

# Site Control Criteria

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# SPP Site Control Requirements

Under SPP Tariff, Attachment V “Generator Interconnection Procedure”, Section 3.3.1, Site Control is required under certain conditions in order for a Generation Interconnection Request to be validated, accepted and/or remain active.

SPP will not be able to Validate or Accept Generation Interconnection Requests without reasonable demonstration of control over real property.

Any questions, please email: [GIStudies@SPP.org](mailto:GIStudies@SPP.org)

# Definition of Site Control

Site Control: shall mean documentation reasonably demonstrating: (1) ownership of, a leasehold interest in, or a right to develop a site of sufficient size for the purpose of constructing the Generating Facility; (2) an option to purchase or acquire a leasehold site of sufficient size for such purpose; or (3) an exclusivity or other business relationship between Interconnection Customer and the entity having the right to sell, lease or grant Interconnection Customer the right to possess or occupy a site of sufficient size for such purpose.

# What We Are Looking For

- Documentation must reasonably demonstrate that Site Control exists and/or is in place.
- Site Control should defensibly show: ownership, right to develop, purchase, acquire, possess or occupy through an 'exchange of real property'.
- SPP is unable to accept Letters of Intent or other Agreements with exclusivity solely for discussions or negotiations.
- Site Control should have an expiry date commensurate with the project Commercial Operation Date or beyond.
- The evidence of ownership provided for Site Control must be from the same company name that is providing the Interconnection Request or the parties must demonstrate to SPP satisfaction the relationship between the owner with site control and the party requesting interconnection.

# What Is Needed

- Reasonable Documentation that provides material control over real property.
  - Land Lease Agreements or Purchase Options, citing the actual acreage represented
  - Evidence of duly notarized, filed or formally authorized
  - Contractual terms commensurate with Commercial Operation Date of the Interconnection Project
- Completed and Signed Attestation Form  
<http://opsportal.spp.org/documents/studies/AttestationStatementForSiteControl.pdf>
- Meet minimum acreage requirements, per SPP Site Control criteria or propose alternative site size based on final layout drawings under Section 8.2.a of the GIP and/or manufacturer's specs.

# Recommended Acreage

- Because of the unique geography of our region, SPP seeks the minimum specifications for acceptable site control sizing for new generation interconnection requests:
  - Wind Generation – 30 acres per MW
  - Solar Generation – 6 acres per MW
  - Storage/Battery – 1 acre per MW or manufacturer specifications
  - Conventional Generation – 40 acres (fixed) or manufacturer specifications

Interconnection Customer may propose an alternative site size, refer to Section 8.2.a of Attachment V for list of additional requirements.

Deviations of Site Control as originally submitted in the DISIS Cluster are subject to Material Modification evaluation.

# References

- Typical discussions of Site Control may be found in SPP Tariff Attachment V, in the following sections:
  - Section 1 – Definitions
  - Section 8.2.a – Demonstration of Site Control
  - Section 11.3 – Execution and Filing
  - Attachment A to Appendix 3, line 7 – Interconnection Request
  - Other Sections not cited here
- SPP’s Site Control criteria is predicated on FERC Docket No. ER09-1254-002, para 31, which reads in part: “{FERC} also declines to require SPP to adopt features of the site control standards establish by other RTOs/ISOs.” It further states: “The Commission has found that the independent entity variation standard provides the RTO and ISO with greater flexibility to customize its interconnection procedures and agreements to fit regional needs.”