



**INTERCONNECTION  
FACILITIES STUDY  
REPORT**

GEN-2017-073

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## SUMMARY

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### INTRODUCTION

This Interconnection Facilities Study (IFS) for Interconnection Request GEN-2017-073 is for a 72.5 MW generating facility located in Mayes County, OK. The Interconnection Request was studied in the DISIS-2017-001 Impact Study and DISIS-2017-001-1 Impact Restudy for Energy Resource Interconnection Service (ERIS). The Interconnection Customer's requested in-service date is December 1st, 2022.

The interconnecting Transmission Owner, Grand River Dam Authority (GRDA), 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, Contingent 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.

### COMPENSATION FOR AMOUNTS ADVANCED FOR NETWORK UPGRADE(S)

FERC Order ER20-1687-000 eliminated the use of Attachment Z2 revenue crediting as an option for compensation. The Incremental Long Term Congestion Right (ILTCR) process will be the sole process to compensate upgrade sponsors as of July 1st, 2020.

## **INTERCONNECTION CUSTOMER INTERCONNECTION FACILITIES**

The Generating Facility is proposed to consist of twenty-five (25) 2.9 MW Power Electronics HEC-US V1500 FS3000 3.5 MVA@25C Solar Inverters for a total generating nameplate capacity of 72.5 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 161 kV transformation substation with associated 34.5 kV and 161 kV switchgear;
- One 161/34.5 kV 48/64/80 MVA (ONAN/ONAF/ONAF) step-up transformer to be owned and maintained by the Interconnection Customer at the Interconnection Customer's substation;
- An approximately .1 mile overhead mile overhead kV line to connect the Interconnection Customer's substation to the Point of Interconnection ("POI") at the 161 kV bus at existing Transmission Owner substation ("Dry Gulch 161kV Substation") 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 inverter 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)*

<b>Transmission Owner Interconnection Facilities (TOIF)</b>	<b>Total Cost Estimate (\$)</b>	<b>Allocated Percent (%)</b>	<b>Allocated Cost Estimate (\$)</b>	<b>Estimated Lead Time</b>
<b><u>Dry Gulch 161 kV Substation GEN-2017-073 Interconnection (TOIF) (GRDA) (133038)</u></b> : Add a single 161kV line terminal to an existing 161kV Substation. Dead end structure, line switch, line relaying, CCVTs, arrestors, bus support, interconnect metering including CTs and PTs, communications, and all other associated equipment to terminate the line from interconnect customer’s generator facility.	\$810,900	100%	\$810,900	18 Months
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$810,900</b>		<b>\$810,900</b>	

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

<b>Non-Shared Network Upgrades Description</b>	<b>ILTCR</b>	<b>Total Cost Estimate (\$)</b>	<b>Allocated Percent (%)</b>	<b>Allocated Cost Estimate (\$)</b>	<b>Estimated Lead Time</b>
<b><u>Dry Gulch 161 kV Substation GEN-2017-073 Interconnection (Non-Shared NU) (GRDA) (133039)</u></b> : At an existing substation; 161kV breaker, disconnect switches, control panel, conductor, foundations, insulators and all other associated work and materials.	Not Eligible	\$293,700	100%	\$293,700	18 Months
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$293,700</b>		<b>\$293,700</b>	

**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)*

<b>Shared Network Upgrades Description</b>	<b>ILTCR</b>	<b>Total Cost Estimate (\$)</b>	<b>Allocated Percent (%)</b>	<b>Allocated Cost Estimate (\$)</b>	<b>Estimated Lead Time</b>
<b>None</b>	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.

### CONTINGENT NETWORK UPGRADE(S)

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

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

<b>Contingent Network Upgrade(s) Description</b>	<b>Current Cost Assignment</b>	<b>Estimated In-Service Date</b>
<b>None</b>	\$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 Contingent 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 provided by either MISO or AECI 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)*

<b>Affected System Upgrades Description</b>	<b>Total Cost Estimate (\$)</b>	<b>Allocated Percent (%)</b>	<b>Allocated Cost Estimate (\$)</b>
<b><u>DISIS-2017-001 AECI AFS:</u></b> Replace Sportsman 161/345 kV transformer #1 with 625/712 MVA transformer	\$5,000,000	33.1%	\$1,654,452
<b><u>DISIS-2017-001 AECI AFS:</u></b> Replace Sportsman 161/345 kV transformer #2 with 625/712 MVA transformer	\$5,000,000	33.1%	\$1,654,452
<b>Total</b>	\$10,000,000		\$3,308,904

## CONCLUSION

After all Interconnection Facilities and Network Upgrades have been placed into service, Interconnection Service for 72.5 MW can be granted. Full Interconnection Service will be delayed until the TOIF, Non-Shared NU, Shared NU, Contingent NU, Affected System Upgrades that are required for full interconnection service are completed. The Interconnection Customer’s estimated cost responsibility for full interconnection service is summarized in the table below.

*Table 6: Cost Summary*

<b>Description</b>	<b>Allocated Cost Estimate</b>
Transmission Owner Interconnection Facilitie Upgrade(s)	\$810,900
Non-Shared Network Upgrade(s)	\$293,700
Shared Network Upgrade(s)	\$0
Affected System Upgrade(s)	\$3,308,904
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,413,504</b>

Use the following link for Quarterly Updates on upgrades from this report: <https://spp.org/spp-documents-filings/?id=18641>

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)**

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



## **FACILITY STUDY**

**for**

### **Generation Interconnection Request 2017-073**

72.5 MW Solar  
Generating Facility  
In Mayes County  
Oklahoma

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## **Summary**

Pursuant to the tariff and at the request of the Southwest Power Pool (SPP), Grand River Dam Authority (GRDA) performed the following Facility Study to satisfy the Facility Study Agreement executed by the requesting customer for SPP Generation Interconnection request Gen-2017-073. 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. The requirements for interconnection consist of adding one breaker, disconnect switches, and a new line terminal for the generator lead at connecting at the existing Dry Gulch (GRDA) 161kV substation. The total cost for GRDA to add one breaker, disconnect switches, and a new line terminal for the generator lead terminating at Dry Gulch (GRDA) substation, the interconnection facility, is estimated at \$1,104,600.

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## **Introduction**

The Southwest Power Pool has requested a Facility Study for the purpose of interconnecting a solar generating facility within the service territory of Grand River Dam Authority (GRDA) in Mayes County Oklahoma. The proposed 161kV point of interconnection is at Dry Gulch 161kV Substation in Mayes County Oklahoma. This substation is owned by GRDA.

The cost for adding a new 161kV terminal to the Substation, the required interconnection facility, is estimated at \$810,900. Network Constraints may be verified with a transmission service request and associated studies.

### **Interconnection Facilities**

The primary objective of this study is to identify attachment facilities. The requirements for interconnection consist of adding a new 161kV terminal in the Dry Gulch Substation. This 161kV addition shall be constructed and maintained by GRDA.

The total cost for GRDA to add a new 161kV terminal in the Dry Gulch 161kV Substation, the interconnection facilities, is estimated at \$1,104,600. The Customer is responsible for the generator lead 161kV line up to the point of change of ownership. This cost does not include the Customer's 161-34.5kV substation and the cost estimate should be determined by the Customer.

This Facility Study does not guarantee the availability of transmission service necessary to deliver the additional generation to any specific point inside or outside the Southwest Power Pool (SPP) transmission system. The transmission network facilities may not be adequate to deliver the additional generation output to the transmission system. If the customer requests firm transmission service under the SPP Open Access Transmission Tariff at a future date, Network Upgrades or other new construction may be required to provide the service requested under the SPP OATT.

The costs of interconnecting the facility to the OKGE transmission system are listed in Table 1.

**Short Circuit Fault Duty Evaluation**

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

For this generator interconnection, no breakers were found to exceed their interrupting capability after the addition of the Customer’s generation and related facilities. GRDA found no breakers that exceeded their interrupting capabilities on their system. Therefore, there is no short circuit upgrade costs associated with the Gen-2017-073 interconnection.

Table 1: Required Interconnection Network Upgrade Facilities

Facility	ESTIMATED COST (2021 DOLLARS)
GRDA – <b>Interconnection Facilities:</b> Add a single 161kV line terminal to an existing 161kV Substation. Dead end structure, line switch, line relaying, CCVTs, arrestors, bus support, interconnect metering including CTs and PTs, communications, and all other associated equipment to terminate the line from interconnect customer’s generator facility.	\$810,900
GRDA – <b>Network Upgrades:</b> at an existing substation; 161kV breaker, disconnect switches, control panel, conductor, foundations, insulators and all other associated work and materials.	\$293,700
GRDA – Right-of-Way for 161kV terminal addition	No Additional ROW
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,104,600</b>

# One Line Diagram

