



# **INTERCONNECTION FACILITIES STUDY REPORT**

GEN-2016-129  
(IFS-2016-002-41)

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## SUMMARY

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### *INTRODUCTION*

This Interconnection Facilities Study (IFS) for Interconnection Request GEN-2016-129/IFS-2016-002-41 is for a 132 MW generating facility located in Pushmataha, OK. The Interconnection Request was initially studied in the DISIS-2016-001 Impact Study for Energy Resource Interconnection Service (ERIS) and Network Resource Interconnection Service (NRIS). Interconnection Customer had chosen to drop NRIS after posting of DISIS-2016-001 Impact Study. The Interconnection Customer's requested in-service date is December 31, 2019.

The interconnecting Transmission Owner, American Electric Power West (AEPW), performed a detailed IFS at the request of SPP. The full report is included in Appendix A. SPP has determined that full Interconnection Service will be available after the assigned Transmission Owner Interconnection Facilities (TOIF), Non-Shared Network Upgrades, Shared Network Upgrades, Previous Network Upgrades, and Affected System Upgrades that are required for full interconnection service are completed.

The primary objective of the IFS is to identify necessary Transmission Owner Interconnection Facilities, Network Upgrades, other direct assigned upgrades, cost estimates, and associated upgrade lead times needed to grant the requested Interconnection Service.

### *PHASE(S) OF INTERCONNECTION SERVICE*

It is not expected that Interconnection Service will occur in phases. However, full Interconnection Service will not be available until all Interconnection Facilities and Network Upgrade(s) can be placed in service.

### *CREDITS/COMPENSATION FOR AMOUNTS ADVANCED FOR NETWORK UPGRADE(S)*

Interconnection Customer shall be entitled to compensation in accordance with Attachment Z2 of the SPP OATT for the cost of SPP creditable-type Network Upgrades, including any tax gross-up or any other tax-related payments associated with the Network Upgrades, that are not otherwise refunded to the Interconnection Customer. Compensation shall be in the form of either revenue credits or incremental Long Term Congestion Rights (iLTCR).

### ***INTERCONNECTION CUSTOMER INTERCONNECTION FACILITIES***

The Generating Facility is proposed to consist of sixty-six (66) GE 2.0 MW wind generators for a total generating nameplate capacity of 132 MW.

The Interconnection Customer's Interconnection Facilities to be designed, procured, constructed, installed, maintained, and owned by the Interconnection Customer at its sole expense include:

- 34.5 kV underground cable collection circuits;
- 34.5 kV to 345 kV transformation substation with associated 34.5 kV and 345 kV switchgear;
- One (1) 345/34.5 kV 90/120/150 MVA (ONAN/ONAF/ONAF) step-up transformer to be owned and maintained by the Interconnection Customer at the Interconnection Customer's substation;
- A forty-one (41) mile overhead 345 kV line to connect the Interconnection Customer's substation to the Point of Interconnection ("POI") at the 345 kV bus at existing Transmission Owner substation ("Valliant 345 kV") that is owned and maintained by Transmission Owner;
- All transmission facilities required to connect the Interconnection Customer's substation to the POI;
- Equipment at the Interconnection Customer's substation necessary to maintain a composite power delivery at continuous rated power output at the high-side of the generator substation at a power factor within the range of 95% lagging and 95% leading in accordance with Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Order 827. The Interconnection Customer may use turbine manufacturing options for providing reactive power under no/reduced generation conditions. The Interconnection Customer will be required to provide documentation and design specifications demonstrating how the requirements are met; and,
- All necessary relay, protection, control and communication systems required to protect Interconnection Customer's Interconnection Facilities and Generating Facilities and coordinate with Transmission Owner's relay, protection, control and communication systems.

## **TRANSMISSION OWNER INTERCONNECTION FACILITIES AND NON-SHARED NETWORK UPGRADE(S)**

To facilitate interconnection, the interconnecting Transmission Owner will perform work as shown below necessary for the acceptance of the Interconnection Customer's Interconnection Facilities.

**Table 1** and **Table 2** lists the Interconnection Customer's estimated cost responsibility for Transmission Owner Interconnection Facilities (TOIF) and Non-Shared Network Upgrade(s) and provides an estimated lead time for completion of construction. The estimated lead time begins when the Generator Interconnection Agreement has been fully executed.

*Table 1: Transmission Owner Interconnection Facilities (TOIF)*

Transmission Owner Interconnection Facilities (TOIF)	Total Cost Estimate (\$)	Allocated Percent (%)	Allocated Cost Estimate (\$)	Estimated Lead Time
<b>Transmission Owner Valliant 345 kV Interconnection Substation Expansion:</b> Construct one (1) 345 kV line terminal, line switches, dead end structure, line relaying, communications, revenue metering, line arrester, and all associated equipment and facilities necessary to accept transmission line from Interconnection Customer's Generating Facility.	\$1,273,223	100%	\$1,273,223	36 Months
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,273,223</b>		<b>\$1,273,223</b>	

*Table 2: Non-Shared Network Upgrade(s)*

Non-Shared Network Upgrades Description	Z2 Type <sup>1</sup>	Total Cost Estimate (\$)	Allocated Percent (%)	Allocated Cost Estimate (\$)	Estimated Lead Time
<b>Transmission Owner Valliant 345 kV Interconnection Substation Expansion:</b> Expand the 6-breaker 345 kV ring bus to a 7-breaker layout to facilitate the new generation interconnection.	non-creditable	\$9,140,601	100%	\$9,140,601	36 Months
<b>ITC Great Plains:</b> Review relay settings for existing and new relay settings & design information after authorization to proceed for construction.	N/A	\$0	N/A	\$0	N/A
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$9,140,601</b>		<b>\$9,140,601</b>	

<sup>1</sup> Indicates the method used for calculating credit impacts under Attachment Z2 of the Tariff.

### **SHARED NETWORK UPGRADE(S)**

The Interconnection Customer's share of costs for Shared Network Upgrades is estimated in **Table 3** below.

*Table 3: Interconnection Customer Shared Network Upgrade(s)*

Shared Network Upgrades Description	Z2 Type	Total Cost Estimate (\$)	Allocated Percent (%)	Allocated Cost Estimate (\$)	Estimated Lead Time
None	N/A	\$0	N/A	\$0	N/A
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$0</b>	

All studies have been conducted assuming that higher-queued Interconnection Request(s) and the associated Network Upgrade(s) will be placed into service. If higher-queued Interconnection Request(s) withdraw from the queue, suspend or terminate service, the Interconnection Customer's share of costs may be revised. Restudies, conducted at the customer's expense, will determine the Interconnection Customer's revised allocation of Shared Network Upgrades.

### **PREVIOUS NETWORK UPGRADE(S)**

Certain Previous Network Upgrades are **currently not the cost responsibility** of the Interconnection Customer but will be required for full Interconnection Service.

*Table 4: Interconnection Customer Previous Network Upgrade(s)*

Previous Network Upgrade(s) Description	Current Cost Assignment	Estimated In-Service Date
None	\$0	N/A

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

***AFFECTED SYSTEM UPGRADE(S)***

To facilitate interconnection, the Affected System Transmission Owner will be required to perform the facilities study work as shown below necessary for the acceptance of the Interconnection Customer's Interconnection Facilities. **Table 5** displays the current impact study costs as part of the Affected System Impact review. The Affected System facilities study could provide revised costs and will provide each Interconnection Customer's allocation responsibilities for the upgrades.

*Table 5: Interconnection Customer Affected System Upgrade(s)*

Affected System Upgrades Description	Total Cost Estimate (\$)	Allocated Share (%)	Allocated Cost Estimate (\$)
None	\$0	N/A	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$0</b>

***CONCLUSION***

After all Interconnection Facilities and Network Upgrades have been placed into service, Interconnection Service for 132 MW can be granted. Full Interconnection Service will be delayed until the TOIF, Non-Shared NU, Shared NU, Previous Upgrades, Affected System Upgrades that are required for full interconnection service are completed. The Interconnection Customer's estimated cost responsibility for TOIF and Non-Shared NU that is required for full interconnection service is summarized in the table below.

*Table 6: Cost Summary*

Description	Allocated Cost Estimate
Transmission Owner Interconnection Facilities	\$1,273,223
Network Upgrades	\$9,140,601
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,413,824</b>

A draft Generator Interconnection Agreement will be provided to the Interconnection Customer consistent with the final results of this IFS report. The Transmission Owner and Interconnection Customer will have 60 days to negotiate the terms of the GIA consistent with the SPP Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT).



## APPENDICES

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## **A: TRANSMISSION OWNER'S INTERCONNECTION FACILITIES STUDY REPORT AND NETWORK UPGRADES REPORT(S)**

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See next page for the Transmission Owner's Interconnection Facilities Study Report and Network Upgrades Report(s).



***Interconnection Facilities Study for  
GI Cluster Impact Re-study  
DISIS-2016-002  
Valliant 345kV Station Upgrades  
for Generation Interconnection***

**December 2019**

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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 DISIS-2016-002. Per the SPP Generator Interconnection Procedures (GIP), SPP requested that AEPW perform an Interconnection Facilities Studies (IFS) for Network Upgrade(s) in accordance with the Scope of Interconnection Facilities Study in GIP 8.10 and the Interconnection Facilities Study Procedures in accordance with GIP 8.13 for the following Network Upgrades:

- Valliant 345 kV Station Upgrades
  - Expand the 6-breaker 345 kV ring bus at Valliant 345 kV station to a 7-breaker layout to facilitate the new generation interconnection.

## **Interconnection Facilities (See Figures 1 and 2)**

### **Expand Valliant 345 kV Substation**

AEP will expand the 6-breaker 345 kV ring bus at Valliant 345 kV station to a 7-breaker layout to facilitate the new generation interconnection of GEN-2016-129.

The design and construction of the new station will meet all AEP specifications for stations. Bus work and disconnect switches will be designed to accommodate the loading requirements, and circuit breakers will be rated to ensure adequate load and fault interrupting capability. AEP will own, operate and maintain the station.

### **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 de-rating 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 generation and related facilities. Therefore, there are no short circuit upgrade costs associated with the DISIS-2016-002 interconnections.

## **Interconnection Costs**

Listed below are the associated costs.

SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT	COST (2019 DOLLARS)
Expand Valliant 345 kV to a seven breaker ring bus. (Network Upgrades)	\$9,140,601
Gen-2016-129 Transmission Owner Interconnection Facilities (TOIF)	\$1,273,223
<b>TRANSMISSION INTERCONNECTION FACILITY TOTAL COSTS</b>	<b>\$10,413,824</b>

TABLE 1

## **Project Lead Time**

Project in-service date is projected to be 36 months after the issuance of a NTC from the Southwest Power Pool.

## Valliant 345 kV Station





