of the Phase II Interconnection Study, and the estimated costs thereof, shall be conceptual in nature only, and therefore, commencing with that study, the estimated costs of transmission upgrades identified in the Off-Peak Deliverability Assessment shall not be assigned to any Interconnection Customers in an Interconnection Study report, such costs shall not be considered in determining the cost responsibility or maximum cost responsibility of the Interconnection Customer for Network Upgrades under this GIP, and the applicable Participating TO(s) shall not be responsible under this GIP for financing or constructing such transmission upgrades.

### **7.5 Phase II Interconnection Study Procedures**

The CAISO shall coordinate the Phase II Interconnection Study with applicable Participating TO(s) and any Affected System that is affected by the Interconnection Request pursuant to GIP Section 3.7. Existing studies shall be used to the extent practicable when conducting the Phase II Interconnection Study. The CAISO will coordinate Base Case development with the applicable Participating TOs to ensure the Base Cases are accurately developed. The CAISO shall use Reasonable Efforts to commence the Phase II Interconnection Study by January 15 of each year, and to complete and issue to Interconnection Customers the Phase II Interconnection Study report within one hundred ninety-six (196) calendar days after the annual commencement of the Phase II Interconnection Study. The CAISO will share applicable study results with the applicable Participating TO(s), for review and comment, and will incorporate comments into the study report. The CAISO will issue a final Phase II Interconnection Study report to the Interconnection Customer.

At the request of the Interconnection Customer or at any time the CAISO determines that it will not meet the required time frame for completing the Phase II Interconnection Study, the CAISO shall notify the Interconnection Customer as to the schedule status of the Phase II Interconnection Study and provide an estimated completion date with an explanation of the reasons why additional time is required.

Upon request, the CAISO shall provide the Interconnection Customer all supporting documentation, workpapers and relevant pre-Interconnection Request and post-Interconnection Request power flow, short circuit and stability databases for the Phase II Interconnection Study, subject to confidentiality arrangements consistent with GIP Section 13.1.

### **7.6 Accelerated Phase II Interconnection Study Process**

The Phase II Interconnection Study shall be completed within one hundred fifty (150) calendar days following the posting of the initial Interconnection Financial Security under GIP Section 9 where the Interconnection Request meets the following criteria: (i) the Interconnection Request was not grouped with any other Interconnection Requests during the Phase I Interconnection Study or was identified as interconnecting to a point of available transmission during the Phase I Interconnection Study, and (ii) the Interconnection Customer is able to demonstrate that the general Phase II Interconnection Study timeline under GIP Section 7.5 is not sufficient to accommodate the Commercial Operation Date of the Large Generating Facility.

In addition to the above criteria, the CAISO may apply to FERC in coordination with the Interconnection Customer for a waiver of the timelines in this GIP to meet the schedule

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required by an order, ruling, or regulation of the Governor of the State of California, the CPUC, or the CEC.

**7.7 Results Meeting With The CAISO And Applicable PTO(s)**

Within thirty (30) calendar days of providing the final Phase II Interconnection Study report to the Interconnection Customer, the applicable Participating TO(s), the CAISO and the Interconnection Customer shall meet to discuss the results of the Phase II Interconnection Study, including selection of the final Commercial Operation Date.

Should the Interconnection Customer provide written comments on the final Phase II Interconnection Study report within ten (10) Business Days of receipt of the report, but in no case less than three (3) Business Days before the Results Meeting, whichever is sooner, then the ISO will address the written comments in the Phase II Interconnection Study Results Meeting. Should the Interconnection Customer provide comments at any later time (up to the time of the Results Meeting), then such comments shall be considered informal inquiries to which the CAISO will provide informal, informational responses at the Results Meeting, to the extent possible.

The Interconnection Customer may submit, in writing, additional comments on the final Phase II Interconnection Study report up to three (3) Business Days following the Results Meeting. Based on any discussion at the Results Meeting and any comments received, the CAISO (in consultation with the applicable Participating TO(s)) will determine, in accordance with Section 6.10 of this GIP, whether it is necessary to follow the final Phase II Interconnection Study Report with a revised study report or an addendum to the report. The CAISO will issue any such revised report or addendum no later than fifteen (15) Business Days following the Results Meeting.

**Section 8 Additional Deliverability Assessment Options**

**8.1 One-Time Full Capacity Deliverability Option**

- 8.1.1** A Large Generating Facility previously studied as Energy-Only Deliverability Status under the CAISO Tariff, or a Small Generating Facility studied under the provisions of Appendix S of the CAISO Tariff, will have a one-time option to be studied for Full Capacity Deliverability Status.
- 8.1.2** An Interconnection Customer must make such election within the Cluster Application Window for the CAISO's fourth Queue Cluster, which will open on March 1, 2011.
- 8.1.3** Any Interconnection Customers selecting this option will be studied as part of the Phase I and Phase II Interconnection Studies for the CAISO's fourth Queue Cluster.
- 8.1.4** Interconnection Customers electing this one-time option will be required to post a study deposit in the amount set forth in Section 3.5.1 of this GIP, less any study deposit amounts already paid if the Interconnection Customer's Generating Facility is still in the CAISO's interconnection queue.

**8.2 Annual Full Capacity Deliverability Option**

- 8.2.1** A Generating Facility previously studied as Energy-Only Deliverability Status under the CAISO Tariff, or a Small Generating Facility studied under the provisions of Appendix S of the CAISO Tariff will have an annual option to be studied to determine whether it can be designated for Full Capacity Deliverability Status using available transmission capacity. An Interconnection Customer must make such a request within a Cluster Application Window, beginning with the Cluster Application Window for the CAISO's fifth Queue Cluster, which will open on March 1, 2012.

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- 8.2.2** Any Interconnection Customer selecting this option will be studied immediately following the Phase II Interconnection Studies associated with the Queue Cluster during which the Interconnection Customer submits its request, typically June through August annually.
- 8.2.3** Interconnection Customers that wish to participate in this annual process must submit an Interconnection Request as set forth in Appendix 1 to the GIP along with a non-refundable \$10,000 study fee.
- 8.2.4** After allocating transmission system capability, including capability associated with both existing capability and capability relating to approved transmission upgrades, to Interconnection Customers in the Queue Cluster who originally requested Full Capacity Deliverability Status in the Phase II Interconnection Study, the CAISO will perform additional studies using the deliverability study procedures set forth in Section 6.5.2 of this GIP to determine the availability of any remaining transmission system capability for to those Interconnection Customers requesting Full Capacity Deliverability Status as part of the annual process described in this Section 8.
- 8.2.4.1** In determining available transmission capability, priority will be given to Interconnection Customers whose Generating Facilities have the lowest transfer distribution factors, calculated according to the deliverability study procedures set forth in Section 6.5.2 of this GIP.
- 8.2.4.2** If there is sufficient available transmission capability for the Interconnection Customer to deliver the full output of its Generating Unit, then the Interconnection Customer's Generating Facility will be considered to have Full Capacity Deliverability Status.
- 8.2.4.3** If the assessment of available transmission capability conducted under this GIP Section 8.2.4 indicates that there is some transmission capacity available for use by the Interconnection Customer, but less than is necessary to deliver the full output of the Interconnection Customer's Generating Facility, then the Interconnection Customer's Generating Facility will be considered to be partially deliverable, and the amount of transmission capability made available to that Interconnection Customer's Generating Facility will be equal to the determination of available transmission capability for the Generating Facility rounded down to the nearest 50 MW increment.

**8.3 PTO Tariff Option for Full Capacity Deliverability Status**

To the extent that a Participating TO's tariff provides the option for customers taking interconnection service under the Participating TO's tariff to obtain Full Capacity Deliverability Status, the CAISO will, in coordination with the applicable Participating TO, perform the necessary deliverability studies to determine the deliverability of customers electing such option. The CAISO shall execute any necessary agreements for reimbursement of study costs it incurs and to assure cost attribution for any Network Upgrades relating to any deliverability status conferred to such customers under the Participating TO's tariff.

**8.4 Deliverability from Non-Participating TOs**

This process applies to Generating Facilities that interconnect to the transmission facilities of a Non-Participating TO located within the CAISO Balancing Authority Area that wish to obtain Full Capacity Deliverability Status under the CAISO Tariff. Such Generating Facilities will be eligible to be studied by the CAISO for Full Capacity Deliverability Status pursuant to the following provisions:

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- (a) The Generating Facility seeking Full Capacity Deliverability Status under the CAISO Tariff must submit a request to the CAISO to study it for such Status. Such study request will be in the form of the CAISO's pro forma Interconnection Request, must include the Generating Facility's intended Point of Delivery to the CAISO Controlled Grid, and must be submitted during a Cluster Application Window. The Generating Facility will be required to satisfy the same study deposit and Interconnection Financial Security posting requirements as an Interconnection Customer, but will not be considered an Interconnection Customer under the CAISO Tariff.
- (b) The Non-Participating TO that serves as the interconnection provider to the Generating Facility must treat the CAISO as an Affected System in the interconnection study process for the Generating Facility.
- (c) As part of the Non-Participating TO's interconnection study process, the CAISO, in its sole discretion and on a case-by-case basis, will determine the adequacy of transmission on the Non-Participating TO's system for the Generating Facility to be deemed fully deliverable to the elected Point of Delivery to the CAISO Controlled Grid. Only those proposed Generating Facilities (or proposed increases in Generating Facility capacity) for which the CAISO has determined there is adequate transmission capacity on the Non-Participating TO system to provide full deliverability to the applicable Point of Delivery will be eligible to be assessed for Full Capacity Deliverability Status under the CAISO Tariff.
- (d) If the Generating Facility is eligible for study for Full Capacity Deliverability Status, the CAISO will include the Generating Facility in the Interconnection Study process for the Queue Cluster associated with the Cluster Application Window in which the Generating Facility has submitted its study request. The Point of Delivery with the CAISO will be treated as the Point of Interconnection for purposes of including the Generating Facility in a Group Study with any applicable CAISO Interconnection Customers in the relevant Queue Cluster. Pursuant to the Queue Cluster Interconnection Study process, as set forth in this GIP, the Generating Facility will be allocated its share of any applicable Delivery Network Upgrades.
- (e) The CAISO, Participating TO, and Interconnection Customer will execute any necessary agreements for reimbursement of study costs incurred it to assure cost attribution for any Network Upgrades relating to any deliverability status conferred to each such interconnection customer under the Non-Participating TO's tariff.
- (f) The Non-Participating TO's interconnection customer will receive repayment of funds posted for the construction of the Delivery Network Upgrades on the CAISO Controlled Grid in the same manner as CAISO Interconnection Customers, as specified in GIP Section 12.3.2.

## **Section 9 Interconnection Financial Security**

### **9.1 Types Of Interconnection Financial Security**

The Interconnection Financial Security posted by an Interconnection Customer may be any combination of the following types of Interconnection Financial Security provided in favor of the applicable Participating TO(s):



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- (a) an irrevocable and unconditional letter of credit issued by a bank or financial institution that has a credit rating of A or better by Standard and Poors or A2 or better by Moody's;
- (b) an irrevocable and unconditional surety bond issued by an insurance company that has a credit rating of A or better by Standard and Poors or A2 or better by Moody's;
- (c) an unconditional and irrevocable guaranty issued by a company has a credit rating of A or better by Standard and Poors or A2 or better by Moody's;
- (d) a cash deposit standing to the credit of the applicable Participating TO(s) in an interest-bearing escrow account maintained at a bank or financial institution that is reasonably acceptable to the applicable Participating TO(s);
- (e) a certificate of deposit in the name of the applicable Participating TO(s) issued by a bank or financial institution that has a credit rating of A or better by Standard and Poors or A2 or better by Moody's; or
- (f) a payment bond certificate in the name of the applicable Participating TO(s) issued by a bank or financial institution that has a credit rating of A or better by Standard and Poors or A2 or better by Moody's.

Interconnection Financial Security instruments as listed above shall be in such form as the CAISO and applicable Participating TO(s) may reasonably require from time to time by notice to Interconnection Customers or in such other form as has been evaluated and approved as reasonably acceptable by the CAISO and applicable Participating TO(s).

The CAISO shall publish and maintain standardized forms related to the types of Interconnection Financial Security listed above on the CAISO Website. The CAISO shall require the use of standardized forms of Interconnection Financial Security to the greatest extent possible. If at any time the guarantor of the Interconnection Financial Security fails to maintain the credit rating required by this GIP Section 9.1, the Interconnection Customer shall provide to the applicable Participating TO(s) replacement Interconnection Financial Security meeting the requirements of this GIP Section 9.1 within five (5) Business Days of the change in credit rating.

Interest on a cash deposit standing to the credit of the applicable Participating TO(s) in an interest-bearing escrow account under subpart (d) of this GIP Section 9.1 will accrue to the Interconnection Customer's benefit and will be added to the Interconnection Customer's account on a monthly basis.

## **9.2 Initial Posting Of Interconnection Financial Security**

**9.2.1** The Interconnection Customer shall post, with notice to the CAISO, two separate Interconnection Financial Security instruments: (i) a posting relating to the Network Upgrades; (ii) a posting relating to the Participating TO's Interconnection Facilities.

**9.2.2** Timing of Postings. The postings set forth in this GIP Section 9.2 shall be made on or before ninety (90) calendar days after issuance of the final Phase I Interconnection Study report for Interconnection Customers in a Queue Cluster, or on or before sixty (60) calendar days after the CAISO provides the results of the System Impact Study for Interconnection Customers in the Independent Study Process.

Revised Cluster Study Reports. If the CAISO revises a final Phase I Interconnection Study report pursuant to GIP Section 6.10, the initial postings set forth in this GIP Section

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9.2 will be due from the Interconnection Customer by the later of ninety (90) calendar days after issuance of the original final Phase I Interconnection Study Report or forty (40) calendar days after issuance of the revised final Phase I Interconnection Study Report.

Revised Independent Study Track Reports. If the CAISO revises a final System Impact Study report pursuant to GIP Section 6.10, the initial postings set forth in this GIP Section 9.2 will be due from the Interconnection Customer by the later of ninety (90) calendar days after issuance of the original final System Impact report or thirty (30) calendar days after issuance of the revised System Impact Study report.

**9.2.3** Posting Amount for Network Upgrades.

Each Interconnection Customer for a Small Generating Facility assigned to a Queue Cluster and each Interconnection Customer for a Small Generating Facility in the Independent Study Process shall post an Interconnection Financial Security instrument in an amount equal to the lesser of fifteen percent (15%) of the total cost responsibility assigned to the Interconnection Customer in the final Phase I Interconnection Study or System Impact Study for Network Upgrades or (ii) \$20,000 per megawatt of electrical output of the Small Generating Facility or the amount of megawatt increase in the generating capacity of each existing Generating Facility as listed by the Interconnection Customer in its Interconnection Request, including any requested modifications thereto, but in no event less than \$50,000.

Each Interconnection Customer for a Large Generating Facility assigned to a Queue Cluster and each Interconnection Customer for a Large Generating Facility in the Independent Study Process shall post an Interconnection Financial Security instrument in an amount equal to the lesser of (i) fifteen percent (15%) of the total cost responsibility assigned to the Interconnection Customer in the final Phase I Interconnection Study or System Impact Study for Network Upgrades, (ii) \$20,000 per megawatt of electrical output of the Large Generating Facility or the amount of megawatt increase in the generating capacity of each existing Generating Facility as listed by the Interconnection Customer in its Interconnection Request, including any requested modifications thereto, or (iii) \$7,500,000, but in no event less than \$500,000.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the costs of the estimated Network Upgrades are less than the minimum posting amounts set forth above, the posting amount required will be equal to the estimated Network Upgrade amount.

In addition, if an Interconnection Customer switches its status from Full Capacity Deliverability Status to Energy-Only Deliverability Status within five (5) Business Days following the Phase I Interconnection Study Results Meeting, as permitted in Section 7.1 of this GIP, the required Interconnection Financial Security for Network Upgrades shall, for purposes of this section, be additionally capped at an amount no greater than the total cost responsibility assigned to the Interconnection Customer in the Phase I Interconnection Study for Reliability Network Upgrades.

**9.2.4** Posting Amount for Participating TO's Interconnection Facilities.

**9.2.4.1** **For Small Generating Facilities.** Each Interconnection Customer for a Small Generating Facility assigned to a Queue Cluster and each Interconnection Customer for a Small Generating Facility in the Independent Study Process shall post an Interconnection Financial Security instrument in an amount equal to the lesser of (i) fifteen (15) percent of the total cost responsibility assigned to the Interconnection Customer in the final Phase I Interconnection Study or System Impact Study for Participating TO's Interconnection Facilities or (ii) \$20,000 per megawatt of electrical

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output of the Small Generating Facility or the amount of megawatt increase in the generating capacity of each existing Generating Facility as listed by the Interconnection Customer in its Interconnection Request, including any requested modifications thereto, but in no event less than \$50,000.

**9.2.4.2 For Large Generating Facilities.** Each Interconnection Customer for a Large Generating Facility assigned to a Queue Cluster and each Interconnection Customer for a Large Generating Facility in the Independent Study Process shall post an Interconnection Financial Security instrument in an amount equal to the lesser of (i) fifteen (15) percent of the total cost responsibility assigned to the Interconnection Customer in the final Phase I Interconnection Study or System Impact Study for Participating TO's Interconnection Facilities, (ii) \$20,000 per megawatt of electrical output of the Large Generating Facility or the amount of megawatt increase in the generating capacity of each existing Generating Facility as listed by the Interconnection Customer in its Interconnection Request, including any requested modifications thereto, or (iii) \$7,500,000, but in no event less than \$500,000.

**9.2.4.3 Cost Estimates Less than Minimum Posting Amounts.** If the costs of the estimated Participating TO Interconnection Facilities for either a Small Generating Facility or Large Generating Facility are less than the minimum posting amounts that would apply under Sections 9.2.4.1 or 9.2.4.2, then the posting amount required will be equal to the estimated Participating TO Interconnection Facilities amount.

**9.2.5 Consequences for Failure to Post.** The failure by an Interconnection Customer to timely post the Interconnection Financial Security required by this GIP Section 9.2 shall result in the Interconnection Request being deemed withdrawn and subject to GIP Section 3.8. The Interconnection Customer shall provide the CAISO and the Participating TO with written notice that it has posted the required Interconnection Financial Security no later than the applicable final day for posting.

**9.2.6 Effect of Decrease in Output on Initial Posting Requirement.** If an Interconnection Customer decreases the electrical output of its facility after the completion of the Phase I Interconnection Study, pursuant to Section 6.9.2, and the CAISO, in consultation with the applicable Participating TO(s), is able to reasonably determine, prior to the date for initial posting of Interconnection Financial Security, that as a result of such decrease (solely or in combination with other modifications made by Interconnection Customers in the same Study Group) some of the Network Upgrades and/or Participating TO Interconnection Facilities identified in the Phase I Interconnection Study will no longer be required, then the calculation of the initial posting of Interconnection Financial Security will not include those Network Upgrades and/or Participating TO Interconnection Facilities. Such determination will be made based on the CAISO's best engineering judgment and will not include any re-studies.

**9.3 Additional Posting Of Interconnection Financial Security**

**9.3.1 Second Posting of Interconnection Financial Security.**

9.3.1.1 The Interconnection Customer shall make second postings, with notice to the CAISO, of two separate Interconnection Financial Security instruments: (i) a second posting relating to the Network Upgrades; except to the extent that the provisions of GIP Section 9.3.3 apply; (ii) a second posting relating to the Participating TO's Interconnection Facilities.

9.3.1.2 **Timing of Posting.** The postings in this GIP Section 9.3.1 shall be made on or before one hundred eighty (180) calendar days after issuance of the final Phase II Interconnection Study report for Interconnection Customers in a Queue Cluster, or on or before one hundred twenty (120) calendar days after the CAISO provides the results of the Facilities

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Study for Interconnection Customers in the Independent Study. However, if the CAISO revises a final Phase II Interconnection Study report pursuant to GIP Section 6.10, the postings set forth in this GIP Section 9.3.1.2 will be due from the Interconnection Customer by the later of one hundred-eighty (180) calendar days after issuance of the original final Phase II Interconnection Study report or sixty (60) calendar days after issuance of the revised final Phase II Interconnection Study report. If the CAISO revises the final Facilities Study report pursuant to GIP Section 6.1, the postings set forth in this Section 9.2 will be due by the later of one hundred-twenty (120) calendar days after the issuance of the original final Facilities Study report or thirty (30) calendar days from the issuance of the revised Facilities Study report.

Each Interconnection Customer for a Small Generating Facility assigned to a Queue Cluster and each Interconnection Customer for a Small Generating Facility in the Independent Study Process shall post an Interconnection Financial Security instrument such that the total Interconnection Financial Security posted by the Interconnection Customer for Network Upgrades equals the lesser of (i) \$1 million or (ii) thirty (30) percent of the total cost responsibility assigned to the Interconnection Customer for Network Upgrades in either the final Phase I Interconnection Study, final Phase II Interconnection Study, System Impact Study, or Facilities Study, whichever is lower, except to the extent that the provisions of GIP Section 9.3.3 apply. In no event shall the total amount posted be less than \$100,000.

Each Interconnection Customer for a Large Generating Facility assigned to a Queue Cluster and each Interconnection Customer for a Large Generating Facility in the Independent Study Process shall post an Interconnection Financial Security instrument such that the total Interconnection Financial Security posted by the Interconnection Customer for Network Upgrades equals the lesser of (i) \$15 million or (ii) thirty (30) percent of the total cost responsibility assigned to the Interconnection Customer for Network Upgrades in either the final Phase I Interconnection Study, final Phase II Interconnection Study, System Impact Study, or Facilities Study, whichever is lower, except to the extent that the provisions of GIP Section 9.3.3 apply. In no event shall the total amount posted be less than \$500,000.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the costs of the estimated Network Upgrades are less than the minimum posting amounts set forth above, the posting amount required will be equal to the estimated Network Upgrade amount.

9.3.1.3 Posting Amount for Participating TO's Interconnection Facilities.

Each Interconnection Customer for a Small Generating Facility assigned to a Queue Cluster and each Interconnection Customer for a Small Generating Facility in the Independent Study Process shall post an Interconnection Financial Security instrument such that the total Interconnection Financial Security posted by the Interconnection Customer for Participating TO Interconnection Facilities equals the lesser of (i) \$1 million or (ii) thirty (30) percent of the total cost responsibility assigned to the Interconnection Customer for Network Upgrades in either the final Phase I Interconnection Study, final Phase II Interconnection Study, System Impact Study, or Facilities Study, whichever is lower. In no event shall the total amount posted be less than \$100,000.

Each Interconnection Customer for a Large Generating Facility assigned to a Queue Cluster and each Interconnection Customer for a Large Generating Facility in the Independent Study Process shall post an Interconnection Financial Security instrument such that the total Interconnection Financial Security posted by the Interconnection Customer for Participating TO Interconnection Facilities equals the lesser of (i) \$15 million or (ii) thirty (30) percent of the total cost responsibility assigned to the Interconnection Customer for Participating TO Interconnection Facilities in either the final

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Phase I Interconnection Study, final Phase II Interconnection Study, System Impact Study, or Facilities Study, whichever is lower. In no event shall the total amount posted be less than \$500,000.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the costs of the estimated Participating TO Interconnection Facilities are less than the minimum posting amounts set forth above, the posting amount required will be equal to the estimated Participating TO Interconnection Facilities amount.

- 9.3.1.4 Early Commencement of Construction Activities. If the start date for Construction Activities of Network Upgrades or Participating TO's Interconnection Facilities on behalf of the Interconnection Customer is prior to one hundred eighty (180) calendar days after issuance of the final Phase II Interconnection Study report for Interconnection Customers in a Queue Cluster or prior to one hundred twenty (120) calendar days after issuance of the final Facilities Study report for Interconnection Customers in the Independent Study Process, that start date must be set forth in the Interconnection Customer's GIA, and the Interconnection Customer shall make its second posting of Interconnection Financial Security pursuant to GIP Section 9.3.2 rather than GIP Section 9.3.1.
- 9.3.1.5 Consequences for Failure to Post The failure by an Interconnection Customer to timely post the Interconnection Financial Security required by this GIP Section 9.3.1 shall constitute grounds for termination of the GIA pursuant to LGIA Article 2.3 or SGIA Article 3.3, whichever is applicable.

**9.3.2 Third Posting of Interconnection Financial Security.**

On or before the start of Construction Activities for Network Upgrades or Participating TO's Interconnection Facilities on behalf of the Interconnection Customer, whichever is earlier, the Interconnection Customer shall modify the two separate Interconnection Financial Security instruments posted pursuant to GIP Section 9.3.1 as follows. With respect to the Interconnection Financial Security Instrument for Network Upgrades, the Interconnection Customer shall modify this Instrument so that it equals one hundred (100) percent of the total cost responsibility assigned to the Interconnection Customer for Network Upgrades in either the final Phase I Interconnection Study or Phase II Interconnection Study for Interconnection Customers in a Queue Cluster, or the final System Impact Study, or Facilities Study for Interconnection Customers in the Independent Study Process, whichever is lower, except to the extent that the provisions of GIP Section 9.3.3 apply. With respect to the Interconnection Financial Security Instrument for Participating TO Interconnection Facilities, the Interconnection Customer shall modify this instrument so that it equals one hundred (100) percent of the total cost responsibility assigned to the Interconnection Customer for Participating TO Interconnection Facilities in the final Phase II Interconnection Study for Interconnection Customers in a Queue Cluster, or the final Facilities Study for Interconnection Customers in the Independent Study Process.

If an Interconnection Customer's Network Upgrades and/or Interconnection Facilities are separated into two or more specific components and/or can be separated into two or more separate and discrete phases of construction and the Participating TO is able to identify and separate the costs of the identified discrete components and/or phases of construction, then the Participating TO, the CAISO, and the Interconnection Customer may negotiate, as part of the Generator Interconnection Agreement, a division of the third Interconnection Financial Security posting into discrete Interconnection Financial Security amounts and may establish discrete milestone dates (however, outside dates must be included) for posting the amounts corresponding to each component and/or phase of construction related to the Network Upgrades and/or Interconnection Facilities described in the Generator Interconnection Agreement.

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The failure by an Interconnection Customer to timely post the Interconnection Financial Security required by this GIP Section 9.3.2 shall constitute grounds for termination of the GIA pursuant to LGIA Article 2.3 or SGIA Article 3.3, whichever is applicable.

**9.3.3 Offsets for Network Upgrades Which Participating TOs Elect to Up- Front Fund.**

To the extent that the Participating TO unequivocally commits (subject to conditions set forth or to be set forth in a GIA) to up-front fund Network Upgrades for which an Interconnection Customer has been assigned cost responsibility, the Interconnection Customer will be relieved of the obligation to make the second and third postings of Interconnection Financial Security for such Network Upgrades. The Interconnection Customer will remain obligated to make the second and third postings of Interconnection Financial Security for that portion of its assigned Network Upgrades that the Participating TO does not unequivocally (subject to conditions set forth or to be set forth in a GIA) commit to up-front fund.

As a prerequisite for the Participating TO up-front funding commitment to relieve the Interconnection Customer of its posting requirements for the related Network Upgrades, the up-front funding commitment must be conditional upon the Interconnection Customer's meeting milestones for Interconnection Customer development and construction of the Generating Facility as set forth in Appendix B to the LGIA or Attachment 4 to the SGIA, as applicable. Such Interconnection Customer milestones will include, with respect to the proposed Generating Facility or an identified phase of such facility as identified in the LGIA, such events as the securing of Site Exclusivity, posting of Financial Security under GIP Section 9 for the Interconnection Customer's cost responsibility for Network Upgrades (exclusive of up-front funded amounts) and for the Participating TO's Interconnection Facilities, securing of necessary permits, licenses, and/or property rights required for the construction, selection of applicable engineering, procurement and construction contractors, securing of necessary financing, and such other commercially reasonable milestones as the Participating TO, CAISO, and Interconnection Customer shall consent and agree to (such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld).

If the Participating TO withdraws its contractual commitment to up-front fund the Network Upgrades the Interconnection Customer will be required to post Interconnection Financial Security covering the Network Upgrades for which the Participating TO is withdrawing its up-front funding, within thirty (30) days of the Participating TO's notice to the Interconnection Customer that the up-front funding is being withdrawn.

If the Interconnection Customer's obligation to make the second posting of Interconnection Financial Security arises before the Generator Interconnection Agreement is executed by all parties to that agreement, the Interconnection Customer will be provided an additional thirty (30) days to post any Interconnection Financial Security related to Participating TO up-front funded Network Upgrades. The Interconnection Customer will continue to engage in good faith efforts to complete the negotiation of the Generator Interconnection Agreement during the additional thirty (30) day period. If the Generator Interconnection Agreement is not executed by all parties to that agreement within the additional thirty (30) day period, the Interconnection Customer will then be required to post the remaining Interconnection Financial Security, subject to refund.

If, after execution of the Generator Interconnection Agreement by all parties to that agreement, the Participating TO has made an up-front Network Upgrade funding commitment that is conditioned on a request for abandoned plant approval pending before FERC, the obligation to post the Interconnection Financial Security for Network

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Upgrades related to the Participating TO up-front funding commitment will be suspended during the pendency of the request before FERC. If FERC issues an order denying the request for abandoned plant approval, the obligation to post the Interconnection Financial Security for Network Upgrades will immediately be reinstated, and the Interconnection Customer will be required to post the Interconnection Financial Security within forty-five (45) days of the issuance of the FERC order unless the parties to the Generator Interconnection Agreement renegotiate that agreement within the forty-five (45) day period to provide for alternative timeframes or methods for funding the posting. Such a renegotiated Generator Interconnection Agreement will be deemed to be conforming to a FERC-accepted standard form of Generator Interconnection Agreement only if it extends the time period for posting the Interconnection Financial Security to a date no later than seventy-five (75) days after the FERC order denying abandoned plant approval was issued or provides for continued Participating TO up-front funding of the Network Upgrades. If the parties to the Generator Interconnection Agreement are unable to renegotiate and execute the Generator Interconnection Agreement within the forty-five (45) day period, the Interconnection Customer must post the Interconnection Financial Security before the close of such time period.

**9.4 Effect Of Withdrawal Or Termination On Financial Security**

Except as set forth in GIP Section 9.4.1, withdrawal of an Interconnection Request or termination of a GIA shall allow the applicable Participating TO(s) to liquidate the Interconnection Financial Security, or balance thereof, posted by the Interconnection Customer for Network Upgrades at the time of withdrawal. To the extent the amount of the liquidated Interconnection Financial Security plus capital, if any, separately provided by the Interconnection Customer to satisfy its obligation to finance Network Upgrades in accordance with GIP Section 12.3 exceeds the total cost responsibility for Network Upgrades assigned to the Interconnection Customer by the final Phase I or Phase II Interconnection Study, whichever is lower, or in the governing study for the Independent Study Process, the applicable Participating TO(s) shall remit to the Interconnection Customer the excess amount.

Withdrawal of an Interconnection Request or termination of a GIA shall result in the release to the Interconnection Customer of any Interconnection Financial Security posted by the Interconnection Customer for Participating TO's Interconnection Facilities, except with respect to any amounts necessary to pay for costs incurred or irrevocably committed by the applicable Participating TO(s) on behalf of the Interconnection Customer for the Participating TO's Interconnection Facilities and for which the applicable Participating TO(s) has not been reimbursed.

**9.4.1 Conditions for Partial Recovery of Interconnection Financial Security Upon Withdrawal of Interconnection Request or Termination of GIA**

A portion of the Interconnection Financial Security shall be released to the Interconnection Customer, consistent with GIP Section 9.4.2, if the withdrawal of the Interconnection Request or termination of the GIA occurs for any of the following reasons:

- (a) **Failure to Secure a Power Purchase Agreement.** At the time of withdrawal of the Interconnection Request or termination of the GIA, the Interconnection Customer demonstrates to the CAISO that it has failed to secure an acceptable power purchase agreement for the Energy or capacity of the Generating Facility after a good faith effort to do so. A good faith effort can be established by demonstrating participation in a competitive solicitation process or bilateral negotiations with an entity other than an Affiliate that progressed, at minimum, to the mutual exchange by all counter-parties of proposed term sheets.

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- (b) Failure to Secure a Necessary Permit. At the time of withdrawal of the Interconnection Request or termination of the GIA, the Interconnection Customer demonstrates to the CAISO that it has received a final denial from the primary issuing Governmental Authority of any permit or other authorization necessary for the construction or operation of the Generating Facility.
- (c) Increase in the Cost of Participating TO's Interconnection Facilities. The Interconnection Customer withdraws the Interconnection Request or terminates the GIA based on an increase of more than 30% or \$300,000, whichever is greater, in the estimated cost of Participating TO's Interconnection Facilities between the Phase I Interconnection Study and the Phase II Interconnection Study, provided, however, that the Interconnection Financial Security shall not be released if this increase in the estimated cost is due to the Interconnection Customer's requested modification to the interconnection configuration.
- (d) Material Change in Interconnection Customer Interconnection Facilities Created by a CAISO Change in the Point of Interconnection. The Interconnection Customer withdraws the Interconnection Request or terminates the GIA based on a material change from the Phase I Interconnection Study in the Point of Interconnection for the Generating Facility mandated by the CAISO and included in the final Phase II Interconnection Study. A material change in the Point of Interconnection shall be where Point of Interconnection has moved to (i) a different substation, (ii) a different line on a different right of way, or (iii) a materially different location than previously identified on the same line.

**9.4.2 Schedule for Determining Non-Refundable Portion of the Interconnection Financial Security for Network Upgrades.**

**9.4.2.1 Up to One Hundred Eighty Days After Final Phase II Interconnection Study Report For Queue Cluster Generating Facilities or up to One Hundred Twenty Days After Final Facilities Study Report for Independent Study Process Generating Facilities.**

If, at any time after the initial posting of the Interconnection Financial Security for Network Upgrades under GIP Section 9.2 and on or before one hundred eighty (180) calendar days after the date of issuance of the final Phase II Interconnection Study report for Interconnection Customers in a Queue Cluster, or on or before one hundred twenty (120) days after the date of issuance of the results of the Facilities Study for Interconnection Customers in the Independent Study Process, the Interconnection Customer withdraws the Interconnection Request or terminates the GIA, as applicable, in accordance with GIP Section 9.4.1, the applicable Participating TO(s) shall liquidate the Interconnection Financial Security for Network Upgrades under GIP Section 9.2 and reimburse the Interconnection Customer in an amount of (i) any posted amount less fifty (50) percent of the value of the posted Interconnection Financial Security for Network Upgrades (with a maximum of \$10,000 per requested and approved megawatt value of the Generating Facility Capacity at the time of withdrawal being retained by the Participating TO(s)), or, (ii) if the Interconnection Financial Security has been drawn down to finance Pre-Construction Activities for Network Upgrades on behalf of the Interconnection Customer, the lesser of the remaining balance of the Interconnection Financial Security or the amount calculated under (i) above. If the Interconnection Customer has separately provided capital apart from the Interconnection Financial Security to finance Pre-Construction Activities for Network Upgrades, the applicable Participating TO(s) will credit the capital provided as if drawn from the Interconnection Financial Security and apply (ii) above.



**9.4.2.2 Between One Hundred Eighty-One Days After Final Phase II Interconnection Study Report or Facilities Study Results and the Commencement of Construction Activities.**

If, at any time between one hundred eighty-one (181) calendar days after the date of issuance of the final Phase II Interconnection Study report for Interconnection Customers in a Queue Cluster, or the date of issuance of the final Facilities Study Report for Interconnection Customers in the Independent Study Process, and the commencement of Construction Activities for either Network Upgrades or Participating TO's Interconnection Facilities, the Interconnection Customer withdraws the Interconnection Request or terminates the GIA, as applicable, in accordance with GIP Section 9.4.1, the applicable Participating TO(s) shall liquidate the Interconnection Financial Security for Network Upgrades under GIP Section 9.3 and reimburse the Interconnection Customer in an amount of (i) any posted amounts less fifty percent (50%) of the value of the posted Interconnection Financial Security for Network Upgrades (with a maximum of \$20,000 per requested and approved megawatt value of the Generating Facility Capacity at the time of withdrawal being retained by the Participating TO(s)), or, (ii) if the Interconnection Financial Security has been drawn down to finance Pre-Construction Activities for Network Upgrades on behalf of the Interconnection Customer, the lesser of the remaining balance of the Interconnection Financial Security or the amount calculated under (i) above. If the Interconnection Customer has separately provided capital apart from the Interconnection Financial Security to finance Pre-Construction Activities for Network Upgrades, the applicable Participating TO(s) will credit the capital provided as if drawn from the Interconnection Financial Security and apply (ii) above.

**9.4.2.3 [Not Used]**

**9.4.2.4 Special Treatment Based on Failure to Obtain Necessary Permit or Authorization from Governmental Authority.**

If, at any time after the posting requirement under GIP Section 9.3, the Interconnection Customer withdraws the Interconnection Request or terminates the GIA, as applicable, in accordance with GIP Section 9.4.1(b), and the Delivery Network Upgrades to be financed by the Interconnection Customer under GIP Section 7.3 are also to be financed by one or more other Interconnection Customers, then GIP Section 9.4.2.1 shall apply, except that the Interconnection Customer shall not be reimbursed for its share of any actual costs incurred or irrevocably committed by the applicable Participating TO(s) for Construction Activities.

**9.4.2.5 After Commencement of Construction Activities.**

Except as otherwise provided in GIP Section 9.4.2.4, once Construction Activities on Network Upgrades on behalf of the Interconnection Customer commence, any withdrawal of the Interconnection Request or termination of the GIA by the Interconnection Customer will be treated in accordance with this GIP Section 9.4.

**9.4.2.6 Notification to CAISO and Accounting by Applicable Participating TO(s).**

The applicable Participating TO(s) shall notify the CAISO within one (1) Business Day of liquidating any Interconnection Financial Security. Within twenty (20) calendar days of any liquidating event, the applicable Participating TO(s) shall provide the CAISO and Interconnection Customer with an accounting of the disposition of the proceeds of the liquidated Interconnection Financial Security and remit to the CAISO all proceeds not otherwise reimbursed to the Interconnection Customer or applied to costs incurred or irrevocably committed by the applicable Participating TO(s) on behalf of the Interconnection Customer in accordance with this GIP Section 9.4. All non-refundable portions of the Interconnection Financial Security remitted to the CAISO in accordance

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with this GIP Section 9.4 shall be treated in accordance with CAISO Tariff Section 37.9.4. In addition, any funds received by the CAISO from a Participating TO, pursuant to a requirement in the Participating TO's wholesale distribution tariff for funds to be distributed by the CAISO, shall be treated in accordance with CAISO Tariff Section 37.9.4.

**9.5 Maximum Cost Responsibility For Interconnection Customers**

For Interconnection Customers in a Queue Cluster, after the CAISO issues the Phase II Interconnection Study report to the Interconnection Customer, the maximum value for the Financial Security required of each Interconnection Customer and the maximum cost responsibility of each Interconnection Customer for Network Upgrades shall be established by the lesser of the costs for Network Upgrades assigned to the Interconnection Customer in the final Phase I Interconnection Study report or the final Phase II Interconnection Study report.

For Interconnection Customers in the Independent Study Process, the maximum value for the Interconnection Customer's Financial Security and the maximum cost responsibility for Network Upgrades shall be established by the lesser of the costs for Network Upgrades assigned to the Interconnection Customer in the final System Impact Study report or final Facilities Study report.

**Section 10 Engineering & Procurement ("E&P") Agreement**

Prior to executing a GIA, an Interconnection Customer may, in order to advance the implementation of its interconnection, request and the applicable Participating TO(s) shall offer the Interconnection Customer, an E&P Agreement that authorizes the applicable Participating TO(s) to begin engineering and procurement of long lead-time items necessary for the establishment of the interconnection. However, the applicable Participating TO(s) shall not be obligated to offer an E&P Agreement if the Interconnection Customer is in Dispute Resolution as a result of an allegation that the Interconnection Customer has failed to meet any milestones or comply with any prerequisites specified in other parts of the GIP. The E&P Agreement is an optional procedure. The E&P Agreement shall provide for the Interconnection Customer to pay the cost of all activities authorized by the Interconnection Customer and to make advance payments or provide other satisfactory security for such costs.

The Interconnection Customer shall pay the cost of such authorized activities and any cancellation costs for equipment that is already ordered for its interconnection, which cannot be mitigated as hereafter described, whether or not such items or equipment later become unnecessary. If the Interconnection Customer withdraws its application for interconnection or either Party terminates the E&P Agreement, to the extent the equipment ordered can be canceled under reasonable terms, the Interconnection Customer shall be obligated to pay the associated cancellation costs. To the extent that the equipment cannot be reasonably canceled, the applicable Participating TO(s) may elect: (i) to take title to the equipment, in which event the applicable Participating TO(s) shall refund the Interconnection Customer any amounts paid by Interconnection Customer for such equipment and shall pay the cost of delivery of such equipment, or (ii) to transfer title to and deliver such equipment to the Interconnection Customer, in which event the Interconnection Customer shall pay any unpaid balance and cost of delivery of such equipment.

**Section 11 Generator Interconnection Agreement (GIA)**

**11.1 Tender**

**11.1.1** Within thirty (30) Calendar Days after the CAISO provides the final Phase II Interconnection Study report, or the Facilities Study report (or System Impact Study

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report if the Facilities Study is waived) to the Interconnection Customer, the applicable Participating TO(s) and the CAISO shall tender a draft GIA, together with draft appendices. The draft GIA shall be in the form of the FERC-approved form of GIA set forth in CAISO Tariff Appendix T or Appendix CC, as applicable. The Interconnection Customer shall provide written comments, or notification of no comments, to the draft appendices to the applicable Participating TO(s) and the CAISO within (30) calendar days of receipt.

- 11.1.2** Consistent with GIP Sections 13.3 and 11.1.1, when the transmission system of a Participating TO, in which the Point of Interconnection is not located, is affected, such Participating TO shall tender a separate agreement, in the form of the GIA, as appropriately modified.

**11.2 Negotiation**

Notwithstanding GIP Section 11.1, at the request of the Interconnection Customer, the applicable Participating TO(s) and CAISO shall begin negotiations with the Interconnection Customer concerning the appendices to the GIA at any time after the CAISO provides the Interconnection Customer with the final Phase II Interconnection Study report. The applicable Participating TO(s) and CAISO and the Interconnection Customer shall negotiate concerning any disputed provisions of the appendices to the draft GIA for not more than one hundred-twenty (120) calendar days after the CAISO provides the Interconnection Customer with the final Phase II Interconnection Study report, or the Facilities Study report (or System Impact Study report if the Facilities Study is waived). If the Interconnection Customer determines that negotiations are at an impasse, it may request termination of the negotiations at any time after tender of the draft GIA pursuant to GIP Section 11.1 and request submission of the unexecuted GIA with FERC or initiate Dispute Resolution procedures pursuant to GIP Section 13.5. If the Interconnection Customer requests termination of the negotiations, but, within one hundred twenty (120) calendar days after issuance of the final Phase II Interconnection Study report, fails to request either the filing of the unexecuted GIA or initiate Dispute Resolution, it shall be deemed to have withdrawn its Interconnection Request. Unless otherwise agreed by the Parties, if the Interconnection Customer has not executed and returned the GIA, requested filing of an unexecuted GIA, or initiated Dispute Resolution procedures pursuant to GIP Section 13.5 within one hundred-twenty (120) calendar days after issuance of the final Phase II Interconnection Study report, it shall be deemed to have withdrawn its Interconnection Request. The CAISO shall provide to the Interconnection Customer a final GIA within ten (10) Business Days after the completion of the negotiation process and receipt of all requested information.

**11.3 Execution And Filing**

The Interconnection Customer shall either: (i) execute the appropriate number of originals of the tendered GIA as specified in the directions provided by the CAISO and return them to the CAISO, as directed, for completion of the execution process; or (ii) request in writing that the applicable Participating TO(s) and CAISO file with FERC a GIA in unexecuted form. The GIA shall be considered executed as of the date that all three Parties have signed the GIA. As soon as practicable, but not later than ten (10) Business Days after receiving either the executed originals of the tendered GIA (if it does not conform with a FERC-approved standard form of interconnection agreement) or the request to file an unexecuted GIA, the applicable Participating TO(s) and CAISO shall file the GIA with FERC, as necessary, together with an explanation of any matters as to which the Interconnection Customer and the applicable Participating TO(s) or CAISO disagree and support for the costs that the applicable Participating TO(s) propose to charge to the Interconnection Customer under the GIA. An unexecuted GIA should contain terms and conditions deemed appropriate by the applicable Participating TO(s) and CAISO for the Interconnection Request. If the Parties agree to proceed with design,

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procurement, and construction of facilities and upgrades under the agreed-upon terms of the unexecuted GIA, they may proceed pending FERC action.

**11.4 Commencement Of Interconnection Activities**

If the Interconnection Customer executes the final GIA, the applicable Participating TO(s), CAISO and the Interconnection Customer shall perform their respective obligations in accordance with the terms of the GIA, subject to modification by FERC. Upon submission of an unexecuted GIA, the Interconnection Customer, applicable Participating TO(s) and CAISO may proceed to comply with the unexecuted GIA, pending FERC action.

**11.5 Interconnection Customer To Meet PTO Handbook Requirements**

The Interconnection Customer's Interconnection Facilities shall be designed, constructed, operated and maintained in accordance with the applicable Participating TO's Interconnection Handbook.

**Section 12 PTO's Interconnection Facilities And Network Upgrades**

**12.1 Schedule**

The applicable Participating TO(s) and the Interconnection Customer shall negotiate in good faith concerning a schedule for the construction of the applicable Participating TO's Interconnection Facilities and the Network Upgrades.

**12.2 Construction Sequencing**

**12.2.1 General**

In general, the sequence of construction of Stand Alone Network Upgrades or other Network Upgrades for a single Interconnection Request, or Network Upgrades identified for the interconnection of Generating Facilities associated with multiple Interconnection Requests, shall be determined, to the maximum extent practical, in a manner that accommodates the proposed Commercial Operation Date set forth in the GIA of the Interconnection Customer(s) associated with the Stand Alone Network Upgrades or other Network Upgrades.

**12.2.2 Construction of Network Upgrades that are or were an Obligation of an Entity other than the Interconnection Customer**

The applicable Participating TO(s) shall be responsible for financing and constructing any Network Upgrades necessary to support the interconnection of the Generating Facility of an Interconnection Customer with a GIA under this GIP, whenever either:

- (i) the Network Upgrades were included in the Interconnection Base Case Data for a Phase II Interconnection Study on the basis that they were Network Upgrades associated with Generating Facilities of Interconnection Customers that have an executed GIA (or its equivalent predecessor agreement) or unexecuted GIA (or its equivalent predecessor agreement) filed with FERC, but the Network Upgrades will not otherwise be completed because such GIA or equivalent predecessor agreement was subsequently terminated or the Interconnection Request has otherwise been withdrawn; or
- (ii) the Network Upgrades were included in the Interconnection Base Case Data for a Phase II Interconnection Study on the basis that they were Network Upgrades associated with Generating Facilities of Interconnection Customers that have an executed GIA (or its equivalent predecessor agreement) or unexecuted GIA (or its equivalent predecessor agreement) filed with FERC, but the Network

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Upgrades will not otherwise be completed in time to support the Interconnection Customer's In-Service Date because construction has not commenced in accordance with the terms of such GIA (or its equivalent predecessor agreement).

The obligation under this GIP Section 12.2.2 arises only after the CAISO, in coordination with the applicable Participating TO(s), determines that the Network Upgrades remain needed to support the interconnection of the Interconnection Customer's Generating Facility notwithstanding, as applicable, the absence or delay of the Generating Facility that is contractually, or was previously contractually, associated with the Network Upgrades.

Further, to the extent the timing of such Network Upgrades was not accounted for in determining a reasonable Commercial Operation Date among the CAISO, applicable Participating TO(s), and the Interconnection Customer as part of the Phase II Interconnection Study, the applicable Participating TO(s) will use Reasonable Efforts to ensure that the construction of such Network Upgrades can accommodate the Interconnection Customer's proposed Commercial Operation Date. If, despite Reasonable Efforts, it is anticipated that the Network Upgrades cannot be constructed in time to accommodate the Interconnection Customer's proposed Commercial Operation Date, the Interconnection Customer may commit to pay the applicable Participating TO(s) any costs associated with expediting construction of the Network Upgrades to meet the original proposed Commercial Operation Date. The expediting costs under this GIP Section 12.2.2 shall be in addition to the Interconnection Customer's cost responsibility assigned under GIP Section 6.5.

To the extent that this Section operates to impose upon the applicable Participating TO(s) cost responsibility for financing or construct Network Upgrades (which cost responsibility was previously assigned to Interconnection Customer(s) under GIP Section 7.3 and 7.4) in excess of what is covered by the Interconnection Financial Security posted by such Interconnection Customers, the Participating TO(s) shall be presumed to be eligible, subject to prudence and any other applicable review by FERC, to include such costs in its TRR(s).

### **12.2.3 Advancing Construction of Network Upgrades that are Part of the CAISO's Transmission Plan**

An Interconnection Customer with a GIA, in order to maintain its In-Service Date as specified in the GIA, may request that the CAISO and applicable Participating TO(s) advance to the extent necessary the completion of Network Upgrades that: (i) are necessary to support such In-Service Date and (ii) would otherwise not be completed, pursuant to an approved CAISO Transmission Plan covering the PTO Service Territory of the applicable Participating TO(s), in time to support such In-Service Date. Upon such request, the applicable Participating TO(s) will use Reasonable Efforts to advance the construction of such Network Upgrades to accommodate such request; provided that the Interconnection Customer commits to pay the applicable Participating TO(s) any associated expediting costs. The Interconnection Customer shall be entitled to refunds, if any, in accordance with this GIP and the GIA, for any expediting costs paid.

## **12.3 Network Upgrades**

### **12.3.1 Initial Funding**

Unless the applicable Participating TO(s) elects to fund the full capital for identified Reliability and Delivery Network Upgrades, they shall be funded by the Interconnection

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Customer(s) either by means of drawing down the Interconnection Financial Security or by the provision of additional capital, at each Interconnection Customer's election, up to a maximum amount no greater than that established by the cost responsibility assigned to each Interconnection Customer(s) under GIP Sections 7.3 and 7.4.

Where the applicable Participating TO(s) does not elect to fund the full capital for specific Reliability and Delivery Network Upgrades, the applicable Participating TO(s) shall be responsible for funding any capital costs for the Reliability and Delivery Network Upgrades that exceed the total cost responsibility assigned to the Interconnection Customer(s) under GIP Sections 7.3 and 7.4.

- (a) Where the funding responsibility for any Reliability Network Upgrade or Delivery Network Upgrade has been assigned to a single Interconnection Customer in accordance with this GIP, and the applicable Participating TO(s) has elected not to fund the full capital of the Reliability Network Upgrade or Delivery Network Upgrade, the applicable Participating TO(s) shall invoice the Interconnection Customer under LGIA Article 12.1 or SGIA Article 6.1, whichever is applicable, up to a maximum amount no greater than that established by the cost responsibility assigned to each Interconnection Customer(s) under GIP Sections 7.3 and 7.4 for the Reliability Network Upgrade or Delivery Network Upgrade, respectively.
- (b) Where the funding responsibility for a Reliability Network Upgrade has been assigned to more than one Interconnection Customer in accordance with this GIP, and the applicable Participating TO(s) has elected not to fund the full capital of the Reliability Network Upgrade, the applicable Participating TO(s) shall invoice each Interconnection Customer under LGIA Article 12.1 or SGIA Article 6.1, whichever is applicable, for such Reliability Network Upgrade based on the ratio of the maximum megawatt electrical output of each new Generating Facility or the amount of megawatt increase in the generating capacity of each existing Generating Facility as listed the Generating Facility's Interconnection Request to the aggregate maximum megawatt electrical output of all such new Generating Facilities and increases in the generating capacity of existing Generating Facilities assigned responsibility for such Reliability Network Upgrade. Each Interconnection Customer may be invoiced up to a maximum amount no greater than that established by the cost responsibility assigned to that Interconnection Customer under GIP Section 7.3.
- (c) Where the funding responsibility for a Delivery Network Upgrade has been assigned to more than one Interconnection Customer in accordance with this GIP, and the applicable Participating TO(s) has elected not to fund the full capital of the Delivery Network Upgrade, the applicable Participating TO(s) shall invoice each Interconnection Customer under LGIA Article 12.1 or SGIA Article 6.1, whichever is applicable, for such Delivery Network Upgrade based on the percentage flow impact of each assigned Generating Facility on each Delivery Network Upgrade as determined by the Generation distribution factor methodology used in the On-Peak and Off-Peak Deliverability Assessments performed in the Phase II Interconnection Study. Each Interconnection Customer may be invoiced up to a maximum amount no greater than that established by the cost responsibility assigned to that Interconnection Customer under GIP Section 7.4.

To the extent that this Section operates to impose upon the applicable Participating TO(s) cost responsibility for financing and constructing Network Upgrades (which were previously assigned to Interconnection Customer(s) under GIP Section 7.3 and/or 7.4), in excess of the what is covered by the Interconnection Financial Security posted by such

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Interconnection Customer(s)), the Participating TO(s) shall be presumed to be eligible, subject to prudence review and any other applicable review by FERC, to include such costs in its TRR(s).

Any permissible extension of the Commercial Operation Date of a Generating Facility will not alter the Interconnection Customer's obligation to finance Network Upgrades where the Network Upgrades are required to meet the earlier Commercial Operation Date(s) of other Generating Facilities that have also been assigned cost responsibility for the Network Upgrades.

**12.3.2 Repayment of Amounts Advanced for Network Upgrades and Refund of Interconnection Financial Security**

**12.3.2.1 Repayment of Amounts Advanced Regarding Non-Phased Generating Facilities**

Upon the Commercial Operation Date of a Generating Facility that is not a Phased Generating Facility, unless the Interconnection Customer has provided written notice to the CAISO that it is declining all or part of such repayment, the Interconnection Customer shall be entitled to a repayment for the Interconnection Customer's contribution to the cost of Network Upgrades in accordance with its cost responsibility assigned under GIP Sections 7.3 and 7.4. Such amount shall be paid to the Interconnection Customer by the applicable Participating TO(s) on a dollar-for-dollar basis either through (1) direct payments made on a levelized basis over the five-year period commencing on the Generating Facility's Commercial Operation Date; or (2) any alternative payment schedule that is mutually agreeable to the Interconnection Customer and Participating TO, provided that such amount is paid within five (5) years of the Commercial Operation Date.

Instead of direct payments, the Interconnection Customer may elect to receive Merchant Transmission Congestion Revenue Rights (CRRs) in accordance with the CAISO Tariff Section 36.11 associated with the Network Upgrades, or portions thereof that were funded by the Interconnection Customer. Such CRRs would take effect upon the Commercial Operation Date of the Generating Facility in accordance with the GIA.

**12.3.2.2 Repayment of Amounts Advanced Regarding Phased Generating Facilities**

Upon the Commercial Operation Date of each phase of a Phased Generating Facility, unless the Interconnection Customer has provided written notice to the CAISO that it is declining all or part of such repayment, the Interconnection Customer shall be entitled to a repayment for the Interconnection Customer's contribution to the cost of Network Upgrades for that completed phase in accordance with the Interconnection Customer's cost responsibility assigned for the phase under GIP Sections 7.3 and 7.4 if all of the following conditions are satisfied:

- (a) The Generating Facility is capable of being constructed in phases;
- (b) The Generating Facility is specified in the GIA as being constructed in phases;
- (c) The completed phase corresponds to one of the phases specified in the GIA;
- (d) The phase has achieved Commercial Operation and the Interconnection Customer has tendered notice of the same pursuant to the GIA;
- (e) All parties to the GIA have confirmed that the completed phase meets the requirements set forth in the GIA and any other operating, metering, and interconnection

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requirements to permit generation output of the entire capacity of the completed phase as specified in the GIA;

(f) The Network Upgrades necessary for the completed phase to meet the desired level of deliverability are in service; and

(g) The Interconnection Customer has posted one hundred (100) percent of the Interconnection Financial Security required for the Network Upgrades for all the phases of the Generating Facility (or if less than one hundred (100) percent has been posted, then all required Interconnection Financial Security instruments to the date of commencement of repayment).

Upon satisfaction of these conditions (a) through (g), the Interconnection Customer shall be entitled to receive a partial repayment of its financed cost responsibility in an amount equal to the percentage of the Generating Facility declared to be in Commercial Operation multiplied by the cost of the Network Upgrades associated with the completed phase. The Interconnection Customer shall be entitled to repayment in this manner for each completed phase until the entire Generating Facility is completed.

A reduction in the electrical output (MW capacity) of the Generating Facility pursuant to Article 5.19.4 of the LGIA shall not diminish the Interconnection Customer's right to repayment pursuant to this GIP Section 12.3.2.2. If the GIA includes a partial termination provision and the partial termination right has been exercised with regard to a phase that has not been built, then the Interconnection Customer's eligibility for repayment under this Section as to the remaining phases shall not be diminished. If the Interconnection Customer completes one or more phases and then defaults on the GIA, the Participating TO and the CAISO shall be entitled to offset any losses or damages resulting from the default against any repayments made for Network Upgrades related to the completed phases provided that the party seeking to exercise the offset has complied with any requirements which may be required to apply the stream of payments utilized to make the repayment to the Interconnection Customer as an offset.

Any repayment amount for completion of a phase shall include any tax gross-up or other tax-related payments associated with the Network Upgrades not refunded to the Interconnection Customer, and shall be paid to the Interconnection Customer by the applicable Participating TO(s) on a dollar-for-dollar basis either through (1) direct payments made on a levelized basis over the five-year period commencing on the date by the requirements of items (a) through (g) above have been fulfilled,; or (2) any alternative payment schedule that associates the completion of Network Upgrades with the completion of particular phases and that is mutually agreeable to the Interconnection Customer and Participating TO.

Instead of direct payments, the Interconnection Customer may elect to receive Merchant Transmission Congestion Revenue Rights (CRRs) in accordance with the CAISO Tariff Section 36.11 associated with the Network Upgrades for each phase, or portions thereof that were funded by the Interconnection Customer. Such CRRs would take effect upon the Commercial Operation Date of the phase in accordance with the GIA.

### **12.3.2.3 Interest Payments and Assignment Rights**

Any phased or non-phased repayment pursuant to this GIP Section 12.3.2 shall include interest calculated in accordance with the methodology set forth in FERC's regulations at 18 C.F.R. §35.19a(a)(2)(iii) from the date of any payment for Network Upgrades through the date on which the Interconnection Customer receives a repayment of such payment. The Interconnection Customer may assign such repayment rights to any person.



#### **12.4 Special Provisions For Affected Systems, Other Affected PTOs**

The Interconnection Customer shall enter into an agreement with the owner of the Affected System and/or other affected Participating TO(s), as applicable. The agreement shall specify the terms governing payments to be made by the Interconnection Customer to the owner of the Affected System and/or other affected Participating TO(s) as well as the repayment by the owner of the Affected System and/or other affected Participating TO(s). If the affected entity is another Participating TO, the initial form of agreement will be the GIA, as appropriately modified.

Any repayment by the owner of the Affected System shall be in accordance with FERC Order No. 2003-B (109 FERC ¶ 61,287).

### **Section 13 Miscellaneous**

#### **13.1 Confidentiality**

Confidential Information shall include, without limitation, all information relating to a Party's technology, research and development, business affairs, and pricing.

Information is Confidential Information only if it is clearly designated or marked in writing as confidential on the face of the document, or, if the information is conveyed orally or by inspection, if the Party providing the information orally informs the Parties receiving the information that the information is confidential.

If requested by any Party, the other Parties shall provide in writing, the basis for asserting that the information referred to in this Section warrants confidential treatment, and the requesting Party may disclose such writing to the appropriate Governmental Authority. Each Party shall be responsible for the costs associated with affording confidential treatment to its information.

The confidentiality provisions of this GIP are limited to information provided pursuant to this GIP.

##### **13.1.1 Scope**

Confidential Information shall not include information that the receiving Party can demonstrate: (1) is generally available to the public other than as a result of a disclosure by the receiving Party; (2) was in the lawful possession of the receiving Party on a non-confidential basis before receiving it from the disclosing Party; (3) was supplied to the receiving Party without restriction by a third party, who, to the knowledge of the receiving Party after due inquiry, was under no obligation to the disclosing Party to keep such information confidential; (4) was independently developed by the receiving Party without reference to Confidential Information of the disclosing Party; (5) is, or becomes, publicly known, through no wrongful act or omission of the receiving Party or breach of the GIA; or (6) is required, in accordance with GIP Section 13.1.6, Order of Disclosure, to be disclosed by any Governmental Authority or is otherwise required to be disclosed by law or subpoena, or is necessary in any legal proceeding establishing rights and obligations under the GIP. Information designated as Confidential Information will no longer be deemed confidential if the Party that designated the information as confidential notifies the other Parties that it no longer is confidential.

##### **13.1.2 Release of Confidential Information**

No Party shall release or disclose Confidential Information to any other person, except to its employees, consultants, Affiliates (limited by FERC's Standards of Conduct

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requirements set forth in Part 358 of FERC's Regulations, 18 C.F.R. Part 358), or to parties who may be or considering providing financing to or equity participation with the Interconnection Customer, or to potential purchasers or assignees of the Interconnection Customer, on a need-to-know basis in connection with these procedures, unless such person has first been advised of the confidentiality provisions of this GIP Section 13.1 and has agreed to comply with such provisions. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Party providing Confidential Information to any person shall remain primarily responsible for any release of Confidential Information in contravention of this GIP Section 13.1.

**13.1.3 Rights**

Each Party retains all rights, title, and interest in the Confidential Information that each Party discloses to the other Parties. The disclosure by each Party to the other Parties of Confidential Information shall not be deemed a waiver by a Party or any other person or entity of the right to protect the Confidential Information from public disclosure.

**13.1.4 No Warranties**

By providing Confidential Information, no Party makes any warranties or representations as to its accuracy or completeness. In addition, by supplying Confidential Information, no Party obligates itself to provide any particular information or Confidential Information to the other Parties nor to enter into any further agreements or proceed with any other relationship or joint venture.

**13.1.5 Standard of Care**

Each Party shall use at least the same standard of care to protect Confidential Information it receives as it uses to protect its own Confidential Information from unauthorized disclosure, publication or dissemination. Each Party may use Confidential Information solely to fulfill its obligations to the other Parties under these procedures or its regulatory requirements.

**13.1.6 Order of Disclosure**

If a court or a Government Authority or entity with the right, power, and apparent authority to do so requests or requires any Party, by subpoena, oral deposition, interrogatories, requests for production of documents, administrative order, or otherwise, to disclose Confidential Information, that Party shall provide the other Parties with prompt notice of such request(s) or requirement(s) so that the other Parties may seek an appropriate protective order or waive compliance with the terms of the GIP. Notwithstanding the absence of a protective order or waiver, the Party may disclose such Confidential Information which, in the opinion of its counsel, the Party is legally compelled to disclose. Each Party will use Reasonable Efforts to obtain reliable assurance that confidential treatment will be accorded any Confidential Information so furnished.

**13.1.7 Remedies**

Monetary damages are inadequate to compensate a Party for another Party's breach of its obligations under this GIP Section 13.1. Each Party accordingly agrees that the other Parties shall be entitled to equitable relief, by way of injunction or otherwise, if the first Party breaches or threatens to breach its obligations under this GIP Section 13.1, which equitable relief shall be granted without bond or proof of damages, and the receiving Party shall not plead in defense that there would be an adequate remedy at law. Such remedy shall not be deemed an exclusive remedy for the breach of this GIP Section 13.1, but shall be in addition to all other remedies available at law or in equity. Further, the covenants contained herein are necessary for the protection of legitimate business

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interests and are reasonable in scope. No Party, however, shall be liable for indirect, incidental, or consequential or punitive damages of any nature or kind resulting from or arising in connection with this GIP Section 13.1.

**13.1.8 Disclosure to FERC, its Staff, or a State**

Notwithstanding anything in this GIP Section 13.1 to the contrary, and pursuant to 18 C.F.R. section 1b.20, if FERC or its staff, during the course of an investigation or otherwise, requests information from one of the Parties that is otherwise required to be maintained in confidence pursuant to the GIP, the Party shall provide the requested information to FERC or its staff, within the time provided for in the request for information. In providing the information to FERC or its staff, the Party must, consistent with 18 C.F.R. Section 388.112, request that the information be treated as confidential and non-public by FERC and its staff and that the information be withheld from public disclosure. Parties are prohibited from notifying the other Parties prior to the release of the Confidential Information to FERC or its staff. The Party shall notify the other applicable Parties when it is notified by FERC or its staff that a request to release Confidential Information has been received by FERC, at which time any of the Parties may respond before such information would be made public, pursuant to 18 C.F.R. Section 388.112. Requests from a state regulatory body conducting a confidential investigation shall be treated in a similar manner, consistent with applicable state rules and regulations.

**13.1.9** Subject to the exception in GIP Section 13.1.8, any Confidential Information shall not be disclosed by the other Parties to any person not employed or retained by the other Parties, except to the extent disclosure is (i) required by law; (ii) reasonably deemed by the disclosing Party to be required to be disclosed in connection with a dispute between or among the Parties, or the defense of litigation or dispute; (iii) otherwise permitted by consent of the other Parties, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld; or (iv) necessary to fulfill its obligations under this GIP or as a transmission service provider or a Balancing Authority including disclosing the Confidential Information to an RTO or ISO or to a subregional, regional or national reliability organization or planning group. The Party asserting confidentiality shall notify the other Parties in writing of the information it claims is confidential. Prior to any disclosures of another Party's Confidential Information under this subparagraph, or if any third party or Governmental Authority makes any request or demand for any of the information described in this subparagraph, the disclosing Party agrees to promptly notify the other Party in writing and agrees to assert confidentiality and cooperate with the other Party in seeking to protect the Confidential Information from public disclosure by confidentiality agreement, protective order or other reasonable measures.

**13.1.10** This provision shall not apply to any information that was or is hereafter in the public domain (except as a result of a breach of this provision).

**13.1.11** The Participating TO or CAISO shall, at the Interconnection Customer's election, destroy, in a confidential manner, or return the Confidential Information provided at the time of Confidential Information is no longer needed.

**13.2 Delegation Of Responsibility**

The CAISO and the Participating TOs may use the services of subcontractors as deemed appropriate to perform their obligations under this GIP. The applicable Participating TO or CAISO shall remain primarily liable to the Interconnection Customer for the performance of its respective subcontractors and compliance with its obligations of this GIP. The subcontractor shall keep all information provided confidential and shall use such information solely for the performance of such obligation for which it was provided and no other purpose.

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**13.3 [Not Used]**

**13.4 [Not Used]**

**13.5 Disputes**

If an Interconnection Customer disputes withdrawal of its Interconnection Request under GIP Section 3.8, the CAISO will forward any information regarding the disputed withdrawal received under GIP Section 3.8 within one (1) Business Day to the GIP Executive Dispute Committee, consisting of the Vice President responsible for administration of this GIP, the CAISO Vice President responsible for customer affairs, and an additional Vice President. The GIP Executive Dispute Committee shall have five (5) Business Days to determine whether or not to restore the Interconnection Request. If the GIP Executive Dispute Committee concludes that the Interconnection Request should have been withdrawn, the Interconnection Customer may seek relief in accordance with the CAISO ADR Procedures.

All disputes, other than those arising from GIP Section 3.8, arising out of or in connection with this GIP whereby relief is sought by or from the CAISO shall be settled in accordance with the CAISO ADR Procedures.

Disputes arising out of or in connection with this GIP not subject to the CAISO ADR Procedures shall be resolved as follows:

**13.5.1 Submission**

In the event either Party has a dispute, or asserts a claim, that arises out of or in connection with the GIA, the GIP, or their performance, such Party (the "disputing Party") shall provide the other Party with written notice of the dispute or claim ("Notice of Dispute"). Such dispute or claim shall be referred to a designated senior representative of each Party for resolution on an informal basis as promptly as practicable after receipt of the Notice of Dispute by the other Party. In the event the designated representatives are unable to resolve the claim or dispute through unassisted or assisted negotiations within thirty (30) calendar days of the other Party's receipt of the Notice of Dispute, such claim or dispute may, upon mutual agreement of the Parties, be submitted to arbitration and resolved in accordance with the arbitration procedures set forth below. In the event the Parties do not agree to submit such claim or dispute to arbitration, each Party may exercise whatever rights and remedies it may have in equity or at law consistent with the terms of the GIA and GIP.

**13.5.2 External Arbitration Procedures**

Any arbitration initiated under these procedures shall be conducted before a single neutral arbitrator appointed by the Parties. If the Parties fail to agree upon a single arbitrator within ten (10) calendar days of the submission of the dispute to arbitration, each Party shall choose one arbitrator who shall sit on a three-member arbitration panel. The two arbitrators so chosen shall within twenty (20) calendar days select a third arbitrator to chair the arbitration panel. In either case, the arbitrators shall be knowledgeable in electric utility matters, including electric transmission and bulk power issues, and shall not have any current or past substantial business or financial relationships with any party to the arbitration (except prior arbitration). The arbitrator(s) shall provide each of the Parties an opportunity to be heard and, except as otherwise provided herein, shall conduct the arbitration in accordance with the Commercial Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association ("Arbitration Rules") and any applicable FERC regulations or RTO rules; provided, however, in the event of a conflict

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between the Arbitration Rules and the terms of this GIP Section 13.5, the terms of this GIP Section 13.5 shall prevail.

### **13.5.3 Arbitration Decisions**

Unless otherwise agreed by the Parties, the arbitrator(s) shall render a decision within ninety (90) calendar days of appointment and shall notify the Parties in writing of such decision and the reasons therefor. The arbitrator(s) shall be authorized only to interpret and apply the provisions of the GIA and GIP and shall have no power to modify or change any provision of the GIA and GIP in any manner. The decision of the arbitrator(s) shall be final and binding upon the Parties, and judgment on the award may be entered in any court having jurisdiction. The decision of the arbitrator(s) may be appealed solely on the grounds that the conduct of the arbitrator(s), or the decision itself, violated the standards set forth in the Federal Arbitration Act or the Administrative Dispute Resolution Act. The final decision of the arbitrator must also be filed with FERC if it affects jurisdictional rates, terms and conditions of service, Interconnection Facilities, or Network Upgrades.

### **13.5.4 Costs**

Each Party shall be responsible for its own costs incurred during the arbitration process and for the following costs, if applicable: (1) the cost of the arbitrator chosen by the Party to sit on the three member panel and one half of the cost of the third arbitrator chosen; or (2) one half the cost of the single arbitrator jointly chosen by the Parties.

## **13.6 Local Furnishing Bonds**

### **13.6.1 Participating TOs That Own Facilities Financed by Local Furnishing Bonds**

This provision is applicable only to a Participating TO that has financed facilities for the local furnishing of electric energy with Local Furnishing Bonds. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this GIP, the Participating TO and the CAISO shall not be required to provide Interconnection Service to the Interconnection Customer pursuant to this GIP and the GIA if the provision of such Interconnection Service would jeopardize the tax-exempt status of any Local Furnishing Bond(s) issued for the benefit of the Participating TO.

### **13.6.2 Alternative Procedures for Requesting Interconnection Service**

If a Participating TO determines that the provision of Interconnection Service requested by the Interconnection Customer would jeopardize the tax-exempt status of any Local Furnishing Bond(s) issued for the benefit of the Participating TO, it shall advise the Interconnection Customer and the CAISO within (30) calendar days of receipt of the Interconnection Request.

The Interconnection Customer thereafter may renew its request for the same interconnection Service by tendering an application under Section 211 of the Federal Power Act, in which case the Participating TO, within ten (10) calendar days of receiving a copy of the Section 211 application, will waive its rights to a request for service under Section 213(a) of the Federal Power Act and to the issuance of a proposed order under Section 212(c) of the Federal Power Act, and the CAISO and Participating TO shall provide the requested Interconnection Service pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in this GIP and the GIA.

## **13.7 Change In CAISO Operational Control**

If the CAISO no longer has control of the portion of the CAISO Controlled Grid at the Point of Interconnection during the period when an Interconnection Request is pending, the CAISO shall

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transfer to the applicable former Participating TO or successor entity which has ownership of the Point of Interconnection any amount of the deposit or payment with interest thereon that exceeds the cost that it incurred to evaluate the request for interconnection. Any difference between such net deposit amount and the costs that the former Participating TO or successor entity incurs to evaluate the request for interconnection shall be paid by or refunded to the Interconnection Customer, as appropriate. The CAISO shall coordinate with the applicable former Participating TO or successor entity which has ownership of the Point of Interconnection to complete any Interconnection Study, as appropriate, that the CAISO has begun but has not completed. If the Participating TO has tendered a draft GIA to the Interconnection Customer but the Interconnection Customer has neither executed the GIA nor requested the filing of an unexecuted GIA with FERC, unless otherwise provided, the Interconnection Customer must complete negotiations with the applicable former Participating TO or successor entity which has the ownership of the Point of Interconnection.

**Appendix 1 Interconnection Request**  
**INTERCONNECTION REQUEST**

Provide three copies of this completed form pursuant to Section 7 of this GIP Appendix 1 below.

1. The undersigned Interconnection Customer submits this request to interconnect its Generating Facility with the CAISO Controlled Grid pursuant to the CAISO Tariff (check one):  
 Fast Track Process.  
 Independent Study Process.  
 Queue Cluster process.  
 One-Time Deliverability Assessment pursuant to GIP Section 8.1.  
 Annual Deliverability Assessment pursuant to GIP Section 8.
2. This Interconnection Request is for (check one):  
 A proposed new Generating Facility.  
 An increase in the generating capacity or a Material Modification to an existing Generating Facility.
3. Requested Deliverability Status is for (check one):  
 Full Capacity (For Independent Study Process and Queue Cluster Process only)  
(Note – Deliverability analysis for Independent Study Process is conducted with the next annual Cluster Study – See GIP Section 4.6)  
 Partial Deliverability for \_\_\_ MW of electrical output (For Independent Study Process and Queue Cluster Process only)  
 Energy Only

4. The Interconnection Customer provides the following information:

- a. Address or location, including the county, of the proposed new Generating Facility site or, in the case of an existing Generating Facility, the name and specific location, including the county, of the existing Generating Facility;

Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Location:

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

GPS Coordinates: \_\_\_\_\_

- b. Maximum net megawatt electrical output (as defined by section 2.c of Attachment A to this appendix) of the proposed new Generating Facility or the amount of net megawatt increase in the generating capacity of an existing Generating Facility;

Maximum net megawatt electrical output (MW): \_\_\_\_\_ or

Net Megawatt increase (MW): \_\_\_\_\_

- c. Type of project (i.e., gas turbine, hydro, wind, etc.) and general description of the equipment configuration (if more than 1 type is chosen include net MW for each);

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___ Cogeneration	___ (MW)
___ Reciprocating Engine	___ (MW)
___ Biomass	___ (MW)
___ Steam Turbine	___ (MW)
___ Gas Turbine	___ (MW)
___ Wind	___ (MW)
___ Hydro	___ (MW)
___ Photovoltaic	___ (MW)
___ Combined Cycle	___ (MW)

\_\_\_ Other (please describe):

General description of the equipment configuration (e.g. number, size, type, etc):

d. Proposed In-Service Date (first date transmission is needed to the facility), Trial Operation date and Commercial Operation Date by day, month, and year and term of service (dates must be sequential); \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Trial Operation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Commercial Operation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Term of Service (years): \_\_\_\_\_

e. Name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address of the Interconnection Customer's contact person (primary person who will be contacted);

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

DUNS Number:

f. Approximate location of the proposed Point of Interconnection (i.e., specify transmission facility interconnection point name, voltage level, and the location of interconnection);

\_\_\_\_\_

g. Interconnection Customer data (set forth in Attachment A)

**The Interconnection Customer shall provide to the CAISO the technical data called for in GIP Appendix 1, Attachment A. Three (3) copies are required.**

5. Applicable deposit amount as specified in the GIP made payable to California ISO. Send check to CAISO (see section 7 for details) along with the:  
Appendix 1 to GIP (Interconnection Request) for processing.  
Attachment A to Appendix 1 (Interconnection Request Generating Facility Data).

6. Evidence of Site Exclusivity as specified in the GIP and name(s), address(es) and contact information of site owner(s) (check one):

\_\_\_ Is attached to this Interconnection Request

\_\_\_ Deposit in lieu of Site Exclusivity attached, Site Exclusivity will be provided at a later date in accordance with this GIP



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7. This Interconnection Request shall be submitted to the CAISO representative indicated below:

New Resource Interconnection  
California ISO  
P.O. Box 639014  
Folsom, CA 95763-9014

Overnight address: 250 Outcropping Way, Folsom, CA 95630

8. Representative of the Interconnection Customer to contact:

[To be completed by the Interconnection Customer]

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

9. This Interconnection Request is submitted by:

Legal name of the Interconnection Customer:

By (signature): \_\_\_\_\_

Name (type or print): \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Attachment A Generating Facility Data  
To GIP Appendix 1  
Interconnection Request**

**GENERATING FACILITY DATA**

Provide three copies of this completed form pursuant to Section 7 of GIP Appendix 1.

1. **Provide two original prints and one reproducible copy (no larger than 36" x 24") of the following:**
  - A. Site drawing to scale, showing generator location and Point of Interconnection with the CAISO Controlled Grid.
  - B. Single-line diagram showing applicable equipment such as generating units, step-up transformers, auxiliary transformers, switches/disconnects of the proposed interconnection, including the required protection devices and circuit breakers. For wind and photovoltaic generator plants, the one line diagram should include the distribution lines connecting the various groups of generating units, the generator capacitor banks, the step up transformers, the distribution lines, and the substation transformers and capacitor banks at the Point of Interconnection with the CAISO Controlled Grid.
  
2. **Generating Facility Information**
  - A. Total Generating Facility rated output (MW): \_\_\_\_\_
  - B. Generating Facility auxiliary Load (MW): \_\_\_\_\_
  - C. Project net capacity (A-B)(MW): \_\_\_\_\_
  - D. Standby Load when Generating Facility is off-line (MW): \_\_\_\_\_
  - E. Number of Generating Units: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please repeat the following items for each generator)
  - F. Individual generator rated output (MW for each unit): \_\_\_\_\_
  - G. Manufacturer: \_\_\_\_\_
  - H. Year Manufactured: \_\_\_\_\_
  - I. Nominal Terminal Voltage (kV): \_\_\_\_\_
  - J. Rated Power Factor (%): \_\_\_\_\_
  - K. Type (Induction, Synchronous, D.C. with Inverter): \_\_\_\_\_
  - L. Phase (three phase or single phase): \_\_\_\_\_
  - M. Connection (Delta, Grounded WYE, Ungrounded WYE, impedance grounded): \_\_\_\_\_
  
  - N. Generator Voltage Regulation Range (+/- %): \_\_\_\_\_
  - O. Generator Power Factor Regulation Range: \_\_\_\_\_
  - P. For combined cycle plants, specify the plant net output capacity (MW) for an outage of the steam turbine or an outage of a single combustion turbine \_\_\_\_\_
  
3. **Synchronous Generator – General Information:**  
(Please repeat the following for each generator model)
  - A. Rated Generator speed (rpm): \_\_\_\_\_
  - B. Rated MVA: \_\_\_\_\_
  - C. Rated Generator Power Factor: \_\_\_\_\_
  - D. Generator Efficiency at Rated Load (%): \_\_\_\_\_
  - E. Moment of Inertia (including prime mover): \_\_\_\_\_
  - F. Inertia Time Constant (on machine base) H: \_\_\_\_\_ sec or MJ/MVA
  - G. SCR (Short-Circuit Ratio - the ratio of the field current required for rated open-circuit voltage to the field current required for rated short-circuit current): \_\_\_\_\_
  - H. Please attach generator reactive capability curves.

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- I. Rated Hydrogen Cooling Pressure in psig (Steam Units only): \_\_\_\_\_
- J. Please attach a plot of generator terminal voltage versus field current that shows the air gap line, the open-circuit saturation curve, and the saturation curve at full load and rated power factor.

**4. Excitation System Information**

(Please repeat the following for each generator model)

- A. Indicate the Manufacturer \_\_\_\_\_ and Type \_\_\_\_\_ of excitation system used for the generator. For exciter type, please choose from 1 to 9 below or describe the specific excitation system.
  - (1) Rotating DC commutator exciter with continuously acting regulator. The regulator power source is independent of the generator terminal voltage and current.
  - (2) Rotating DC commutator exciter with continuously acting regulator. The regulator power source is bus fed from the generator terminal voltage.
  - (3) Rotating DC commutator exciter with non-continuously acting regulator (i.e., regulator adjustments are made in discrete increments).
  - (4) Rotating AC Alternator Exciter with non-controlled (diode) rectifiers. The regulator power source is independent of the generator terminal voltage and current (not bus-fed).
  - (5) Rotating AC Alternator Exciter with controlled (thyristor) rectifiers. The regulator power source is fed from the exciter output voltage.
  - (6) Rotating AC Alternator Exciter with controlled (thyristor) rectifiers.
  - (7) Static Exciter with controlled (thyristor) rectifiers. The regulator power source is bus-fed from the generator terminal voltage.
  - (8) Static Exciter with controlled (thyristor) rectifiers. The regulator power source is bus-fed from a combination of generator terminal voltage and current (compound-source controlled rectifiers system).
  - (9) Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Attach a copy of the block diagram of the excitation system from its instruction manual. The diagram should show the input, output, and all feedback loops of the excitation system.
- C. Excitation system response ratio (ASA): \_\_\_\_\_
- D. Full load rated exciter output voltage: \_\_\_\_\_
- E. Maximum exciter output voltage (ceiling voltage): \_\_\_\_\_
- F. Other comments regarding the excitation system?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**5. Power System Stabilizer Information**

(Please repeat the following for each generator model. All new generators are required to install PSS unless an exemption has been obtained from WECC. Such an exemption can be obtained for units that do not have suitable excitation systems.)

- A. Manufacturer: \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Is the PSS digital or analog? \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Note the input signal source for the PSS?  
\_\_\_\_\_ Bus frequency \_\_\_\_\_ Shaft speed \_\_\_\_\_ Bus Voltage  
\_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify source)
- D. Please attach a copy of a block diagram of the PSS from the PSS Instruction Manual and the correspondence between dial settings and the time constants or PSS gain.
- E. Other comments regarding the PSS?  
\_\_\_\_\_

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**6. Turbine-Governor Information**

(Please repeat the following for each generator model)

Please complete Part A for steam, gas or combined-cycle turbines, Part B for hydro turbines, and Part C for both.

A. Steam, gas or combined-cycle turbines:

- (1) List type of unit (Steam, Gas, or Combined-cycle): \_\_\_\_\_
- (2) If steam or combined-cycle, does the turbine system have a reheat process (i.e., both high and low pressure turbines)? \_\_\_\_\_
- (3) If steam with reheat process, or if combined-cycle, indicate in the space provided, the percent of full load power produced by each turbine:  
Low pressure turbine or gas turbine: \_\_\_\_\_ %  
High pressure turbine or steam turbine: \_\_\_\_\_ %

B. Hydro turbines:

- (1) Turbine efficiency at rated load: \_\_\_\_\_ %
- (2) Length of penstock: \_\_\_\_\_ ft
- (3) Average cross-sectional area of the penstock: \_\_\_\_\_ ft<sup>2</sup>
- (4) Typical maximum head (vertical distance from the bottom of the penstock, at the gate, to the water level): \_\_\_\_\_ ft
- (5) Is the water supply run-of-the-river or reservoir: \_\_\_\_\_
- (6) Water flow rate at the typical maximum head: \_\_\_\_\_ ft<sup>3</sup>/sec
- (7) Average energy rate: \_\_\_\_\_ kW-hrs/acre-ft
- (8) Estimated yearly energy production: \_\_\_\_\_ kW-hrs

C. Complete this section for each machine, independent of the turbine type.

- (1) Turbine manufacturer: \_\_\_\_\_
- (2) Maximum turbine power output: \_\_\_\_\_ MW
- (3) Minimum turbine power output (while on line): \_\_\_\_\_ MW
- (4) Governor information:
  - (a) Droop setting (speed regulation): \_\_\_\_\_
  - (b) Is the governor mechanical-hydraulic or electro-hydraulic (Electro-hydraulic governors have an electronic speed sensor and transducer.)?  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - (c) Other comments regarding the turbine governor system?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**7. Induction Generator Data:**

- A. Rated Generator Power Factor at rated load: \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Moment of Inertia (including prime mover): \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Do you wish reclose blocking? Yes \_\_\_\_, No \_\_\_\_

Note: Sufficient capacitance may be on the line now, or in the future, and the generator may self-excite unexpectedly.

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Number of generators to be interconnected pursuant to this Interconnection Request: \_\_\_\_\_  
Average Site Elevation: \_\_\_\_\_ Single Phase \_\_\_\_\_ Three Phase \_\_\_\_\_

Field Volts: \_\_\_\_\_  
Field Amperes: \_\_\_\_\_  
Motoring Power (MW): \_\_\_\_\_  
Neutral Grounding Resistor (If Applicable): \_\_\_\_\_  
I22t or K (Heating Time Constant): \_\_\_\_\_  
Rotor Resistance: \_\_\_\_\_  
Stator Resistance: \_\_\_\_\_  
Stator Reactance: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rotor Reactance: \_\_\_\_\_  
Magnetizing Reactance: \_\_\_\_\_  
Short Circuit Reactance: \_\_\_\_\_  
Exciting Current: \_\_\_\_\_  
Temperature Rise: \_\_\_\_\_  
Frame Size: \_\_\_\_\_  
Design Letter: \_\_\_\_\_  
Reactive Power Required In Vars (No Load): \_\_\_\_\_  
Reactive Power Required In Vars (Full Load): \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Rotating Inertia, H: \_\_\_\_\_ Per Unit on 100 MVA Base

Note: A completed General Electric Company Power Systems Load Flow (PSLF) data sheet must be supplied with the Interconnection Request. If other data sheets are more appropriate to the proposed device then they shall be provided and discussed at Scoping Meeting.

**8. Generator Short Circuit Data**

For each generator model, provide the following reactances expressed in p.u. on the generator base:

- $X''1$  – positive sequence subtransient reactance: \_\_\_\_\_ p.u.\*\*
- $X2$  – negative sequence reactance: \_\_\_\_\_ p.u.\*\*
- $X0$  – zero sequence reactance: \_\_\_\_\_

Generator Grounding (select 1 for each model):

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ Solidly grounded
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ Grounded through an impedance  
(Impedance value in p.u on generator base. R: \_\_\_\_\_ p.u.  
X: \_\_\_\_\_ p.u.)
- C. \_\_\_\_\_ Ungrounded

**9. Step-Up Transformer Data**

For each step-up transformer, fill out the data form provided in Table 1.

**10. Interconnection Facilities Line Data**

There is no need to provide data for new lines that are to be planned by the Participating TO. However, for transmission lines that are to be planned by the generation developer, please provide the following information:

Nominal Voltage: \_\_\_\_\_ kV  
Line Length: \_\_\_\_\_ miles

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Line termination Points: \_\_\_\_\_

Conductor Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Size: \_\_\_\_\_

If bundled. Number per phase: \_\_\_\_\_, Bundle spacing: \_\_\_\_\_ in.

Phase Configuration. Vertical: \_\_\_\_\_, Horizontal: \_\_\_\_\_

Phase Spacing: A-B: \_\_\_\_\_ ft., B-C: \_\_\_\_\_ ft., C-A: \_\_\_\_\_ ft.

Distance of lowest conductor to Ground at full load and 40 C: \_\_\_\_\_ ° \_\_\_\_\_ ft

Ground Wire Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Distance to Ground: \_\_\_\_\_ ft

Attach Tower Configuration Diagram

Summer line ratings in amperes (normal and emergency) \_\_\_\_\_

Positive Sequence Resistance ( R ): \_\_\_\_\_ p.u.\*\* (for entire line length)

Positive Sequence Reactance: ( X ): \_\_\_\_\_ p.u.\*\* (for entire line length)

Zero Sequence Resistance ( R0 ): \_\_\_\_\_ p.u.\*\* (for entire line length)

Zero Sequence Reactance: ( X0 ): \_\_\_\_\_ p.u.\*\* (for entire line length)

Line Charging (B/2): \_\_\_\_\_ p.u.\*\*

\*\* On 100-MVA and nominal line voltage (kV) Base

**10a. For Wind/photovoltaic plants, provide collector System Equivalence Impedance Data  
Provide values for each equivalence collector circuit at all voltage levels.**

Nominal Voltage: \_\_\_\_\_

Summer line ratings in amperes (normal and emergency) \_\_\_\_\_

Positive Sequence Resistance (R1): \_\_\_\_\_ p.u. \*\* (for entire line length of each collector circuit)

Positive Sequence Reactance: (X1): \_\_\_\_\_ p.u.\*\* (for entire line length of each collector circuit)

Zero Sequence Resistance (R0): \_\_\_\_\_ p.u. \*\* (for entire line length of each collector circuit)

Zero Sequence Reactance: (X0): \_\_\_\_\_ p.u.\*\* (for entire line length of each collector circuit)

Line Charging (B/2): \_\_\_\_\_ p.u.\*\* (for entire line length of each collector circuit)

\*\* On 100-MVA and nominal line voltage (kV) Base

**11. Inverter-Based Machines**

Number of inverters to be interconnected pursuant to this Interconnection Request: \_\_\_\_\_

Inverter manufacturer, model name, number, and version:  
\_\_\_\_\_

List of adjustable set points for the protective equipment or software:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Max design fault contribution current:

Harmonics Characteristics:

Start-up requirements:

Note: A completed General Electric Company Power Systems Load Flow (PSLF) data sheet must be supplied with the Interconnection Request. If other data sheets are more appropriate to the proposed device then they shall be provided and discussed at Scoping Meeting.

**12. Load Flow and Dynamic Models:**

**Provide load flow model for the generating plant and its interconnection facilities in GE PSLF \*.epc format, including new buses, generators, transformers, interconnection facilities. An**

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**equivalent model is required for the plant with generation collector systems. This data should reflect the technical data provided in this Attachment A.**

For each generator, governor, exciter and power system stabilizer, select the appropriate dynamic model from the General Electric PSLF Program Manual and provide the required input data. **Include any user written \*.p EPCL files to simulate inverter based plants' dynamic responses (typically needed for inverter based PV/wind plants). Provide a completed \*.dyd file that contains the information specified in this section.**

If you require assistance in developing the models, we suggest you contact General Electric. Accurate models are important to obtain accurate study results. Costs associated with any changes in facility requirements that are due to differences between model data provided by the generation developer and the actual generator test data, may be the responsibility of the generation developer.

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TABLE 1

**TRANSFORMER DATA**  
**(Provide for each level of transformation)**

UNIT \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF TRANSFORMERS \_\_\_\_\_ PHASE \_\_\_\_\_

RATING	H Winding	X Winding	Y Winding
Rated MVA	_____	_____	_____
Connection (Delta, Wye, Gnd.)	_____	_____	_____
Cooling Type (OA, OA/FA, etc) :	_____	_____	_____
Temperature Rise Rating	_____	_____	_____
Rated Voltage	_____	_____	_____
BIL	_____	_____	_____
Available Taps (% of rating)	_____	_____	_____
Load Tap Changer? (Y or N)	_____	_____	_____
Tap Settings	_____	_____	_____
IMPEDANCE	H-X	H-Y	X-Y
Percent	_____	_____	_____
MVA Base	_____	_____	_____
Tested Taps	_____	_____	_____
WINDING RESISTANCE	H	X	Y
Ohms	_____	_____	_____

CURRENT TRANSFORMER RATIOS

H \_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_ Y \_\_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_\_

Percent exciting current at 100 % Voltage; \_\_\_\_\_ 110% Voltage \_\_\_\_\_

Supply copy of nameplate and manufacture's test report when available



**Appendix 2 GIP Relating To The LGIP Transition Cluster  
Large Generator Interconnection Procedures (LGIP)  
Relating to the Transition Cluster**

**Section 1. Objective, Applicability and Definitions**

**1.1 Objective and Applicability**

The objective of this Appendix 2 to the Generator Interconnection Procedures (GIP) is to implement the requirements for interconnecting to the CAISO Controlled Grid those Generating Facilities assigned to the LGIP Transition Cluster. All Interconnection Requests assigned to the LGIP Transition Cluster shall be deemed to have been assigned to a Queue Cluster Window for purposes of GIP Section 1.1 and therefore all provisions of the GIP apply to Generating Facilities included in the LGIP Transition Cluster, except as set forth herein.

**1.2 Definitions**

**1.2.1 Master Definitions Supplement and Other General Definition Rules**

Unless the context otherwise requires, any word or expression defined in the Master Definitions Supplement, Appendix A to the CAISO Tariff, shall have the same meaning where used in this Appendix 2 to the GIP. Further, unless the context otherwise requires, any word or expression defined in GIP Section 1.2 shall have the same meaning where used in this Appendix 2 to the GIP. References to GIP in this Appendix 2 are to Appendix Y of the CAISO Tariff.

**1.2.2 Special Definitions for this GIP Appendix 2**

In this Appendix 2 to the GIP, the following words and expressions shall have the meanings set opposite them:

"Serial Study Group" shall mean the collection of valid Interconnection Requests with an assigned Queue Position on or before June 1, 2008 studied in accordance with the interconnection procedures set forth in the version of the GIP set forth in CAISO Tariff Appendix U as permitted by the decision of FERC in Docket No. ER08-960-000.

"LGIP Transition Cluster" shall mean the collection of valid Interconnection Requests with an assigned Queue Position on or before June 1, 2008 that were not included as part of the Serial Study Group by the decision of FERC in Docket No. ER08-960-000.

"LGIP Transition Cluster Interconnection Study Deposit" shall mean, for each Interconnection Request in the LGIP Transition Cluster other than those subject to Section 3.2 of this Appendix 2 to the GIP, the difference between (i) \$250,000 and (ii) the total amount the Interconnection Customer has been charged for Interconnection Studies performed under an Interconnection Feasibility Study Agreement, Interconnection System Impact Study Agreement, or Interconnection Facilities Study Agreement plus the balance of any remaining deposit provided under an Interconnection Feasibility Study Agreement, Interconnection System Impact Study Agreement, or Interconnection Facilities Study Agreement. For an Interconnection Request subject to Section 3.2 of this Appendix 2 to the GIP, the amount of the LGIP Transition Cluster Interconnection Study Deposit shall be the difference between (i) \$100,000 and (ii) the total amount the Interconnection Customer has been charged for Interconnection Studies performed under an Interconnection Feasibility Study Agreement, Interconnection System Impact Study Agreement, or Interconnection Facilities Study Agreement plus the balance of any remaining deposit provided under an Interconnection Feasibility Study Agreement, Interconnection System Impact Study Agreement, or Interconnection Facilities Study Agreement.

## **2. Queue Position**

The Queue Position of any Interconnection Request included in the LGIP Transition Cluster shall be deemed to be lower than that of any Interconnection Request included in the Serial Study Group for purposes of performing Interconnection Studies for Large Generating Facilities whose Interconnection Requests are in the Serial Study Group.

## **3. Requirements to Remain in the LGIP Transition Cluster**

### **3.1 General Requirements for Large Generating Facilities**

An Interconnection Request deemed to be included in the LGIP Transition Cluster in accordance with the decision of FERC in Docket No. ER08-960-000 will be deemed to have been withdrawn from the LGIP Transition Cluster unless the Interconnection Customer provides, within sixty (60) calendar days from the effective date of this Appendix 2 to the GIP, all of the following: (i) a LGIP Transition Cluster Interconnection Study Deposit, (ii) a statement of the requested deliverability status, (iii) a preferred Point of Interconnection and voltage level and all other technical data required by the GIP, if not already submitted to the CAISO, and (iv) demonstration of Site Exclusivity or a posting of a Site Exclusivity Deposit of \$250,000. The demonstration of Site Exclusivity must be, at a minimum, through the anticipated Commercial Operation Date of the new Large Generating Facility or increase in capacity of the existing Generating Facility.

Section 3.8 of the GIP shall not apply to a failure to satisfy the requirements of this Section 3.1 of this Appendix 2 to the GIP.

### **3.2 Special Requirements for Certain Small and Existing Large Generating Facilities**

An Interconnection Customer with an Interconnection Request in the LGIP Transition Cluster relating to (a) a Small Generating Facility seeking a Deliverability Assessment or (b) a Generating Facility, subject to the GIP in accordance with CAISO Tariff Section 25.1.1, that has achieved Commercial Operation prior to the date of the Interconnection Request, and is seeking to increase the capacity of the Generating Facility by less than 20 MW, will be deemed to have withdrawn its Interconnection Request from the LGIP Transition Cluster unless it provides, within sixty (60) calendar days from the effective date of this Appendix 2 to the GIP, all of the following: (i) a LGIP Transition Cluster Interconnection Study Deposit, (ii) a statement of the requested deliverability status, (iii) a preferred Point of Interconnection and voltage level and all other technical data required by the GIP, if not already submitted to the CAISO, and (iv) demonstration of Site Exclusivity or a posting of a Site Exclusivity Deposit of \$250,000. The demonstration of Site Exclusivity, at a minimum, must be through the Commercial Operation Date of the new Large Generating Facility or increase in capacity of the existing Generating Facility.

Section 3.8 of the GIP shall not apply to a failure to satisfy the requirements of this Section 3.2 of this Appendix 2 to the GIP.

### **3.3 Communication of LGIP Transition Cluster Interconnection Study Deposit Amount**

The CAISO shall provide each Interconnection Customer with the amount of its LGIP Transition Cluster Interconnection Study Deposit within five (5) Business Days after the effective date of this Appendix 2 to the GIP.

### **3.4 Use of the LGIP Transition Cluster Interconnection Study Deposit**

The CAISO shall deposit all LGIP Transition Cluster Interconnection Study Deposits in an interest bearing account at a bank or financial institution designated by the CAISO. The LGIP Transition Cluster Interconnection Study Deposit shall be applied to pay for prudent costs incurred by the

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CAISO, the Participating TOs, or third parties at the direction of the CAISO or Participating TOs, as applicable, to perform and administer the Interconnection Studies. The LGIP Transition Cluster Interconnection Study Deposit is not refundable.

Upon execution of a GIA by an Interconnection Customer, the CAISO and the applicable Participating TO(s), or the approval by FERC of an unexecuted GIA, the CAISO shall refund to the Interconnection Customer any portion of the Interconnection Customer's LGIP Transition Cluster Interconnection Study Deposit, including interest earned at the rate provided for in the interest-bearing account from the date of deposit to the date of withdrawal, that exceed the costs the CAISO, Participating TOs, or third parties have incurred on the Interconnection Customer's behalf.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, an Interconnection Customer that withdraws or is deemed to have withdrawn its Interconnection Request during an Interconnection Study Cycle shall be obligated to pay to the CAISO all costs in excess of the LGIP Transition Cluster Interconnection Study Deposit that have been prudently incurred or irrevocably have been committed to be incurred with respect to that Interconnection Request prior to withdrawal. The CAISO will reimburse the applicable Participating TO(s) or third parties, as applicable, for all work performed associated with the Interconnection Request at the CAISO's direction. The Interconnection Customer must pay all monies due before it is allowed to obtain any Interconnection Study data or results.

All non-refundable portions of the LGIP Transition Cluster Interconnection Study Deposit that exceed the costs the CAISO, Participating TOs, or third parties have incurred on the Interconnection Customer's behalf shall be treated in accordance with CAISO Tariff Section 37.9.4

### **3.5 Obligation for Study Costs**

The CAISO shall charge and the Interconnection Customer shall pay the actual costs of the Interconnection Studies. The CAISO shall issue invoices for Interconnection Studies that shall include a detailed and itemized accounting of the cost of each Interconnection Study. The CAISO shall draw from the LGIP Transition Cluster Interconnection Study Deposit any undisputed costs within thirty (30) calendar days after issuance of an invoice therefor. Whenever the actual cost of performing the Interconnection Studies exceeds the LGIP Transition Cluster Interconnection Study Deposit, the Interconnection Customer shall pay the undisputed difference in accordance with the CAISO issued invoice within thirty (30) calendar days. The CAISO shall not be obligated to continue to have any studies conducted unless the Interconnection Customer has paid all undisputed amounts in compliance herewith. In the event an Interconnection Study is performed by the CAISO, the Interconnection Customer shall pay only the costs of those activities performed by the Participating TO to adequately review or validate that Interconnection Study.

## **4. Phase I Interconnection Study**

### **4.1 Grouping Interconnection Requests and Base Cases**

Interconnection Requests in the LGIP Transition Cluster shall be grouped in accordance with GIP Section 6.1. Rather than Generation submitted during a Queue Cluster Window, the Interconnection Base Case Data for the LGIP Transition Cluster shall reflect the Generation from those Interconnection Requests that satisfy the requirements of Sections 3.1 and 3.2 of this Appendix 2 to the GIP.

### **4.2 Schedule**

The Phase I Interconnection Study, as described in GIP Section 6, including the grouping and Interconnection Base Case Data development, for the LGIP Transition Cluster shall commence no later than December 1, 2008 or sixty (60) calendar days after the effective date of this

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Appendix 2 to the GIP, whichever is later. Results of the Phase I Interconnection Study shall be provided to the Interconnection Customer within two hundred forty (240) calendar days after commencement under this Section.

#### **4.3 Results Meeting**

Within sixty (60) calendar days after providing the Phase I Interconnection Study report to the Interconnection Customer, the applicable Participating TO(s), the CAISO and the Interconnection Customer shall meet to discuss the results of the Phase I Interconnection Study, including assigned cost responsibility.

#### **4.3.1 Modifications**

Proposed modifications to the Interconnection Request shall be evaluated as set forth in GIP Section 6.7.2, except that for projects in the LGIP Transition Cluster (i) the modifications permitted under this Section shall also include: (d) an increase in the MW value above the Generating Facility Capacity set forth in the Interconnection Request, not to exceed thirty percent (30%) of the original amount (i.e. not to exceed 130% of the Generation Facility Capacity set forth in the original Interconnection Request); and (e) a change in the requested deliverability status set forth in the Interconnection Request from Energy Only to full capacity, and (ii) any modifications requested for projects in the LGIP Transition Cluster must be made within five (5) business days of the effective date of this tariff sheet.

To the extent that modifications made by one or more Interconnection Customers for either of the reasons specified in this Section 4.3.1 causes the need for additional upgrades within the applicable LGIP Transition Cluster study group beyond those identified in the Phase I Interconnection Study, the responsibility for financing such incremental upgrades shall be assigned solely to those Interconnection Customers making such modifications, pro rata in accordance with applicable provisions of the LGIP and this Appendix 2.

#### **4.4 Cost Allocation Methods for Reliability Network Upgrades in Phase I Interconnection Study**

The estimated costs for Reliability Network Upgrades identified in the Phase I Interconnection Study for the LGIP Transition Cluster shall be allocated as set forth in GIP Section 6.3.1, except that the estimated costs of short circuit related Reliability Network Upgrades identified through the Phase I Interconnection Study shall be assigned to all Interconnection Requests in that Study pro rata on the basis of the maximum megawatt electrical output of each proposed new Large Generating Facility or the amount of megawatt increase in the generating capacity of each existing Generating Facility as listed by the Interconnection Customer in its Interconnection Request.

### **5. Phase II Interconnection Study**

#### **5.1 Phase II Interconnection Study Procedures**

The Phase II Interconnection Study, as described in GIP Section 7, for the LGIP Transition Cluster shall commence no later than one hundred twenty (120) calendar days after issuance of the Phase I Interconnection Study report. Results of the Phase II Interconnection Study shall be provided to the Interconnection Customer within three hundred thirty (330) calendar days after commencement under this Section.

#### **5.2 Coordination of the Phase II Interconnection Study with the Transmission Planning Process**

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As part of the Uniform Planning Assumptions and Study Plan developed under Section 24 of the CAISO Tariff during calendar year 2009, the CAISO shall include technical analyses intended to identify, at a minimum, conceptual transmission upgrades that may access proposed Large Generating Facilities included in the LGIP Transition Cluster that are located in Energy Resource Areas.

**5.3 Financing of Reliability Network Upgrades Identified in Phase II Interconnection Study**

The responsibility for financing final Reliability Network Upgrades identified in the Phase II Interconnection Study for the LGIP Transition Cluster shall be determined as set forth in GIP Section 7.3, except that the responsibility for financing final short circuit related Reliability Network Upgrades identified in the Phase II Interconnection Study shall be assigned to all Interconnection Requests in that Study pro rata on the basis of the maximum megawatt electrical output of each proposed new Large Generating Facility or the amount of megawatt increase in the generating capacity of each existing Generating Facility as listed by the Interconnection Customer in its Interconnection Request, up to the cost assignment for Reliability Network Upgrades under GIP Section 6.3.1 and Section 4.4 of this Appendix 2.

**6. Interconnection Financial Security**

The provisions of GIP Section 9 shall apply to the LGIP Transition Cluster, except that (i) the initial posting of Interconnection Financial Security under GIP Section 9.2 in Appendix Y shall be required on or before the later of ten (10) business days after the effective date of this tariff sheet or one hundred twenty (120) calendar days after issuance of the Phase I Interconnection Study report, but in no event earlier than November 30, 2009 or later than December 18, 2009; and (ii) any Interconnection Customer who has been permitted a modification for either of the reasons specified in Section 4.3.1 of this Appendix 2 shall make its first posting of Interconnection Financial Security for Network Upgrades pursuant to GIP Section 9.2 in an amount equal to the lesser of \$20,000 per megawatt of electrical output of the Large Generating Facility, including any modifications thereto, or \$7,500,000, but in no event less than \$500,000, and shall make its second and third postings of Interconnection Financial Security for Network Upgrades pursuant to GIP Section 9.3 based on the total cost responsibility assigned to the Interconnection Customer for Network Upgrades in the Phase II Interconnection Study.

**Appendix 3**

**GENERATOR INTERCONNECTION STUDY PROCESS AGREEMENT  
FOR QUEUE CLUSTERS**

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ by and between \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_ organized and existing under the laws of the State of \_\_\_\_\_, ("Interconnection Customer") and the California Independent System Operator Corporation, a California nonprofit public benefit corporation existing under the laws of the State of California, ("CAISO"). The Interconnection Customer and the CAISO each may be referred to as a "Party," or collectively as the "Parties."

**RECITALS**

WHEREAS, the Interconnection Customer is proposing to develop a Generating Facility or generating capacity addition to an existing Generating Facility consistent with the Interconnection Request submitted by the Interconnection Customer dated \_\_\_\_\_; and

WHEREAS, the Interconnection Customer desires to interconnect the Generating Facility with the CAISO Controlled Grid pursuant to the Queue Cluster process; and

WHEREAS, the Interconnection Customer has requested the CAISO to conduct or cause to be performed Interconnection Studies to assess the system impact of interconnecting the Generating Facility to the CAISO Controlled Grid and to specify and estimate the cost of the equipment, engineering, procurement and construction work needed on the Participating TO's electric system in accordance with Good Utility Practice to physically and electrically connect the Generating Facility to the CAISO Controlled Grid;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of and subject to the mutual covenants contained herein the Parties agree as follows:

- 1.0 When used in this Agreement, with initial capitalization, the terms specified shall have the meanings indicated in the CAISO's FERC-approved Generation Interconnection Procedures in CAISO Tariff Appendix Y ("GIP") or the Master Definitions Supplement, Appendix A to the CAISO Tariff, as applicable.
- 2.0 The Interconnection Customer elects and the CAISO shall conduct or cause to be performed Interconnection Studies, including any accelerated Interconnection Study, consistent with the GIP in accordance with the CAISO Tariff.
- 3.0 The scope of the Interconnection Studies shall be subject to the assumptions set forth in Appendices A and B to this Agreement.
- 4.0 The Interconnection Studies will be based upon the technical information provided by the Interconnection Customer in the Interconnection Request, as may be modified as the result of the Scoping Meeting, subject to any modifications in accordance with Section 6.9.2 of the GIP and modifications to the proposed Commercial Operation Date of the Generating Facility permitted by the GIP. The CAISO reserves the right to request additional technical information from the Interconnection Customer as may reasonably become necessary consistent with Good Utility Practice during the course of the Interconnection Studies. If the Interconnection Customer modifies its designated Point of Interconnection, Interconnection Request, or the technical information provided therein is modified, the Interconnection Studies may be modified as specified in the GIP.

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- 5.0 The Interconnection Study report for each Interconnection Study shall provide the information specified in the GIP.
- 6.0 The Interconnection Customer shall provide an Interconnection Study Deposit, a Site Exclusivity Deposit, if applicable, and other Interconnection Financial Security for the performance of the Interconnection Studies in accordance with the provisions of Sections 3.5.1 and 9 of the GIP.

Following the issuance of an Interconnection Study report, the CAISO shall charge and the Interconnection Customer shall pay its share of the actual costs of the Interconnection Study pursuant to Section 3.5.1 of the GIP.

Any difference between the deposits made toward the Interconnection Study process and associated administrative costs, including any accelerated studies, and the actual cost of the Interconnection Studies and associated administrative costs shall be paid by or refunded to the Interconnection Customer, in the appropriate allocation, in accordance with Section 3.5.1 of the GIP.

- 7.0 Pursuant to Section 3.7 of the GIP, the CAISO will coordinate the conduct of any studies required to determine the impact of the Interconnection Request on Affected Systems. The CAISO may provide a copy of the Phase I Interconnection Study results to an Affected System Operator and the Western Electricity Coordinating Council. Requests for review and input from Affected System Operators or the Western Electricity Coordinating Council may arrive at any time prior to interconnection.
- 8.0 Substantial portions of technical data and assumptions used to perform the Phase I Interconnection Study, such as system conditions, existing and planned generation, and unit modeling, may change after the CAISO provides the Interconnection Study results to the Interconnection Customer. Interconnection Study results will reflect available data at the time the CAISO provides the Phase I Interconnection Study report to the Interconnection Customer. The CAISO shall not be responsible for any additional costs, including, without limitation, costs of new or additional facilities, system upgrades, or schedule changes, that may be incurred by the Interconnection Customer as a result of changes in such data and assumptions.
- 9.0 **[NOT USED]**
- 10.0 The CAISO shall maintain records and accounts of all costs incurred in performing the Interconnection Study in sufficient detail to allow verification of all costs incurred, including associated overheads. The Interconnection Customer shall have the right, upon reasonable notice, within a reasonable time at the CAISO's offices and at its own expense, to audit the CAISO's records as necessary and as appropriate in order to verify costs incurred by the CAISO. Any audit requested by the Interconnection Customer shall be completed, and written notice of any audit dispute provided to the CAISO representative, within one hundred eighty (180) calendar days following receipt by the Interconnection Customer of the CAISO's notification of the final costs of the Interconnection Study.
- 11.0 In accordance with Section 3.8 of the GIP, the Interconnection Customer may withdraw its Interconnection Request at any time by written notice to the CAISO. Upon receipt of such notice, this Agreement shall terminate, subject to the requirements of Section 3.5.1 and 13.1 of the GIP.
- 12.0 Pursuant to Section 6.1 of the GIP, this Agreement shall become effective upon the date the fully executed Agreement is received by the CAISO. If the CAISO does not receive the fully executed Agreement and deposit or other Interconnection Financial Security

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pursuant to Section 3.5.1 of the GIP, then the Interconnection Request will be deemed withdrawn upon the Interconnection Customer's receipt of written notice by the CAISO pursuant to Section 3.8 of the GIP.

- 13.0 Miscellaneous.
- 13.1 Dispute Resolution. Any dispute, or assertion of a claim, arising out of or in connection with this Agreement, shall be resolved in accordance with Section 13.5 of the GIP.
- 13.2 Confidentiality. Confidential Information shall be treated in accordance with Section 13.1 of the GIP.
- 13.3 Binding Effect. This Agreement and the rights and obligations hereof, shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the successors and assigns of the Parties hereto.
- 13.4 Conflicts. In the event of a conflict between the body of this Agreement and any attachment, appendices or exhibits hereto, the terms and provisions of the body of this Agreement shall prevail and be deemed the final intent of the Parties.
- 13.5 Rules of Interpretation. This Agreement, unless a clear contrary intention appears, shall be construed and interpreted as follows: (1) the singular number includes the plural number and vice versa; (2) reference to any person includes such person's successors and assigns but, in the case of a Party, only if such successors and assigns are permitted by this Agreement, and reference to a person in a particular capacity excludes such person in any other capacity or individually; (3) reference to any agreement (including this Agreement), document, instrument or tariff means such agreement, document, instrument, or tariff as amended or modified and in effect from time to time in accordance with the terms thereof and, if applicable, the terms hereof; (4) reference to any applicable laws and regulations means such applicable laws and regulations as amended, modified, codified, or reenacted, in whole or in part, and in effect from time to time, including, if applicable, rules and regulations promulgated thereunder; (5) unless expressly stated otherwise, reference to any Article, Section or Appendix means such Article or Section of this Agreement or such Appendix to this Agreement, or such Section of the GIP or such Appendix to the GIP, as the case may be; (6) "hereunder", "hereof", "herein", "hereto" and words of similar import shall be deemed references to this Agreement as a whole and not to any particular Article, Section, or other provision hereof or thereof; (7) "including" (and with correlative meaning "include") means including without limiting the generality of any description preceding such term; and (8) relative to the determination of any period of time, "from" means "from and including", "to" means "to but excluding" and "through" means "through and including".
- 13.6 Entire Agreement. This Agreement, including all Appendices and Schedules attached hereto, constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties with reference to the subject matter hereof, and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous understandings or agreements, oral or written, between the Parties with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement. There are no other agreements, representations, warranties, or covenants which constitute any part of the consideration for, or any condition to, any Party's compliance with its obligations under this Agreement.
- 13.7 No Third Party Beneficiaries. This Agreement is not intended to and does not create rights, remedies, or benefits of any character whatsoever in favor of any persons, corporations, associations, or entities other than the Parties, and the obligations herein assumed are solely for the use and benefit of the Parties, their successors in interest and, where permitted, their assigns.



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- 13.8 Waiver. The failure of a Party to this Agreement to insist, on any occasion, upon strict performance of any provision of this Agreement will not be considered a waiver of any obligation, right, or duty of, or imposed upon, such Party.
- Any waiver at any time by either Party of its rights with respect to this Agreement shall not be deemed a continuing waiver or a waiver with respect to any other failure to comply with any other obligation, right, duty of this Agreement. Termination or default of this Agreement for any reason by the Interconnection Customer shall not constitute a waiver of the Interconnection Customer's legal rights to obtain an interconnection from the Participating TO or CAISO. Any waiver of this Agreement shall, if requested, be provided in writing.
- Any waivers at any time by any Party of its rights with respect to any default under this Agreement, or with respect to any other matter arising in connection with this Agreement, shall not constitute or be deemed a waiver with respect to any subsequent default or other matter arising in connection with this Agreement. Any delay, short of the statutory period of limitations, in asserting or enforcing any right under this Agreement shall not constitute or be deemed a waiver of such right.
- 13.9 Headings. The descriptive headings of the various Articles and Sections of this Agreement have been inserted for convenience of reference only and are of no significance in the interpretation or construction of this Agreement.
- 13.10 Multiple Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which is deemed an original but all constitute one and the same instrument.
- 13.11 Amendment. The Parties may by mutual agreement amend this Agreement by a written instrument duly executed by both of the Parties.
- 13.12 Modification by the Parties. The Parties may by mutual agreement amend the Appendices to this Agreement by a written instrument duly executed by both of the Parties. Such amendment shall become effective and a part of this Agreement upon satisfaction of all applicable laws and regulations.
- 13.13 Reservation of Rights. The CAISO shall have the right to make a unilateral filing with FERC to modify this Agreement with respect to any rates, terms and conditions, charges, classifications of service, rule or regulation under section 205 or any other applicable provision of the Federal Power Act and FERC's rules and regulations thereunder, and Interconnection Customer shall have the right to make a unilateral filing with FERC to modify this Agreement pursuant to section 206 or any other applicable provision of the Federal Power Act and FERC's rules and regulations thereunder; provided that each Party shall have the right to protest any such filing by another Party and to participate fully in any proceeding before FERC in which such modifications may be considered. Nothing in this Agreement shall limit the rights of the Parties or of FERC under sections 205 or 206 of the Federal Power Act and FERC's rules and regulations thereunder, except to the extent that the Parties otherwise mutually agree as provided herein.
- 13.14 No Partnership. This Agreement shall not be interpreted or construed to create an association, joint venture, agency relationship, or partnership between the Parties or to impose any partnership obligation or partnership liability upon any Party. No Party shall have any right, power or authority to enter into any agreement or undertaking for, or act on behalf of, or to act as or be an agent or representative of, or to otherwise bind, another Party.
- 13.15 Assignment. This Agreement may be assigned by a Party only with the written consent of the other Party; provided that a Party may assign this Agreement without the consent

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of the other Party to any Affiliate of the assigning Party with an equal or greater credit rating and with the legal authority and operational ability to satisfy the obligations of the assigning Party under this Agreement; and provided further that the Interconnection Customer shall have the right to assign this Agreement, without the consent of the other Party, for collateral security purposes to aid in providing financing for the Generating Facility, provided that the Interconnection Customer will require any secured party, trustee or mortgagee to notify the other Party of any such assignment. Any financing arrangement entered into by the Interconnection Customer pursuant to this Section will provide that prior to or upon the exercise of the secured party's, trustee's or mortgagee's assignment rights pursuant to said arrangement, the secured creditor, the trustee or mortgagee will notify the other Party of the date and particulars of any such exercise of assignment right(s). Any attempted assignment that violates this Section is void and ineffective. Any assignment under this Agreement shall not relieve a Party of its obligations, nor shall a Party's obligations be enlarged, in whole or in part, by reason thereof. Where required, consent to assignment will not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the Parties have caused this Agreement to be duly executed by their duly authorized officers or agents on the day and year first above written.

**California Independent System Operator Corporation**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**[Insert name of the Interconnection Customer]**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Appendix A**

**Assumptions In Phase I Interconnection Study  
Generator Interconnection  
Study Process Agreement for Queue Clusters**

**ASSUMPTIONS USED IN CONDUCTING THE  
PHASE I INTERCONNECTION STUDY**

The Phase I Interconnection Study will be based upon the information set forth in the Interconnection Request and agreed upon in the Scoping Meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_, subject to any modifications in accordance with Section 6.9.2 of the GIP, and the following assumptions:

Designation of Point of Interconnection and configuration to be studied.

Deliverability status requested

(\_\_\_\_ Full Capacity,  
\_\_\_\_ Partial Deliverability for \_\_\_\_\_ MW or  
\_\_\_\_ Energy only)

**NOTICE: YOUR CHOICE OF DELIVERABILITY STATUS CAN AFFECT YOUR ABILITY TO QUALIFY YOUR GENERATING FACILITY AS A RESOURCE ADEQUACY RESOURCE OR AFFECT YOUR TRANSACTIONS FOR SALE OF POWER. PLEASE GIVE CONSIDERATION TO YOUR CHOICE OF DELIVERABILITY STATUS**

**Appendix B**

**Data Form, Pre-Phase II Interconnection Study  
Generator Interconnection  
Study Process Agreement for Queue Clusters**

**DATA FORM TO BE PROVIDED BY THE INTERCONNECTION CUSTOMER  
PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF THE PHASE II INTERCONNECTION STUDY**

Generating Facility size (MW): \_\_\_\_\_

Provide two copies of this completed form and other required plans and diagrams in accordance with Section 7.1 of the GIP.

Provide location plan and one-line diagram of the plant and station facilities. For staged projects, please indicate future generation, transmission circuits, etc.

One set of metering is required for each generation connection to the new bus or existing CAISO Controlled Grid station. Number of generation connections: \_\_\_\_\_

On the one line indicate the generation capacity attached at each metering location. (Maximum load on CT/PT)

On the one line indicate the location of auxiliary power. (Minimum load on CT/PT)

Will an alternate source of auxiliary power be available during CT/PT maintenance? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes  
\_\_\_\_\_ No

Will a transfer bus on the generation side of the metering require that each meter set be designed for the total plant generation? Yes No  
(Please indicate on one line).

What type of control system or PLC will be located at the Interconnection Customer's Generating Facility?

\_\_\_\_\_

What protocol does the control system or PLC use?

\_\_\_\_\_

Please provide a 7.5-minute quadrangle of the site. Sketch the plant, station, transmission line, and property line.

Physical dimensions of the proposed interconnection station:

Bus length from generation to interconnection station:

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Line length from interconnection station to the Participating TO's transmission line.

Tower number observed in the field. (Painted on tower leg)\*

Number of third party easements required for transmission lines\*:

\* To be completed in coordination with the Participating TO or CAISO.

Is the Generating Facility in the Participating TO's service area?

Yes      No

Local service provider for auxiliary and other power: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide proposed schedule dates:

Environmental survey start: \_\_\_\_\_

Environmental impact report submittal: \_\_\_\_\_

Procurement of project equipment: \_\_\_\_\_

Begin Construction Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Generator step-up transformer Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
receives back feed power

Generation Testing Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Commercial Operation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Level of Deliverability: Choose one of the following:

\_\_\_\_\_Energy Only

\_\_\_\_\_Full Capacity

## Appendix 4

### Agreement for Allocating GIP and Study Responsibilities

#### AGREEMENT FOR THE ALLOCATION OF RESPONSIBILITIES WITH REGARD TO GENERATOR INTERCONNECTION PROCEDURES AND INTERCONNECTION STUDY AGREEMENTS

This Agreement for the Allocation of Responsibilities With Regard to Generator Interconnection Procedures and Interconnection Study Agreements ("Agreement"), dated \_\_\_\_\_, is entered into between the California Independent System Operator Corporation ("CAISO") and [NAME OF PTO] \_\_\_\_\_ ("PTO"). The CAISO and PTO are jointly referred to as the "Parties" and individually, as a "Party."

WHEREAS, this Agreement will ensure an independent assessment of new Generating Facility impacts on the CAISO Controlled Grid and take advantage of the respective expertise of the Parties to facilitate efficient and cost effective Interconnection Study procedures in a manner consistent with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's ("FERC") July 1, 2005 Order (112 FERC ¶ 61,009), FERC's August 26, 2005 Order (112 FERC ¶ 61,231), and prior FERC Orders recognizing that Order No. 2003 did not allocate responsibilities between transmission owners and transmission providers for the provision of Interconnection Service and suggesting those parties enter into an agreement to allocate those responsibilities. Southwest Power Pool, Inc., 106 FERC ¶ 61,254 (2004).

NOW THEREFORE, in view of the respective responsibilities assigned to the Parties and the foregoing FERC orders, and the provisions of the CAISO's Generator Interconnection Procedures set forth in CAISO Tariff Appendix Y ("GIP"), the CAISO and PTO agree to the following allocation of responsibilities for a centralized Interconnection Study process under the direction and oversight of the CAISO:

#### 1. DEFINITIONS

Unless otherwise defined herein, all capitalized terms shall have the meaning set forth in the CAISO Tariff.

#### 2. TERM OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement shall become effective upon the date specified in the first paragraph above and shall remain in effect until (1) terminated by all Parties in writing, or (2) with respect to the PTO, upon the termination of that entity's status as a PTO pursuant to the Transmission Control Agreement, as amended from time to time.

#### 3. PROVISIONS FOR ALLOCATION OF RESPONSIBILITIES BETWEEN CAISO AND PTO

- 3.1** Interconnection Service: The Parties acknowledge that, as the transmission provider, the CAISO is responsible for reliably operating the transmission grid. The Parties also recognize that while the CAISO is a transmission provider under the CAISO Tariff, the CAISO does not own any transmission facilities, and the PTO owns, constructs, and maintains the facilities to which Generating Facilities are to be interconnected, and that the PTO may construct or modify facilities to allow the interconnection. While the Parties recognize that the CAISO will be responsible for conducting or causing to be performed Interconnection Studies and similar studies, the PTO will participate in these studies and conduct certain portions of studies, under the direction and oversight of, and approval by, the CAISO, as provided in this Agreement. The CAISO shall not enter into any Interconnection Study agreement with an Interconnection Customer that is contrary to these rights.

**3.2 [INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK]**

**3.3 Transmission Owners' Right to Participation in Studies, Committees and Meetings:**

**3.3.1** In the event that an Interconnection Customer proposes to interconnect a Generating Facility with the PTO's facilities, or the PTO is an owner of an affected system, the PTO shall have the right to participate in any Interconnection Study or any other study conducted in connection with such request for Interconnection Service. "Participate" in this Section 3.3.1 means physically perform any study or portion thereof in connection with an Interconnection Request, under the direction and oversight of, and approval by, the CAISO pursuant to Section 3.4 of this Agreement; provide or receive input, data or other information regarding any study or portion thereof consistent with Section 3.4 of this Agreement; and, when any study or portion thereof in connection with an Interconnection Request is physically performed by an entity other than the PTO, perform activities necessary to adequately review or validate, as appropriate, any results of the study or portions thereof and provide recommendations.

**3.3.2** In the event that an Interconnection Customer proposes to interconnect a Generating Facility with the PTO's facilities, or the PTO is an owner of an affected system, the PTO shall have the right to participate in all meetings expressly established pursuant to the CAISO GIP. As appropriate, the PTO may participate in all other material or substantive communications in connection with an Interconnection Request.

**3.4** Interconnection Study Responsibility Allocation: In complying with its responsibility for conducting or causing to be performed Interconnection Studies, the CAISO will assign responsibility for performance of portions of the Interconnection Studies to the PTO, under the direction and oversight of, and approval by, the CAISO, as set forth in Attachment A, except as specifically qualified as follows:

**3.4.1** For any tasks specifically assigned to the PTO pursuant to Attachment A or otherwise mutually agreed upon by the CAISO and the PTO, the CAISO reserves the right, on a case-by-case basis, to perform or reassign to a mutually agreed upon and pre-qualified contractor such task only where: (a) the quality and accuracy of prior PTO Interconnection Study work product resulting from assigned tasks has been deemed deficient by the CAISO, the CAISO has notified the PTO pursuant to the notice provision of Section 4.16 of this Agreement in writing of the deficiency, and the deficiency has not been cured pursuant to Section 3.4.2 of this Agreement; (b) the timeliness of PTO Interconnection Study work product has been deemed deficient, and either (i) the CAISO has not been notified of the reasons and actions taken to address the timeliness of the work, or (ii) if notified, the stated reasons and actions taken are insufficient or unjustifiable and the PTO has not cured the deficiency pursuant to Section 3.4.2 of this Agreement; (c) the PTO has failed, in a mutually agreed upon timeframe, to provide the CAISO with information or data related to an Interconnection Request despite a written request by the CAISO, pursuant to Section 3.5 hereof, to do so, and such data is the responsibility of the PTO to provide to the CAISO, subject to Section 4.3 of this Agreement; (d) the PTO advises the CAISO in writing that it does not have the resources to adequately or timely perform the task according to the applicable timelines set forth in Attachment A; or (e) the estimated cost of the PTO performing the task has been determined in writing by the CAISO to significantly exceed the cost of the CAISO or mutually agreed upon contractor performing the task, inclusive of the costs that will be incurred by the PTO in exercising its review rights of the results of

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any such tasks performed by such third party(ies). If the CAISO deviates from the assignments set forth in Attachment A based on the foregoing factors, the CAISO will provide the PTO with a written explanation for the deviation and any associated reassignments of work. The PTO may contest the deviation pursuant to the Dispute Resolution procedures set forth in Section 4.1 of this Agreement.

Task(s) may only be reassigned in accordance with this Section 3.4.1 where the PTO has been deemed to be deficient in relation to that (those) particular task(s).

**3.4.2 Cure for reassigned Interconnection Study work**

The CAISO shall not reassign task(s) without the opportunity to cure, as specified in Section 3.4.1 of this Agreement. The following actions will serve to cure the deficiencies and result in restoring the assignment(s) as provided in Attachment A:

- (a) The CAISO and PTO shall negotiate in good faith and agree to a corrective action plan proposed by the PTO, including a reasonably adequate cure period, and the corrective action plan is satisfactorily implemented.
- (b) The CAISO determines the deficiency is cured without an action plan.

**3.4.3** Assessment of prior PTO Interconnection Study work shall only be based on work conducted under the process that becomes effective concurrent with the effective date of this Agreement. Further, assessment of prior PTO Interconnection Study work shall be based on work conducted no earlier than the eighteen (18) month period prior to the date of the CAISO notice of deviation from assignments set forth in Attachment A to this Agreement.

- 3.5** Information Exchange: The PTO shall provide the CAISO, subject to confidentiality requirements in Section 4.3 of this Agreement, with any documentation or data requested by the CAISO reasonably necessary to permit the CAISO to perform, review, validate and approve any Interconnection Study, or portion thereof, performed by the PTO. The CAISO shall provide the PTO with any documentation or data requested by the PTO, subject to confidentiality requirements in Section 4.3 of this Agreement, reasonably necessary to perform, review, and validate any Interconnection Study, or portion thereof.
- 3.6** Consistency with Provisions for Centralized Interconnection Study Process: The CAISO and PTO have determined that the processes and allocation of responsibilities in Section 3.4 of this Agreement ensure that impacts to the CAISO Controlled Grid are independently assessed and that the assignment of responsibilities minimizes handoffs, takes advantage of non-transferable skills, and promotes the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of the centralized Interconnection Study processes, consistent with GIP Section 3.2.
- 3.7** Re-Studies: If any re-studies are required, the CAISO will confer with the PTO as to the need for a re-study. The CAISO will make the final determination regarding the need for a re-study, subject to dispute resolution procedures.
- 3.8** Use of Contractors: Nothing in this Agreement shall prevent either the CAISO or the PTO from using qualified, mutually agreed upon third party contractors to meet that Party's rights or obligations under this Agreement or the GIP. To promote the efficiency of the process, the CAISO and PTO will collaborate to identify a list of the mutually agreed to qualified contractors available to the Parties.
- 3.9** Performance Standards: Each Party shall perform all of its obligations under the GIP, this Agreement, and any FERC approved Interconnection Study procedures that may be



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adopted by the CAISO to implement the GIP or this Agreement in accordance with Applicable Laws and Regulations, Applicable Reliability Standards, and Good Utility Practice.

- 3.10** Recovery of Costs: In accordance with Section 3.5.1 of the GIP, the PTO shall recover all actual costs from the CAISO incurred in performing Interconnection Studies or portions thereof assigned to it by the CAISO, including all costs incurred in exercising its right to review, and make recommendations on, Interconnection Studies or portions thereof performed by the CAISO and/or contractors under Section 3.8 of this Agreement.

**4 GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

- 4.1** Dispute Resolution: In the event any dispute regarding the terms, conditions, and performance of this Agreement is not settled informally, the Parties shall follow the CAISO ADR Procedures set forth in Section 13 of the CAISO Tariff.
- 4.2** Liability: No Party to this Agreement shall be liable to any other Party for any direct, indirect, special, incidental or consequential losses, damages, claims, liabilities, costs or expenses (including attorneys fees and court costs) arising from the performance or non-performance of its obligations under this Agreement regardless of the cause (including intentional action, willful action, gross or ordinary negligence, or force majeure); provided, however, that a Party may seek equitable or other non-monetary relief as may be necessary to enforce this Agreement and that damages for which a Party may be liable to another Party under another agreement will not be considered damages under this Agreement.
- 4.3** Confidentiality: Confidential Information shall be treated in accordance with Section 13.1 of the GIP.
- 4.4** Binding Effect: This Agreement and the rights and obligations hereof, shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the successors and assigns of the Parties hereto.
- 4.5** Conflicts: In the event of a conflict between the body of this Agreement and any attachment, appendices or exhibits hereto, the terms and provisions of the body of this Agreement shall prevail and be deemed the final intent of the Parties.
- 4.6** Rules of Interpretation: This Agreement, unless a clear contrary intention appears, shall be construed and interpreted as follows: (1) the singular number includes the plural number and vice versa; (2) reference to any person includes such person's successors and assigns but, in the case of a Party, only if such successors and assigns are permitted by this Agreement, and reference to a person in a particular capacity excludes such person in any other capacity or individually; (3) reference to any agreement (including this Agreement), document, instrument or tariff means such agreement, document, instrument, or tariff as amended or modified and in effect from time to time in accordance with the terms thereof and, if applicable, the terms hereof; (4) reference to any applicable laws and regulations means such applicable laws and regulations as amended, modified, codified, or reenacted, in whole or in part, and in effect from time to time, including, if applicable, rules and regulations promulgated thereunder; (5) unless expressly stated otherwise, reference to any Article, Section, Attachment, or Appendix means such Article or Section of this Agreement or such Attachment or Appendix to this Agreement, or such Section of the GIP or such Appendix to the GIP, as the case may be; (6) "hereunder", "hereof", "herein", "hereto" and words of similar import shall be deemed references to this Agreement as a whole and not to any particular Article or Section; (7) "including" (and with correlative meaning "include") means including without limiting the generality of any description preceding such term; and (8) relative to the determination of any period of

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time, "from" means "from and including", "to" means "to but excluding" and "through" means "through and including".

- 4.7** Entire Agreement: This Agreement, including all Attachments hereto, constitutes the entire agreement among the Parties with reference to the subject matter hereof, and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous understandings or agreements, oral or written, among the Parties with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement. There are no other agreements, representations, warranties, or covenants, which constitute any part of the consideration for, or any condition to, any Party's compliance with its obligations under this Agreement.
- 4.8** No Third Party Beneficiaries: This Agreement is not intended to and does not create rights, remedies, or benefits of any character whatsoever in favor of any persons, corporations, associations, or entities other than the Parties, and the obligations herein assumed are solely for the use and benefit of the Parties, their successors in interest and, where permitted, their assigns.
- 4.9** Waiver: The failure of a Party to this Agreement to insist, on any occasion, upon strict performance of any provision of this Agreement will not be considered a waiver of any obligation, right, or duty of, or imposed upon, such Party. Any waiver at any time by a Party of its rights with respect to this Agreement shall not be deemed a continuing waiver or a waiver with respect to any other failure to comply with any other obligation, right, duty of this Agreement. Any waiver of this Agreement shall, if requested, be provided in writing. Any waivers at any time by any Party of its rights with respect to any default under this Agreement, or with respect to any other matter arising in connection with this Agreement, shall not constitute or be deemed a waiver with respect to any subsequent default or other matter arising in connection with this Agreement. Any delay, short of the statutory period of limitations, in asserting or enforcing any right under this Agreement shall not constitute or be deemed a waiver of such right.
- 4.10** Headings: The descriptive headings of the various Articles and Sections of this Agreement have been inserted for convenience of reference only and are of no significance in the interpretation or construction of this Agreement.
- 4.11** Multiple Counterparts: This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which is deemed an original but all constitute one and the same instrument.
- 4.12** Modification by the Parties: The Parties may amend this Agreement and any Appendices to this Agreement only (1) by mutual agreement of the Parties by a written instrument duly executed by the Parties, subject to FERC approval or (2) upon the issuance of a FERC order, pursuant to Section 206 of the Federal Power Act. It is the Parties' intent that FERC's right to change any provision of this Agreement shall be limited to the maximum extent permissible by law and that any such change, if permissible, shall be in accordance with the Mobile-Sierra public interest standard applicable to fixed rate agreements. *United Gas Pipe Line Co. v. Mobile Gas Service Corp.*, 350 U.S. 332 (1956). Such amendment shall become effective and a part of this Agreement upon satisfaction of all applicable laws and regulations. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Attachment B (Notices) may be modified as set forth in Section 4.15 of this Agreement, and the CAISO and the PTO may from time to time mutually agree to deviate from Attachment A in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, however, such deviation shall be subject to Section 4.9 of this Agreement and not considered a course of dealing.
- 4.13** No Partnership: This Agreement shall not be interpreted or construed to create an association, joint venture, agency relationship, or partnership between the Parties or to impose any partnership obligation or partnership liability upon any Party. No Party shall

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have any right, power or authority to enter into any agreement or undertaking for, or act on behalf of, or to act as or be an agent or representative of, or to otherwise bind, another Party.

**4.14** Assignment: This Agreement may be assigned by a Party only with the written consent of the other Parties; provided that a Party may assign this Agreement without the consent of the other Parties to any Affiliate of the assigning Party with an equal or greater credit rating and with the legal authority and operational ability to satisfy the obligations of the assigning Party under this Agreement. Any attempted assignment that violates this Article is void and ineffective. Any assignment under this Agreement shall not relieve a Party of its obligations, nor shall a Party's obligations be enlarged, in whole or in part, by reason thereof. Where required, consent to assignment will not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed.

**4.15** Notices: Any notice, demand, or request provided in this Agreement, or served, given, or made in connection with it, will be in writing and deemed properly served, given, or made if delivered in person, transmitted by facsimile, or sent by United States mail, postage prepaid, to the persons specified in Attachment B hereto unless otherwise provided in this Agreement. Any Party may at any time, by notice to all other Parties, change the designation or address of the person specified in Attachment B as the person who receives notices pursuant to this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Agreement in multiple originals, each of which shall constitute and be an original effective agreement among the Parties.

**California Independent System Operator Corporation**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**[NAME OF PTO]**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTACHMENT A**

**INTERCONNECTION STUDY RESPONSIBILITY ALLOCATION**

Description of Generator Interconnection Process: Roles and Responsibilities of CAISO and PTOs.

Purpose: This Attachment A to the "AGREEMENT FOR THE ALLOCATION OF RESPONSIBILITIES WITH REGARD TO GENERATOR INTERCONNECTION PROCEDURES AND INTERCONNECTION STUDY AGREEMENTS" serves as further clarification of the roles and responsibilities of the parties to this Agreement. The CAISO will assign responsibility for performance of portions of the Interconnection Studies to the relevant PTOs, under the direction and oversight of, and approval by, the CAISO, as set forth in this Attachment A. This document serves as a general overview of only the roles and responsibilities as between the CAISO and PTOs. This Agreement does not include the process steps, involvement or obligations of the Interconnection Customer (IC). This Agreement is not inclusive of all procedures necessary to comply with all provisions of the GIA, GIP and Generator Interconnection Study Process Agreement for Queue Clusters.

**Interconnection Request (IR) Process**

1. CAISO forwards the IR to the PTO within three (3) Business Days (BD) of receipt of IR from Interconnection Customer (IC)
2. PTO(s) provides any feed back regarding IR to CAISO within 3 BD
3. CAISO distributes draft Scoping Meeting minutes for review within 5 BD of Scoping Meeting.
4. PTO(s) provide any comments to the Scoping Meeting minutes within 2 BD of receipt of draft Scoping Meeting minutes.
5. CAISO issues the final Scoping Meeting minutes within 3 BD of receipt of comments.

**Phase I Interconnection Study Timeline**

Line	Phase I Cluster Study	Typical Calendar Days	Timeline (Days)
1	CAISO and PTOs develop initial Generating Facility groups for initial Dispatch assumptions and cost allocation purposes (except for thermal overload and short circuit mitigation).	1	1
2	PTOs develop draft Base Cases, each representing all Generating Facilities in the queue cluster, and deliver to CAISO.	15	2-16
3	PTO develops preferred and alternative, if applicable, direct interconnection plans, including the need for an Interconnection Grid Substation (IGS).	15	2-16
4	PTO develops draft contingency lists.	15	2-16
5	CAISO reviews and approves Base Cases and direct interconnection plans and merges them together, as needed. PTOs update off-peak Base Cases.  CAISO reviews and approves contingency lists. PTO needs time to consider CAISO proposed changes.	5	17-21
6	CAISO provides Deliverability Assessment results identifying constrained facilities, using summer peak and off-peak Base Cases, and prepares results summary and may propose mitigation plans for PTO	15	22-36

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	review.		
7	At the CAISO's direction, the PTO performs the off-peak Load Flow, and summer peak and off-peak Post Transient and Stability analyses and identifies mitigation solutions, as appropriate, and submits draft study results to CAISO for review and direction.	15	22-36
8	PTO develops mitigation plans for summer peak and off-peak or supplements CAISO proposed mitigation plans for consideration, as appropriate, and submits to CAISO for review and direction	15	37-51
9	CAISO retests Deliverability Assessment results with proposed Delivery Network Upgrades. PTO reviews and comments on retest results.	5	52-56
10	CAISO develops shift factors for cost allocation purposes of all Network Upgrades associated with mitigating thermal overloads.	5	57-61
<b>Short Circuit Duty</b>			
11	CAISO coordinates with other potentially affected facility owners <sup>1</sup> .	n/a	n/a
12	CAISO directs PTO to develop Base Case and run short circuit analysis.	10	57-66
13	PTO performs facilities review. (Note: possibly for feedback into the power flow studies and PTO mitigation plans.)	10	67-76
14	PTO prepares draft study results and submits to the CAISO for review and direction.	3	77-79
<b>Facility cost estimates and schedules</b>			
15	At the CAISO's direction, PTO(s) prepares cost estimates and schedules for the direct assignment facilities and Network Upgrades identified in the power flow, short circuit duty, post transient, and stability studies.	78	22-99
<b>Final Report</b>			
16	At the CAISO's direction, PTO(s) prepares draft report for impacts in its service territory.	83	22-104
17	CAISO compiles all results into a draft report that covers grid impacts, as appropriate. CAISO reviews integrated draft report and submits comments, recommendations and direction to the PTO.	10	105-114
18	PTO incorporates CAISO's directions, conclusions and recommendations. If CAISO conclusions and recommendations conflict with PTO conclusions, then CAISO and PTO must coordinate to resolve conflicts. Any remaining conflicts must be noted in the final report.	10	115-124
19	PTO submits final draft report to the CAISO. The CAISO will finalize the report and tender the CAISO approved report to the ICs.		
<b>Final Study Report</b>			
20	CAISO provides final approved report to ICs, PTO, and any applicable Affected Systems.	10	125-134

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[footnote 1: In accordance with the WECC Short Circuit Duty Procedure]

**Phase II Interconnection Study Process\*\***

\*\*All Interconnection Studies will be under the direction and oversight of, and approval by, the CAISO and may involve more than one PTO.

Line	Standard Project Refinement and Facilities Study	Typical Calendar Days	Timeline (Days)
21	PTOs update Base Cases from Phase I Interconnection Study line 5 to remove projects that have withdrawn.	10	1-10
22	CAISO reviews and approves Base Cases.	5	11-15
23	CAISO and PTOs update studies performed in Phase I lines 6-14 using Base Cases from line 22. Additional alternatives may be considered to address future generation development potential, meet load serving capability, and economic benefit objectives, and phased development and option value of transmission projects to address uncertainty.	75	16-90
23.1	Large Network Upgrades will be further evaluated within the Phase 2 transmission study process as set forth in Appendix 24 of the CAISO Tariff. The large Network Upgrades either (a) consist of new transmission lines requiring new rights of way, are 200 kV or above, and have capital costs of \$50 million or greater, or (b) are 500 kV substation facilities that have capital costs of \$50 million or greater.		
24	PTOs develop draft off-peak and summer peak operating year Base Cases as appropriate where each case includes all Generating Facilities in Phase II Interconnection Study having the same operating date and deliver to CAISO.	30	61-90
25	CAISO reviews and approves cases from line 24.		
26	At the CAISO's direction, the PTOs perform operational studies using cases from line 25 to determine Network Upgrade requirements for each study year and identify any special operational requirements to connect projects in the year of study.	30	91-120
27	At the CAISO's direction, the PTOs perform additional operational studies to identify the optimal approach for building out the overall plan of service on a segmented (i.e. building block) basis acknowledging that portions of the overall plan of service may be staged in segments over time.	10	121-130
<b>Final Plan of Service Report Including Facility Costs and Schedules</b>			
28	At the CAISO's direction, PTO(s) prepares draft plan of service report. At the CAISO's direction, PTO(s) to prepare detailed cost estimates and schedules for the direct assignment facilities and Network Upgrades identified in the overall plan of service and including individual segments.	75	91-165
29	CAISO reviews draft plan of service report and submits comments, recommendations and direction to	10	166-175

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	the PTO.		
30	PTO incorporates CAISO directions, conclusions and recommendations. If CAISO conclusions and recommendations conflict with PTO conclusions, then CAISO and PTO must coordinate to resolve conflicts. Any remaining conflicts must be noted in the final report.	21	176-196
31	PTO submits final draft report to the CAISO. The CAISO will finalize the report.		

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**ATTACHMENT B**

**CONTACTS FOR NOTICES**

**[Section 4.15]**

**California ISO**

Manager, Transmission Engineering  
250 Outcropping Way  
Folsom, CA 95630  
Phone: 916.351.2104  
Fax: 916.351.2264

**[NAME OF PTO]**

[Address of PTO]

July 9, 2014





**Appendix 6**

**GENERATOR INTERCONNECTION STUDY PROCESS AGREEMENT FOR INDEPENDENT STUDY PROCESS**

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ by and between \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_ organized and existing under the laws of the State of \_\_\_\_\_, ("Interconnection Customer") and the California Independent System Operator Corporation, a California nonprofit public benefit corporation existing under the laws of the State of California, ("CAISO"). The Interconnection Customer and the CAISO each may be referred to as a "Party," or collectively as the "Parties."

**RECITALS**

WHEREAS, the Interconnection Customer is proposing to develop a Generating Facility or generating capacity addition to an existing Generating Facility consistent with the Interconnection Request submitted by the Interconnection Customer dated \_\_\_\_\_; and

WHEREAS, the Interconnection Customer desires to interconnect the Generating Facility with the CAISO Controlled Grid pursuant to the Independent Study Process; and

WHEREAS, the Interconnection Customer has requested the CAISO to conduct or cause to be performed Interconnection Studies to assess the system impact of interconnecting the Generating Facility to the CAISO Controlled Grid and to specify and estimate the cost of the equipment, engineering, procurement and construction work needed on the Participating TO's electric system in accordance with Good Utility Practice to physically and electrically connect the Generating Facility to the CAISO Controlled Grid;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of and subject to the mutual covenants contained herein the Parties agree as follows:

- 1.0 When used in this Agreement, with initial capitalization, the terms specified shall have the meanings indicated in the CAISO's FERC-approved Generation Interconnection Procedures in CAISO Tariff Appendix Y ("GIP") or the Master Definitions Supplement, Appendix A to the CAISO Tariff, as applicable.
- 2.0 The Interconnection Customer elects and the CAISO shall conduct or cause to be performed Interconnection Studies consistent with the GIP in accordance with the CAISO Tariff.
- 3.0 The scope of the applicable Interconnection Studies shall be subject to the assumptions set forth in Appendices A and B to this Agreement.
- 4.0 The Interconnection Studies will be based upon the technical information provided by the Interconnection Customer in the Interconnection Request, as may be modified as the result of the Scoping Meeting, subject to any modifications in accordance with Section 6.9.2 of the GIP and modifications to the proposed Commercial Operation Date of the Generating Facility permitted by the GIP. The CAISO reserves the right to request additional technical information from the Interconnection Customer as may reasonably become necessary consistent with Good Utility Practice during the course of the Interconnection Studies. If the Interconnection Customer modifies its designated Point of Interconnection, Interconnection Request, or the technical information provided therein is modified, the Interconnection Studies may be modified as specified in the GIP.

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- 5.0 The Interconnection Study report for each Interconnection Study shall provide the information specified in the GIP.
- 6.0 The Interconnection Customer shall provide an Interconnection Study Deposit and other Interconnection Financial Security for the performance of the Interconnection Studies in accordance with the provisions of Sections 3.5.1 and 9 of the GIP.

Following the issuance of an Interconnection Study report, the CAISO shall charge and the Interconnection Customer shall pay its share of the actual costs of the Interconnection Study pursuant to Section 3.5.1 of the GIP.

Any difference between the deposits made toward the Interconnection Study process and associated administrative costs, including any accelerated studies, and the actual cost of the Interconnection Studies and associated administrative costs shall be paid by or refunded to the Interconnection Customer, in the appropriate allocation, in accordance with Section 3.5.1 of the GIP.

- 7.0 Pursuant to Section 3.7 of the GIP, the CAISO will coordinate the conduct of any studies required to determine the impact of the Interconnection Request on Affected Systems. The CAISO may provide a copy of the System Impact Study results to an Affected System Operator and the Western Electricity Coordinating Council. Requests for review and input from Affected System Operators or the Western Electricity Coordinating Council may arrive at any time prior to interconnection.
- 8.0 Substantial portions of technical data and assumptions used to perform the System Impact Study, such as system conditions, existing and planned generation, and unit modeling, may change after the CAISO provides the Interconnection Study results to the Interconnection Customer. Interconnection Study results will reflect available data at the time the CAISO provides the System Impact Study report to the Interconnection Customer. The CAISO shall not be responsible for any additional costs, including, without limitation, costs of new or additional facilities, system upgrades, or schedule changes, that may be incurred by the Interconnection Customer as a result of changes in such data and assumptions.
- 9.0 The CAISO shall maintain records and accounts of all costs incurred in performing the Interconnection Study in sufficient detail to allow verification of all costs incurred, including associated overheads. The Interconnection Customer shall have the right, upon reasonable notice, within a reasonable time at the CAISO's offices and at its own expense, to audit the CAISO's records as necessary and as appropriate in order to verify costs incurred by the CAISO. Any audit requested by the Interconnection Customer shall be completed, and written notice of any audit dispute provided to the CAISO representative, within one hundred eighty (180) calendar days following receipt by the Interconnection Customer of the CAISO's notification of the final costs of the Interconnection Study.
- 10.0 In accordance with Section 3.8 of the GIP, the Interconnection Customer may withdraw its Interconnection Request at any time by written notice to the CAISO. Upon receipt of such notice, this Agreement shall terminate, subject to the requirements of Sections 3.5.1 and 13.1 of the GIP.
- 11.0 This Agreement shall become effective upon the date the fully executed Agreement is received by the CAISO. If the CAISO does not receive the fully executed Agreement and deposit or other Interconnection Financial Security pursuant to Section 3.5.1 of the GIP, then the Interconnection Request will be deemed withdrawn upon the Interconnection Customer's receipt of written notice by the CAISO pursuant to Section 3.8 of the GIP.

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- 12.0 Miscellaneous.
- 12.1 Dispute Resolution. Any dispute, or assertion of a claim, arising out of or in connection with this Agreement, shall be resolved in accordance with Section 13.5 of the GIP.
- 12.2 Confidentiality. Confidential Information shall be treated in accordance with Section 13.1 of the GIP.
- 12.3 Binding Effect. This Agreement and the rights and obligations hereof, shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the successors and assigns of the Parties hereto.
- 12.4 Conflicts. In the event of a conflict between the body of this Agreement and any attachment, appendices or exhibits hereto, the terms and provisions of the body of this Agreement shall prevail and be deemed the final intent of the Parties.
- 12.5 Rules of Interpretation. This Agreement, unless a clear contrary intention appears, shall be construed and interpreted as follows: (1) the singular number includes the plural number and vice versa; (2) reference to any person includes such person's successors and assigns but, in the case of a Party, only if such successors and assigns are permitted by this Agreement, and reference to a person in a particular capacity excludes such person in any other capacity or individually; (3) reference to any agreement (including this Agreement), document, instrument or tariff means such agreement, document, instrument, or tariff as amended or modified and in effect from time to time in accordance with the terms thereof and, if applicable, the terms hereof; (4) reference to any applicable laws and regulations means such applicable laws and regulations as amended, modified, codified, or reenacted, in whole or in part, and in effect from time to time, including, if applicable, rules and regulations promulgated thereunder; (5) unless expressly stated otherwise, reference to any Article, Section or Appendix means such Article or Section of this Agreement or such Appendix to this Agreement, or such Section of the GIP or such Appendix to the GIP, as the case may be; (6) "hereunder", "hereof", "herein", "hereto" and words of similar import shall be deemed references to this Agreement as a whole and not to any particular Article, Section, or other provision hereof or thereof; (7) "including" (and with correlative meaning "include") means including without limiting the generality of any description preceding such term; and (8) relative to the determination of any period of time, "from" means "from and including", "to" means "to but excluding" and "through" means "through and including".
- 12.6 Entire Agreement. This Agreement, including all Appendices and Schedules attached hereto, constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties with reference to the subject matter hereof, and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous understandings or agreements, oral or written, between the Parties with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement. There are no other agreements, representations, warranties, or covenants which constitute any part of the consideration for, or any condition to, any Party's compliance with its obligations under this Agreement.
- 12.7 No Third Party Beneficiaries. This Agreement is not intended to and does not create rights, remedies, or benefits of any character whatsoever in favor of any persons, corporations, associations, or entities other than the Parties, and the obligations herein assumed are solely for the use and benefit of the Parties, their successors in interest and, where permitted, their assigns.
- 12.8 Waiver. The failure of a Party to this Agreement to insist, on any occasion, upon strict performance of any provision of this Agreement will not be considered a waiver of any obligation, right, or duty of, or imposed upon, such Party.

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Any waiver at any time by either Party of its rights with respect to this Agreement shall not be deemed a continuing waiver or a waiver with respect to any other failure to comply with any other obligation, right, duty of this Agreement. Termination or default of this Agreement for any reason by the Interconnection Customer shall not constitute a waiver of the Interconnection Customer's legal rights to obtain an interconnection from the Participating TO or CAISO. Any waiver of this Agreement shall, if requested, be provided in writing.

Any waivers at any time by any Party of its rights with respect to any default under this Agreement, or with respect to any other matter arising in connection with this Agreement, shall not constitute or be deemed a waiver with respect to any subsequent default or other matter arising in connection with this Agreement. Any delay, short of the statutory period of limitations, in asserting or enforcing any right under this Agreement shall not constitute or be deemed a waiver of such right.

- 12.9 Headings. The descriptive headings of the various Articles and Sections of this Agreement have been inserted for convenience of reference only and are of no significance in the interpretation or construction of this Agreement.
- 12.10 Multiple Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which is deemed an original but all constitute one and the same instrument.
- 12.11 Amendment. The Parties may by mutual agreement amend this Agreement by a written instrument duly executed by both of the Parties.
- 12.12 Modification by the Parties. The Parties may by mutual agreement amend the Appendices to this Agreement by a written instrument duly executed by both of the Parties. Such amendment shall become effective and a part of this Agreement upon satisfaction of all applicable laws and regulations.
- 12.13 Reservation of Rights. The CAISO shall have the right to make a unilateral filing with FERC to modify this Agreement with respect to any rates, terms and conditions, charges, classifications of service, rule or regulation under section 205 or any other applicable provision of the Federal Power Act and FERC's rules and regulations thereunder, and Interconnection Customer shall have the right to make a unilateral filing with FERC to modify this Agreement pursuant to section 206 or any other applicable provision of the Federal Power Act and FERC's rules and regulations thereunder; provided that each Party shall have the right to protest any such filing by another Party and to participate fully in any proceeding before FERC in which such modifications may be considered. Nothing in this Agreement shall limit the rights of the Parties or of FERC under sections 205 or 206 of the Federal Power Act and FERC's rules and regulations thereunder, except to the extent that the Parties otherwise mutually agree as provided herein.
- 12.14 No Partnership. This Agreement shall not be interpreted or construed to create an association, joint venture, agency relationship, or partnership between the Parties or to impose any partnership obligation or partnership liability upon any Party. No Party shall have any right, power or authority to enter into any agreement or undertaking for, or act on behalf of, or to act as or be an agent or representative of, or to otherwise bind, another Party.
- 12.15 Assignment. This Agreement may be assigned by a Party only with the written consent of the other Party; provided that a Party may assign this Agreement without the consent of the other Party to any Affiliate of the assigning Party with an equal or greater credit rating and with the legal authority and operational ability to satisfy the obligations of the assigning Party under this Agreement; and provided further that the Interconnection Customer shall have the right to assign this Agreement, without the consent of the other

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Party, for collateral security purposes to aid in providing financing for the Generating Facility, provided that the Interconnection Customer will require any secured party, trustee or mortgagee to notify the other Party of any such assignment. Any financing arrangement entered into by the Interconnection Customer pursuant to this Section will provide that prior to or upon the exercise of the secured party's, trustee's or mortgagee's assignment rights pursuant to said arrangement, the secured creditor, the trustee or mortgagee will notify the other Party of the date and particulars of any such exercise of assignment right(s). Any attempted assignment that violates this Section is void and ineffective. Any assignment under this Agreement shall not relieve a Party of its obligations, nor shall a Party's obligations be enlarged, in whole or in part, by reason thereof. Where required, consent to assignment will not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the Parties have caused this Agreement to be duly executed by their duly authorized officers or agents on the day and year first above written.

**California Independent System Operator Corporation**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**[Insert name of the Interconnection Customer]**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Appendix A**  
**Generator Interconnection**  
**Study Process Agreement for Independent Study Process**

**ASSUMPTIONS USED IN CONDUCTING THE**  
**SYSTEM IMPACT STUDY**

The System Impact Study will be based upon the information set forth in the Interconnection Request and agreed upon in the Scoping Meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_, subject to any modifications in accordance with Section 6.9.2 of the GIP, and the following assumptions:

Designation of Point of Interconnection and configuration to be studied.

Deliverability Status requested (Full Capacity, Partial Deliverability, or Energy-Only)

**Appendix B Data Form, Pre-Facilities Study  
Generator Interconnection  
Study Process Agreement for Independent Study Process**

**DATA FORM TO BE PROVIDED BY THE INTERCONNECTION CUSTOMER  
PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF THE FACILITIES STUDY**

Generating Facility size (MW): \_\_\_\_\_

Provide two copies of this completed form and other required plans and diagrams in accordance with Section 4.5 of the GIP.

Provide location plan and one-line diagram of the plant and station facilities. For staged projects, please indicate future generation, transmission circuits, etc.

One set of metering is required for each generation connection to the new bus or existing CAISO Controlled Grid station. Number of generation connections: \_\_\_\_\_

On the one line indicate the generation capacity attached at each metering location. (Maximum load on CT/PT)

On the one line indicate the location of auxiliary power. (Minimum load on CT/PT)

Will an alternate source of auxiliary power be available during CT/PT maintenance?                      Yes  
\_\_\_\_\_ No

Will a transfer bus on the generation side of the metering require that each meter set be designed for the total plant generation?              Yes              No  
(Please indicate on one line).

What type of control system or PLC will be located at the Interconnection Customer's Generating Facility?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What protocol does the control system or PLC use?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please provide a 7.5-minute quadrangle of the site. Sketch the plant, station, transmission line, and property line.

Physical dimensions of the proposed interconnection station:

Bus length from generation to interconnection station:

Line length from interconnection station to the Participating TO's transmission line.



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Tower number observed in the field. (Painted on tower leg)\*

Number of third party easements required for transmission lines\*:

\* To be completed in coordination with the Participating TO or CAISO.

Is the Generating Facility in the Participating TO's service area?

Yes      No

Local service provider for auxiliary and other power: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide proposed schedule dates:

Environmental survey start: \_\_\_\_\_

Environmental impact report submittal: \_\_\_\_\_

Procurement of project equipment: \_\_\_\_\_

Begin Construction Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Generator step-up transformer Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
receives back feed power

Generation Testing Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Commercial Operation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Level of Deliverability Status: Choose one of the following:

\_\_\_\_\_ Energy-Only

\_\_\_\_\_ Full Capacity

## Appendix 7

### Application, Procedures & Terms for 10kW Inverter Process

#### Application, Procedures, and Terms and Conditions for Interconnecting a Certified Inverter-Based Small Generating Facility No Larger than 10 kW ("10 kW Inverter Process")

- 1.0 The Interconnection Customer ("Customer") completes the Interconnection Request ("Application") and submits it to the Participating TO ("Company").
- 2.0 The Company acknowledges to the Customer receipt of the Application within three Business Days of receipt.
- 3.0 The Company evaluates the Application for completeness and notifies the Customer within ten Business Days of receipt that the Application is or is not complete and, if not, advises what material is missing.
- 4.0 The Company verifies that the Small Generating Facility can be interconnected safely and reliably using the screens contained in the Fast Track Process in the Generator Interconnection Procedures (GIP). The Company has 15 Business Days to complete this process. Unless the Company determines and demonstrates that the Small Generating Facility cannot be interconnected safely and reliably, the Company approves the Application and returns it to the Customer. Note to Customer: Please check with the Company before submitting the Application if disconnection equipment is required.
- 5.0 After installation, the Customer returns the Certificate of Completion to the Company. Prior to parallel operation, the Company may inspect the Small Generating Facility for compliance with standards which may include a witness test, and may schedule appropriate metering replacement, if necessary.
- 6.0 The Company notifies the Customer in writing that interconnection of the Small Generating Facility is authorized. If the witness test is not satisfactory, the Company has the right to disconnect the Small Generating Facility. The Customer has no right to operate in parallel until a witness test has been performed, or previously waived on the Application. The Company is obligated to complete this witness test within ten Business Days of the receipt of the Certificate of Completion. If the Company does not inspect within ten Business Days or by mutual agreement of the Parties, the witness test is deemed waived.
- 7.0 Contact Information – The Customer must provide the contact information for the legal applicant (i.e., the Interconnection Customer). If another entity is responsible for interfacing with the Company, that contact information must be provided on the Application.
- 8.0 Ownership Information – Enter the legal names of the owner(s) of the Small Generating Facility. Include the percentage ownership (if any) by any utility or public utility holding company, or by any entity owned by either.
- 9.0 UL1741 Listed – This standard ("Inverters, Converters, and Controllers for Use in Independent Power Systems") addresses the electrical interconnection design of various forms of generating equipment. Many manufacturers submit their equipment to a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL) that verifies compliance with UL1741. This "listing" is then marked on the equipment and supporting documentation.

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**Application for Interconnecting a Certified Inverter-Based Small Generating Facility No Larger than 10kW**

This Application is considered complete when it provides all applicable and correct information required below. Additional information to evaluate the Application may be required.

**Processing Fee**

A non-refundable processing fee of \$100 must accompany this Application.

**Interconnection Customer**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone (Day): \_\_\_\_\_ (Evening): \_\_\_\_\_  
Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact (if different from Interconnection Customer)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone (Day): \_\_\_\_\_ (Evening): \_\_\_\_\_  
Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner of the facility (include % ownership by any electric utility): \_\_\_\_\_

**Small Generating Facility Information**

Location (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_  
Electric Service Company: \_\_\_\_\_  
Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Inverter Manufacturer: \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_  
Nameplate Rating: \_\_\_\_\_ (kW) \_\_\_\_\_ (kVA) \_\_\_\_\_ (AC Volts) \_\_\_\_\_  
Single Phase \_\_\_\_\_ Three Phase \_\_\_\_\_  
System Design Capacity: \_\_\_\_\_ (kW) \_\_\_\_\_ (kVA) \_\_\_\_\_  
Prime Mover: Photovoltaic Reciprocating Engine Fuel Cell  
Turbine Other \_\_\_\_\_  
Energy Source: Solar Wind Hydro Diesel Natural Gas  
Fuel Oil Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_  
Is the equipment UL1741 Listed? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
If Yes, attach manufacturer's cut-sheet showing UL1741 listing

Estimated Installation Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Estimated In-Service Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The 10 kW Inverter Process is available only for inverter-based Small Generating Facilities no larger than 10 kW that meet the codes, standards, and certification requirements of Appendices 9 and 10 of the Generator Interconnection Procedures (GIP), or the Participating TO has reviewed the design or tested the proposed Small Generating Facility and is satisfied that it is safe to operate.

List components of the Small Generating Facility equipment package that are currently certified:

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	Equipment Type	Certifying Entity
1.	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____

Interconnection Customer Signature

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the information provided in this Application is true. I agree to abide by the Terms and Conditions for Interconnecting an Inverter-Based Small Generating Facility No Larger than 10kW and return the Certificate of Completion when the Small Generating Facility has been installed.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Contingent Approval to Interconnect the Small Generating Facility

(For Company use only)

Interconnection of the Small Generating Facility is approved contingent upon the Terms and Conditions for Interconnecting an Inverter-Based Small Generating Facility No Larger than 10kW and return of the Certificate of Completion.

Company Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Application ID number: \_\_\_\_\_

Company waives inspection/witness test? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

**Small Generating Facility Certificate of Completion**

Is the Small Generating Facility owner-installed? Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Interconnection Customer: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of the Small Generating Facility (if different from above):

\_\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (Day): \_\_\_\_\_ (Evening): \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Electrician:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (Day): \_\_\_\_\_ (Evening): \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

License number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Approval to Install Facility granted by the Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Application ID number: \_\_\_\_\_

Inspection:

The Small Generating Facility has been installed and inspected in compliance with the local  
building/electrical code of \_\_\_\_\_

Signed (Local electrical wiring inspector, or attach signed electrical inspection):

\_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

As a condition of interconnection, you are required to send/fax a copy of this form along with a copy of the  
signed electrical permit to (insert Company information below):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

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Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Approval to Energize the Small Generating Facility (For Company use only)  
Energizing the Small Generating Facility is approved contingent upon the Terms and Conditions for Interconnecting an Inverter-Based Small Generating Facility No Larger than 10kW

Company Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Terms and Conditions for Interconnecting an Inverter-Based  
Small Generating Facility No Larger than 10kW**

**1.0 Construction of the Facility**

The Interconnection Customer (the "Customer") may proceed to construct (including operational testing not to exceed two hours) the Small Generating Facility when the Participating TO (the "Company") approves the Interconnection Request (the "Application") and returns it to the Customer.

**2.0 Interconnection and Operation**

The Customer may operate Small Generating Facility and interconnect with the Company's electric system once all of the following have occurred:

- 2.1 Upon completing construction, the Customer will cause the Small Generating Facility to be inspected or otherwise certified by the appropriate local electrical wiring inspector with jurisdiction, and
- 2.2 The Customer returns the Certificate of Completion to the Company, and
- 2.3 The Company has either:
  - 2.3.1 Completed its inspection of the Small Generating Facility to ensure that all equipment has been appropriately installed and that all electrical connections have been made in accordance with applicable codes. All inspections must be conducted by the Company, at its own expense, within ten Business Days after receipt of the Certificate of Completion and shall take place at a time agreeable to the Parties. The Company shall provide a written statement that the Small Generating Facility has passed inspection or shall notify the Customer of what steps it must take to pass inspection as soon as practicable after the inspection takes place; or
  - 2.3.2 If the Company does not schedule an inspection of the Small Generating Facility within ten business days after receiving the Certificate of Completion, the witness test is deemed waived (unless the Parties agree otherwise); or
  - 2.3.3 The Company waives the right to inspect the Small Generating Facility.

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- 2.4 The Company has the right to disconnect the Small Generating Facility in the event of improper installation or failure to return the Certificate of Completion.
- 2.5 Revenue quality metering equipment must be installed and tested in accordance with applicable ANSI standards.

**3.0 Safe Operations and Maintenance**

The Customer shall be fully responsible to operate, maintain, and repair the Small Generating Facility as required to ensure that it complies at all times with the interconnection standards to which it has been certified.

**4.0 Access**

The Company shall have access to the disconnect switch (if the disconnect switch is required) and metering equipment of the Small Generating Facility at all times. The Company shall provide reasonable notice to the Customer when possible prior to using its right of access.

**5.0 Disconnection**

The Company may temporarily disconnect the Small Generating Facility upon the following conditions:

- 5.1 For scheduled outages upon reasonable notice.
- 5.2 For unscheduled outages or emergency conditions.
- 5.3 If the Small Generating Facility does not operate in the manner consistent with these Terms and Conditions.
- 5.4 The Company shall inform the Customer in advance of any scheduled disconnection, or as is reasonable after an unscheduled disconnection.

**6.0 Indemnification**

The Parties shall at all times indemnify, defend, and save the other Party harmless from, any and all damages, losses, claims, including claims and actions relating to injury to or death of any person or damage to property, demand, suits, recoveries, costs and expenses, court costs, attorney fees, and all other obligations by or to third parties, arising out of or resulting from the other Party's action or inactions of its obligations under this agreement on behalf of the indemnifying Party, except in cases of gross negligence or intentional wrongdoing by the indemnified Party.

**7.0 Insurance**

The Parties each agree to maintain commercially reasonable amounts of insurance.

**8.0 Limitation of Liability**

Each party's liability to the other party for any loss, cost, claim, injury, liability, or expense, including reasonable attorney's fees, relating to or arising from any act or omission in its performance of this Agreement, shall be limited to the amount of direct damage actually incurred. In no event shall either party be liable to the other party for any indirect, incidental, special,

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consequential, or punitive damages of any kind whatsoever, except as allowed under paragraph 6.0.

**9.0 Termination**

The agreement to operate in parallel may be terminated under the following conditions:

9.1 By the Customer

By providing written notice to the Company.

9.2 By the Company

If the Small Generating Facility fails to operate for any consecutive 12-month period or the Customer fails to remedy a violation of these Terms and Conditions.

9.3 Permanent Disconnection

In the event this Agreement is terminated, the Company shall have the right to disconnect its facilities or direct the Customer to disconnect its Small Generating Facility.

9.4 Survival Rights

This Agreement shall continue in effect after termination to the extent necessary to allow or require either Party to fulfill rights or obligations that arose under the Agreement.

**10.0 Assignment/Transfer of Ownership of the Facility**

This Agreement shall survive the transfer of ownership of the Small Generating Facility to a new owner when the new owner agrees in writing to comply with the terms of this Agreement and so notifies the Company.



**Appendix 8**  
**Transition of Existing SGIP Interconnection Requests to the GIP**  
**Generator Interconnection Procedures (GIP)**  
**Relating to the SGIP Serial Study Group and SGIP Transition Cluster**

**Section 1. Objective, Applicability and Definitions**

**1.1 Objective and Applicability**

The objective of this Appendix 8 to the Generator Interconnection Procedures (GIP) is to implement the requirements for interconnecting to the CAISO Controlled Grid those Generating Facilities assigned to the SGIP Serial Study Group or SGIP Transition Cluster.

**1.2 Definitions**

**1.2.1 Master Definitions Supplement and Other General Definition Rules**

Unless the context otherwise requires, any word or expression defined in the Master Definitions Supplement, Appendix A to the CAISO Tariff, shall have the same meaning where used in this Appendix 8 to the GIP. Further, unless the context otherwise requires, any word or expression defined in GIP Section 1.2 shall have the same meaning where used in this Appendix 8 to the GIP. References to the GIP in this Appendix 8 are to Appendix Y of the CAISO Tariff.

**1.2.2 Special Definitions for this GIP Appendix 8**

In this Appendix 8 to the GIP, the following words and expressions shall have the meanings set opposite them:

"SGIP Serial Study Group" shall mean those Interconnection Customers with valid Interconnection Requests submitted pursuant to Appendix S of the CAISO Tariff prior to December 18, 2010 and who have executed System Impact Study or Facilities Study Agreements that provide for the completion of such studies by December 18, 2010.

"SGIP Transition Cluster" shall mean those Interconnection Customers with valid Interconnection Requests submitted pursuant to Appendix S of the CAISO Tariff prior to December 18, 2010 and which have not executed System Impact Study or Facilities Study Agreements that provide for the completion of such studies by December 18, 2010.

**2. Transition of Projects in SGIP Serial Study Group**

**2.1** An Interconnection Request deemed to be included in the SGIP Serial Study Group that wishes to be studied as an Energy-Only Deliverability Status Generating Facility shall not be required to conform to the provisions of Appendix Y of the CAISO Tariff. Rather, such Interconnection Requests will continue to be processed per the procedures set forth in Appendix S to the CAISO Tariff, unless they specifically indicate, in writing, within five (5) Business Days from the effective date of this Appendix 8 to the GIP, that they wish to be included in either the SGIP Transition Cluster, studied for Full Capacity Deliverability Status, or, if eligible, studied under the Independent Study Process set forth in Section 4 of Appendix Y.

**2.2** An Interconnection Request deemed to be included in the SGIP Serial Study Group that wishes to be studied as a Full Capacity Deliverability Status Generating Facility will

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continue to be processed per the procedures set forth in Appendix S to the CAISO Tariff for Energy-Only Deliverability Status, with a Full Capacity Delivery Status Deliverability Assessment to be performed as part of the next Interconnection Study Cycle following the completion of the serial portion of the Generating Facility's studies pursuant to Appendix S. Interconnection Customers electing this one-time option will be required to post a study deposit in the amount set forth in Section 3.5.1 of this GIP, less any study deposit amounts already paid and any study deposit reasonably anticipated to be paid.

**3. Transition of Generating Facilities in SGIP Transition Cluster**

- 3.1** An Interconnection Request deemed to be included in the SGIP Transition Cluster (including those Generating Facilities defined as part of the SGIP Serial Study Group who choose to be processed in the SGIP Transition Cluster) that wishes to be studied as an Energy-Only Deliverability Status Generating Facility shall be processed per the procedures set forth in Appendix Y to the CAISO Tariff and studied as part of the Phase II Interconnection Study for the CAISO's first and second Queue Clusters, which is scheduled to begin on January 1, 2011 and be completed on July 31, 2011. Alternatively, Interconnection Requests deemed to be included in the SGIP Transition Cluster may, by indicating in writing within five (5) Business Days from the effective date of this Appendix 8 to the GIP, elect to be studied for Full Capacity Deliverability Status, or, if eligible, as part of the Independent Study Process set forth in Section 4 of Appendix Y.
- 3.2** An Interconnection Request deemed to be included in the SGIP Transition Cluster that wishes to be studied as a Full Capacity Deliverability Status Generating Facility shall be studied for Energy-Only Deliverability Status as part of the Phase II Interconnection Study for the CAISO's first and second Queue Clusters, with a Full Capacity Deliverability Status Deliverability Assessment to be performed as part of the CAISO's fourth Queue Cluster, which is scheduled to begin on June 1, 2011.
- 3.3** An Interconnection Customer in the SGIP Transition Cluster must post, within thirty (30) calendar days of the effective date of this Appendix 8, all of the following: (i) an Interconnection Study Deposit equal to the amount set forth in Section 3.5.1 of Appendix Y, if it has not done so already; and (ii) a demonstration of Site Exclusivity, if it has not done so already. An Interconnection Customer that does not satisfy these posting requirements will be withdrawn from the SGIP Transition Cluster. An Interconnection Customer who withdraws from the SGIP Transition Cluster will be refunded the entire amount of its Interconnection Study Deposit upon withdrawal, less any amounts that the CAISO and Participating TO(s) have incurred in performing studies on the Interconnection Customer's behalf.
- 3.4** At the conclusion of the Phase II Interconnection Study for the CAISO's first and second Queue Clusters, each Interconnection Customer remaining in the SGIP Transition Cluster shall receive a Phase II Interconnection Study report, which will indicate each Interconnection Customer's allocated share of costs for Interconnection Facilities and Reliability Network Upgrades. If the Interconnection Customer wishes to continue in the queue, the Interconnection Customer must sign and execute a Small Generator Interconnection Agreement within ninety (90) calendar days of receiving the final report and post the required Interconnection Financial Security as set forth in Section 9.3 of Appendix Y.

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**Appendix 9 Certification Codes and Standards**

IEEE1547 Standard for Interconnecting Distributed Resources with Electric Power Systems (including use of IEEE 1547.1 testing protocols to establish conformity)

UL 1741 Inverters, Converters, and Controllers for Use in Independent Power Systems

IEEE Std 929-2000 IEEE Recommended Practice for Utility Interface of Photovoltaic (PV) Systems

NFPA 70 (2002), National Electrical Code

IEEE Std C37.90.1-1989 (R1994), IEEE Standard Surge Withstand Capability (SWC) Tests for Protective Relays and Relay Systems

IEEE Std C37.90.2 (1995), IEEE Standard Withstand Capability of Relay Systems to Radiated Electromagnetic Interference from Transceivers

IEEE Std C37.108-1989 (R2002), IEEE Guide for the Protection of Network Transformers

IEEE Std C57.12.44-2000, IEEE Standard Requirements for Secondary Network Protectors

IEEE Std C62.41.2-2002, IEEE Recommended Practice on Characterization of Surges in Low Voltage (1000V and Less) AC Power Circuits

IEEE Std C62.45-1992 (R2002), IEEE Recommended Practice on Surge Testing for Equipment Connected to Low-Voltage (1000V and Less) AC Power Circuits

ANSI C84.1-1995 Electric Power Systems and Equipment – Voltage Ratings (60 Hertz)

IEEE Std 100-2000, IEEE Standard Dictionary of Electrical and Electronic Terms

NEMA MG 1-1998, Motors and Small Resources, Revision 3

IEEE Std 519-1992, IEEE Recommended Practices and Requirements for Harmonic Control in Electrical Power Systems

NEMA MG 1-2003 (Rev 2004), Motors and Generators, Revision 1

## Appendix 10

### Certification of Small Generator Equipment Packages

- 1.0 Small Generating Facility equipment proposed for use separately or packaged with other equipment in an interconnection system shall be considered certified for interconnected operation if (1) it has been tested in accordance with industry standards for continuous utility interactive operation in compliance with the appropriate codes and standards referenced below by any Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL) recognized by the United States Occupational Safety and Health Administration to test and certify interconnection equipment pursuant to the relevant codes and standards listed in GIP Appendix 9, (2) it has been labeled and is publicly listed by such NRTL at the time of the interconnection application, and (3) such NRTL makes readily available for verification all test standards and procedures it utilized in performing such equipment certification, and, with consumer approval, the test data itself. The NRTL may make such information available on its website and by encouraging such information to be included in the manufacturer's literature accompanying the equipment.
- 2.0 The Interconnection Customer must verify that the intended use of the equipment falls within the use or uses for which the equipment was tested, labeled, and listed by the NRTL.
- 3.0 Certified equipment shall not require further type-test review, testing, or additional equipment to meet the requirements of this interconnection procedure; however, nothing herein shall preclude the need for an on-site commissioning test by the parties to the interconnection nor follow-up production testing by the NRTL.
- 4.0 If the certified equipment package includes only interface components (switchgear, inverters, or other interface devices), then an Interconnection Customer must show that the generator or other electric source being utilized with the equipment package is compatible with the equipment package and is consistent with the testing and listing specified for this type of interconnection equipment.
- 5.0 Provided the generator or electric source, when combined with the equipment package, is within the range of capabilities for which it was tested by the NRTL, and does not violate the interface components' labeling and listing performed by the NRTL, no further design review, testing or additional equipment on the customer side of the point of common coupling shall be required to meet the requirements of this interconnection procedure.
- 6.0 An equipment package does not include equipment provided by the utility.
- 7.0 Any equipment package approved and listed in a state by that state's regulatory body for interconnected operation in that state prior to the effective date of these small generator interconnection procedures shall be considered certified under these procedures for use in that state.