



**Interconnection Facilities Study  
For  
Generator Interconnection  
Request  
GEN-2014-035  
(IFS-2014-002-12)**

***SPP Generator  
Interconnection Studies***

***(#GEN-2014-035)  
(#IFS-2014-002-12)***

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## Revision History

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Date	Author	Change Description
9/16/2015	SPP	Draft Interconnection Facilities Study Report Revision 0 Issued
10/21/2015	SPP	Final Interconnection Facilities Study Report Revision 0 Issued
1/29/2016	SPP	Facilities Study Report Revised for changes in DISIS-2014-002-5 Shared Network Upgrades
3/11/2016	SPP	Facilities Study Report Revised for changes in DISIS-2014-002-6 Shared Network Upgrades

## **Summary**

Southwestern Public Service Company (SPS), an operating company subsidiary of Xcel Energy Inc., performed a detailed Interconnection Facilities Study (IFS) at the request of Southwest Power Pool (SPP) for Generator Interconnection request GEN-2014-035/IFS-2014-002-12 (30.00 MW/Solar) located in Chaves County, New Mexico. The Interconnection Customer's originally proposed in-service date for GEN-2014-035/IFS-2014-002-12 is December 31, 2016. SPP has proposed the full interconnection service in-service date will be after the assigned Transmission Owner Interconnection Facilities, Non-Shared Network Upgrade(s), and Shared Network Upgrade(s) are completed. Full Interconnection Service will require the Network Upgrade(s) listed in the "Other Network Upgrades" section. The request for interconnection was placed with SPP in accordance with SPP's Open Access Transmission Tariff, which covers new generation interconnections on SPP's transmission system.

## **Phases of Interconnection Service**

It is not expected that interconnection service will require phases however, interconnection service will not be available until all interconnection facilities and network upgrades can be placed in service.

## **Interconnection Customer Interconnection Facilities<sup>1,2</sup>**

The Interconnection Customer's generation facility consists of seventy pairs (70) of SMA Sunny Central SC 500HE/CP 0.5MVA/0.5MW @ 1.0 power factor Inverters for a total inverter nameplate rating of 70.00 MW. The 34.5kV collector system for this solar facility is planned to be connect to one (1) 115/34.5kV Interconnection Customer owned and maintained transformer at the Interconnection Customer owned substation. GEN-2014-035/IFS-2014-002-12 will connect to the GEN-2014-034/IFS-2014-002-11 Interconnection Customer 115kV bus and utilize the GEN-2014-034/IFS-2014-002-11 approximate one (1) mile overhead 115kV generator lead to the Point of Interconnection (POI) at the existing 115kV bus at the SPS owned Chaves County Substation. The Interconnection Customer will be responsible for all of the transmission facilities connecting the Interconnection Customer owned substation to the POI.

The Interconnection Customer will be responsible for any equipment located at the Customer substation necessary to maintain a power factor of 0.95 lagging to 0.95 leading at the POI. Also, the Interconnection Customer will need to coordinate with the Transmission Owner for relay, protection, control, and communication system configurations.

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<sup>1</sup> Based on the information provided within the original DISIS and IFS application

<sup>2</sup> The Interconnection Customer has requested a modification study to change the SMA solar inverters to General Electric (G.E) solar inverters. The evaluation of this material modification is in progress and will not be included within this Interconnection Facilities Study

### **Transmission Owner Interconnection Facilities and Non-Shared Network Upgrade(s)**

To facilitate interconnection the Transmission Owner will construct a new 115kV terminal position to existing breaker-and-a-half configuration at Chaves County Interchange. The cost of this work is currently assigned to GEN-2014-034/IFS-2014-002-11. Currently, SPS estimates an Engineering and Construction (E&C) lead time for GEN-2014-034/IFS-2014-002-11 assigned upgrades at approximately twenty-four (24) months after a fully executed Generator Interconnection Agreement (GIA) for the completion of Transmission Owner Interconnection Facilities and Non-Shared Network Upgrades. At this time, GEN-2014-035/IFS-2014-002-12 is responsible for \$0 of Transmission Owner Interconnection Facilities and Non-Shared Network Upgrade(s). **Table 1** displays the estimated costs for Transmission Owner Interconnection Facilities and Non-Shared Network Upgrade(s).

**Table 1: GEN-2014-035/IFS-2014-002-12 TOIF and Non-Shared Network Upgrade(s)**

Transmission Owner Interconnection Facilities and Non-Shared Network Upgrades Description	Allocated Cost (\$)	Allocated Percent (%)	Total Cost (\$)
Interconnection Substation - Transmission Owner Interconnection Facilities	\$0	100%	\$0
Interconnection Substation - Network Upgrade(s)	\$0	100%	\$0
Total	\$0	100%	\$0

A Shared Facilities Usage Agreement for the shared facilities with GEN-2014-034/IFS-2014-002-11 shall be required for Generator Interconnection Service. Shared Facilities Usage Agreement details will be determined during the negotiation phase of the GIA.

If GEN-2014-034/IFS-2014-002-11 withdraws or terminates its Generator Interconnection Request (GIR), Transmission Owner Interconnection Facilities and Non-Shared Network Upgrade(s) and total cost of \$1,257,430 for GEN-2014-034/IFS-2014-002-11 shall be the cost allocation responsibility of GEN-2014-035/IFS-2014-002-12.

### **Full Study Detail**

For the full Interconnection Facilities Study performed by Xcel Energy/SPS for the Interconnection Substation, please refer to the original revision of this study. The link for the original revision can be found here.

[http://sppoasis.spp.org/documents/swpp/transmission/studies/files/2014\\_Generation\\_Studies/GEN-2014-035-IFS-2014-002-12\\_FacilityStudy-R0-FINAL.pdf](http://sppoasis.spp.org/documents/swpp/transmission/studies/files/2014_Generation_Studies/GEN-2014-035-IFS-2014-002-12_FacilityStudy-R0-FINAL.pdf)

### **Shared Network Upgrade(s)**

The Interconnection Customer was studied within the DISIS-2014-002 Impact Study, and its subsequent restudies, the latest iteration being DISIS-2014-002-5, with Energy Resource Interconnection Service (ERIS) only. At this time, the Interconnection Customer is allocated \$1,011,510 for Shared Network Upgrades. If higher queued interconnection customers withdraw from the queue, suspend or terminate their GIA, restudies will have to be conducted to determine the Interconnection Customers' allocation of Shared Network Upgrades. All studies have been conducted on the basis of higher queued interconnection

requests and the upgrades associated with those higher queued interconnection requests being placed in service. At this time, the Interconnection Customer is allocated the following cost for Shared Network Upgrade:

**Table 2: GEN-2014-035/IFS-2014-002-12 Shared Network Upgrade(s)**

Shared Network Upgrades Description	Allocated Cost (\$)	Allocated Percent (%)	Total Cost (\$)
<b>Tolk – Plant X 230kV Circuit #1 &amp; #2:</b> Rebuild Tolk – Plant X circuits #1 and #2	\$732,160	7.38	\$9,921,693
<b>TUCO Substation 345/230kV Transformer replacement:</b> Replace existing 345/230kV 560MVA transformer with unit with emergency ratings of 644MVA(summer)/700MVA(winter)	\$279,350	8.35	\$3,374,036
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,011,510</b>		<b>\$13,295,729</b>

### **Other Network Upgrades**

Certain Other Network Upgrades are currently not the cost responsibility of the Customer but will be required for full Interconnection Service. Currently, the following Other Network Upgrades are assigned to GEN-2014-035/IFS-2014-002-12:

- Amoco Wasson – Oxy Tap 230kV circuit #1 replace terminal equipment assigned to DISIS-2012-002 Interconnection Customer(s)
- China Draw 115kV Reactive Power Support build assigned in 2015 Integrated Transmission Plan Near Term Assessment (ITPNT) per SPP-NTC-C-200324
- Livingston Ridge – Sage Brush – Lagarto – Cardinal 115kV circuit #1 assigned in the High Priority Increment Load Study (HPILs) per SPP-NTC-200309 with current on schedule 6/1/2018 in-service
- Potash Junction 230kV Reactive Power Support assigned in 2015 Integrated Transmission Plan Near Term Assessment (ITPNT) per SPP-NTC-C-200324
- Road Runner 115kV Reactive Power Support assigned in 2015 Integrated Transmission Plan Near Term Assessment (ITPNT) per SPP-NTC-C-200324

Depending upon the status of higher or equally queued customers, the Interconnection Customer's in-service date is at risk of being delayed or their Interconnection Service is at risk of being reduced until the in-service date of these Other Network Upgrades.

### **Conclusion**

Interconnection Service for GEN-2014-035/IFS-2014-002-12 will be delayed until the Transmission Owner Interconnection Facilities and Non-Shared Network Upgrades are constructed. The Interconnection Customer is responsible for \$0 of Transmission Owner Interconnection Facilities and Non-Shared Network Upgrades. At this time, the Interconnection Customer is allocated \$1,011,510 for Shared Network Upgrades. After all Interconnection Facilities and Network Upgrades have been placed into service,

Interconnection Service for 70.00 MW, as requested by GEN-2014-035/IFS-2014-002-12, can be allowed.

At this time the total allocation of costs assigned to GEN-2014-035/IFS-2014-002-12 for interconnection Service are estimated at \$1,011,510.