

FAQs for GIDAP Affidavits For Cluster 4 and Earlier-Queued Projects

Question: Why is the ISO requesting this affidavit?

Appendix DD of the ISO Tariff states the following regarding the process for allocating Transmission Plan Deliverability (TP Deliverability or TPD) to cluster 5 and later projects under the GIDAP:

8.9.1 First Component: Representing TP Deliverability Used by Prior Commitments

The CAISO will identify the following commitments that will utilize MW quantities of TP Deliverability:

(a) The proposed Generating Facilities corresponding to earlier queued Interconnection

Requests meeting the criteria set forth below:

(i) proposed Generating Facilities in Queue Cluster 4 or earlier that have executed PPAs with Load-Serving Entities and have GIAs that are in good standing.

The ISO is requesting this affidavit for determining which cluster 4 and earlier-queued projects meet criterion (a)(i) above by having executed PPAs that are in good standing, to determine how much TPD to reserve for cluster 4 and earlier-queued projects. Such reserved TPD will not be made available for cluster 5 and later projects that participate in the GIDAP allocation of TPD.

Question: What is the definition of “good standing”?

Answer: A project is in good standing for purposes of section 8.9.1(a)(i) above if the Interconnection Customer has executed the GIA and is meeting the terms and conditions of the GIA. The terms and conditions of the GIA include milestones, payments, and obligations under the GIA and the ISO Tariff. In addition, for the GIA to be in good standing neither the Participating TO nor ISO has provided the Interconnection Customer with a Notice of Breach of the GIA that has not been cured.

Question: What happens to a Full Capacity or Partial Capacity cluster 4 or earlier-queued project if it does not provide an affidavit?

Answer: The cluster 4 or earlier-queued project does not lose or impact its deliverability status by failing to provide the affidavit, as long as it is still active in the queue. However it is to the project's advantage to submit this affidavit, because the ISO will be using the information from the affidavit to decide how much TPD to reserve or withhold from allocation when it performs the TPD allocation for cluster 5 and later projects (see Appendix DD of the ISO Tariff section 8.9 and BPM section 6.2.9.1). If the cluster 4 or earlier-queued project did not submit an affidavit, or did submit the affidavit and fails to meet the criteria the ISO uses to determine how much TPD to reserve, and then the project later achieves commercial operation, it and other projects in the same electrical area may be subject to an NQC reduction in the ISO's annual NQC assessment. If the NQC assessment finds that NQC reductions in an electrical area are needed, projects that have full or partial capacity deliverability status and will be in

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commercial operation no later than September 1 of the upcoming calendar year will share the impact of the reductions, as described in the ISO's June 8, 2012 technical bulletin. The technical bulletin is located on the ISO website at http://www.caiso.com/Documents/RevisedTechnicalBulletin-DeliverabilityRequirements-QueueClusters1-4_Determination-NetQualifyingCapacity.pdf.

Question: I signed my GIA under a previous tariff, how can this new requirement apply to me?

Answer: These tariff changes went through the stakeholder process and were approved by the ISO Board and subsequently by FERC as part of the 2012 GIDAP initiative. The new affidavit requirement does not affect the rights of your project as specified in the appropriate pre-GIDAP tariff provisions applicable to cluster 4 and earlier-queued projects. The affidavits for Cluster 4 and earlier projects will not be used to determine the retention of Deliverability Status for any Cluster 4 and earlier-queued projects. All projects will receive the level of Deliverability Status requested once they reach Commercial Operation and the required Network Upgrades are completed, irrespective of whether they submitted the affidavit in question, or submitted the affidavit and did or did not meet the criteria the ISO uses for reserving TPD.

Question: How is this affidavit different than the affidavit submitted in April?

Answer: The NQC affidavit due April 1, 2013 is for determining if a project is "new" or "existing" for the determination of NQC in the annual NQC assessment, as explained in the ISO's June 8, 2012 technical bulletin. The November affidavit information is used by the ISO for the TPD allocation process performed under the GIDAP.