

## **Appendix DD**

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

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

The CAISO will not accept new Interconnection Requests pursuant to this GIDAP. New Interconnection Requests must be submitted consistent with the RIS.

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**7.4.3** Effective with the effective date of the RIS, the CAISO will conduct the annual reassessment under the timelines set forth in the RIS. Any changes to plans of service in Queue Clusters earlier than the current Interconnection Study Cycle will also serve as the basis for potential adjustments to the Current Cost Responsibility, Maximum Cost Responsibility, and Maximum Cost Exposure, as applicable, for Network Upgrades for Interconnection Customers in such earlier Queue Clusters, as follows:

- (i) An Interconnection Customer shall be eligible for an adjustment to its Maximum Cost Responsibility for Network Upgrades if a reassessment undertaken pursuant to this Section 7.4 reduces its estimated cost responsibility for Network Upgrades by at least twenty (20) percent and \$1 million, as compared to its current Maximum Cost Responsibility for Network Upgrades based on its Interconnection Studies or a previous reassessment.

The Maximum Cost Responsibility for an Interconnection Customer who meets this eligibility criterion will be the lesser of (a) its current Maximum Cost Responsibility and (b) 100 percent of the costs of all remaining Assigned Network Upgrades included in the Interconnection Customer's plan of service.

- (ii) If an Interconnection Customer's Maximum Cost Responsibility for Network Upgrades is adjusted downward pursuant to (i) above, and a subsequent reassessment identifies a change on the CAISO's system that occurs after the completion of the Interconnection Customer's Interconnection Studies and requires additional or expanded Network Upgrades, resulting in an increase in the Interconnection Customer's estimated cost responsibility for Network Upgrades above the Maximum Cost Responsibility as adjusted based on the results of a prior reassessment, then the Interconnection Customer's Maximum Cost Responsibility for Network Upgrades will be the estimated cost responsibility determined in the subsequent reassessment, so long as this amount does not exceed the Maximum Cost Exposure established by the Interconnection Customer's Phase II Interconnection Study. In such cases, where the Current Cost Responsibility determined in the subsequent reassessment exceeds the Maximum Cost Responsibility as adjusted based on the results of a prior reassessment, the Interconnection Customer's Maximum Cost Responsibility for Network Upgrades shall not exceed the Maximum Cost Exposure established by its Interconnection Studies. For Interconnection Customers with complete Phase II Interconnection Studies, the CAISO will publish advisory, non-binding updates to those studies in the reassessment, and binding updates in the following Interconnection Facilities Study.

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## **Section 17. Cluster 15 Unique Procedures**

Notwithstanding Section 3.3.1, the CAISO will not open a Queue Cluster Application Window in 2024. Except for this Section 17, Cluster 15 will be subject to the RIS and not the GIDAP.

### **17.1 Study Procedures and Timelines**

- a) Consistent with the process set forth in Section 3.5.2, the CAISO will validate Cluster 15 Interconnection Requests between January 1, 2025 and May 1, 2025. Interconnection Requests with deficiencies after that date will be deemed invalid and will not be included in Cluster 15. Interconnection Customers in Cluster 15 must submit any element required under Section 3.5.1 of the RIS not previously submitted before May 1, 2025.
- b) Between October 1, 2024 and December 1, 2024, Interconnection Customers may submit any element required under Section 3.5.1 of the RIS not previously submitted. During this time, Interconnection Customers also may modify their Interconnection Requests (a) as permissible under Section 6.7.2.2(a) – (h) of this GIDAP; (b) to change generating technology or fuel; and (c) to add or increase energy storage capacity. The CAISO will not accept any modification under this Section 17.1(b) that would result in increasing the Interconnection Service Capacity requested. Interconnection Customers modifying their Interconnection Requests must submit updated information required under Section 3.5 to reflect the modification. Modifications effected pursuant to this provision will not affect Interconnection Customers' rights to modify their Interconnection Requests after December 1, 2024 under the RIS.
- c) An Interconnection Customer that withdraws its Interconnection Request prior to January 1, 2025 will receive a refund of its Interconnection Study Deposit, including any interest earned, minus any costs expended on the Interconnection Customer's behalf. If an Interconnection Customer submitted a Site Exclusivity Deposit, it will receive a complete refund of its Site Exclusivity Deposit, including any interest earned. Withdrawals effected pursuant to this provision will not affect Interconnection Customers' rights to withdraw after January 1, 2025, and receive any corresponding refund and interest under the RIS.
- d) The CAISO will begin the Cluster 15 Cluster Study on June 1, 2025. With the commencement of the Cluster Study, the CAISO, Participating TOs, and Interconnection Customers will comply with all RIS provisions, schedules, rights, and obligations.