

Facility Study for Generation Interconnection Request GEN – 2004 – 020

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Summary

American Electric Power Southwest Transmission Planning (AEP) performed the following study at the request of the Southwest Power Pool (SPP) for SPP Generation Interconnection request Gen-2004-020. The request for interconnection was placed with SPP in accordance SPP's Open Access Transmission Tariff Attachment V, which covers new generation interconnections on SPP's transmission system.

Pursuant to the tariff, AEP was asked to perform a detailed Facility study in accordance with the Facility Study Agreement executed by the requesting customer and SPP.

Generation Interconnection Facilities Study

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Introduction

The Southwest Power Pool (SPP) has requested a Facility Study for expanding the existing 120 MW wind farm near Weatherford, Oklahoma. The Customer's wind farm is connected to American Electric Power's (AEP) Clinton Junction to Weatherford Southeast 138 kV transmission line. The proposed in-service date is December 2005. The expansion of the Customer's wind farm will consist of 18 GE 1.5 wind turbines with a rating output of 1.5 MW each with standard LVRT capability, for a nominal output of 27 MW.

The purpose of this study is to identify the facilities and their costs that are needed to interconnect the expansion of the Customer's wind farm with AEP's 138 kV transmission system. This facilities study is done in conjunction with SPP Feasibility and Impact Studies for Generation Interconnection Request GEN-2004-020.

No additional facilities will be required in the existing AEP Weatherford Wind Farm Station due to the expansion of the existing wind farm.

Interconnection Facilities (See Figures 1, 2, and 3)

Weatherford Wind Farm 138 kV Station

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Short Circuit Fault Duty Evaluation

It is standard practice for AEP to recommend replacing a circuit breaker when the current through the breaker for a fault exceeds 100% of its interrupting rating with recloser derating applied, as determined by the ANSI/IEEE C37.5-1979, C37.010-1979 & C37.04-1979 breaker rating methods.

In the AEP system, no breakers were found to exceed their interrupting capability after the addition of the 27 MW generation and related facilities. Therefore there are no short circuit upgrade costs associated with the Gen-2004-020 interconnection.

Interconnection Costs

Listed below are the costs associated with interconnecting the additional 27 MW wind farm generation facility to the AEP transmission system.

SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT	COST (2004 DOLLARS)
None	\$0
TRANSMISSION INTERCONNECTION FACILITY TOTAL COSTS	\$0







FIGURE 2 WEATHERFORD AREA TRANSMISSION MAP

