**16. Cluster 14 Unique Procedures**

The CAISO tariff and the GIDAP will apply to Queue Cluster 14 with the following exceptions:

**16.1 Study Procedures and Timelines**

1. The CAISO will validate Cluster 14 Interconnection Requests by September 20. Interconnection Requests with deficiencies after that date will be deemed invalid and will not be included in Cluster 14.
2. GIDAP provisions stating when the CAISO and Participating TOs must initiate Interconnection Studies will not apply.
3. The CAISO will publish Phase I Interconnection Studies no later than September 15, 2022. The Phase I Interconnection Study will not include system-level stability analyses.
4. No later than the earlier of (1) ninety (90) days after the publication of the Phase I Interconnection Study or (2) January 13, 2023, Interconnection Customers must (1) submit an updated, valid dynamic model to the CAISO, and (2) post their initial Interconnection Financial Security.
5. The CAISO will publish Phase II Interconnection Studies no later than November 24, 2023.
6. The CAISO will publish the results of the TP Deliverability allocation process no later than March 23, 2024.
7. Interconnection Customers must post their second Interconnection Financial Security no later than the earlier of (1) ninety (90) days after the publication of the Phase II Interconnection Study or (2) May 4, 2024.
8. Unless the CAISO issues a Market Notice stating otherwise, the CAISO will not open the Queue Cluster 15 Cluster Application Window in 2022. The CAISO will open the Queue Cluster 15 Cluster Application Window in 2023 pursuant to Section 3.3.
9. Deadlines related to Interconnection Customers that elect to park their Interconnection Requests will be extended consistent with this Section, including for Interconnection Financial Security postings.

The CAISO and Participating TOs will use Reasonable Efforts to meet all deadlines in the GIDAP and this Section 16, and may publish study results early or otherwise accelerate the interconnection process where possible. The CAISO will publish Interconnection Studies simultaneously for all the Participating TOs.

**16.2 Cost Responsibility and Interconnection Financial Security**

1. Maximum Cost Responsibility and Maximum Cost Exposure in the Phase I Interconnection Study will be advisory only. Only the Phase II Interconnection Study will set Interconnection Customers’ binding Maximum Cost Responsibility and Maximum Cost Exposure.
2. Interconnection Customers will receive a complete refund of their initial Interconnection Financial Security posting if they withdraw before their second Interconnection Financial Security posting is due where: (1) their Maximum Cost Responsibility increases by twenty-five (25) percent or more between Phase I and Phase II; or (2) the anticipated completion of their longest lead-time Reliability Network Upgrade extends by one year or more between Phase I and Phase II.