INTERCONNECTION FACILITIES STUDY REPORT

GEN-2018-089

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SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

This Interconnection Facilities Study (IFS) for Interconnection Request GEN-2018-089 is for a 196 MW generating facility located in Castro, TX. The Interconnection Request was studied in the DISIS-2018-002/DISIS-2019-001 Impact Study for ER. The Interconnection Customer's requested in-service date is January 12, 2027.

The interconnecting Transmission Owner, Southwestern Public Service Company (SPS), 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 fifty-eight (58) GE 3.4-140 Wind Turbines for a total generating nameplate capacity of 196 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 230 kV transformation substation with associated 34.5 kV and 230 kV switchgear;
- Two 230/34.5 kV 135/180/225 MVA (ONAN/ONAF/ONAF) step-up transformer to be owned and maintained by the Interconnection Customer at the Interconnection Customer's substation;
- An Approximately 0.5 mile overhead 230 kV line to connect the Interconnection Customer's substation to the Point of Interconnection ("POI") at the 230 kV bus at existing Transmission Owner substation ("Newhart 230kV 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** list 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 ($)	Allocated Percent (%)	Allocated Cost Estimate ($)
Transmission Owner's Newhart 230kV GEN-2018-089 Interconnection (TOIF) (SPS) (UID 156748): Facilitate the interconnection of GEN-2018-089 Estimated Lead Time: 36 Months	$2,326,075	100.00%	$2,326,075
Total	**$2,326,075**		**$2,326,075**

Table 2: Non-Shared Network Upgrade(s)

Non-Shared Network Upgrades Description	ILTCR	Total Cost Estimate ($)	Allocated Percent (%)	Allocated Cost Estimate ($)
Transmission Owner's Newhart 230kV GEN-2018-089 Interconnection (Non-shared NU) (SPS) (UID 156749): Facilitate the interconnection of GEN-2018-089 Estimated Lead Time: 36 Months	Ineligible	$2,783,494	100%	$2,783,494
Total		**$2,783,494**		**$2,783,494**

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	ILTCR	Total Cost Estimate ($)	Allocated Percent (%)	Allocated Cost Estimate ($)
NA				
Total		**$0**		**$0**

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)

Contingent Network Upgrade(s) Description	Current Cost Assignment	Estimated In-Service Date
NA		

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)

Affected System Upgrades Description	Total Cost Estimate ($)	Allocated Percent (%)	Allocated Cost Estimate ($)
NA			
Total	**$0**		**$0**

CONCLUSION

After all Interconnection Facilities and Network Upgrades have been placed into service, Interconnection Service for 196 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

Description	Allocated Cost Estimate
Transmission Owner Interconnection Facilities Upgrade(s)	$2,326,075
Non-Shared Network Upgrade(s)	$2,783,494
Shared Network Upgrade(s)	$0
Affected System Upgrade(s)	$0
Total	**$5,109,569**

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

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 Interconnections as Requested by Southwest Power Pool (SPP)

DISIS 2018-002/2019-001
Group 5
GEN-2018-089

Xcel Energy Services, Inc.

Southwestern Public Service Co.
Transmission Planning South
Updated 1/27/2025

Executive Summary

The Southwest Power Pool (SPP or Transmission Provider) evaluated the generation facilities requesting to interconnect to the SPS transmission system in the Definitive Interconnection System Impact Study (DISIS-2018-002/2019-001), which was completed in December 2024. The requests for interconnection were placed with SPP in accordance with the Scope of Interconnection Facilities Study GIP Section 8.10 and the Interconnection Facilities Study Procedures in accordance with GIP Section 8.11.

To accommodate the Interconnection Customer's (IC) request, Southwestern Public Service Company (SPS or Transmission Owner) determined what modifications/upgrades where needed on the SPS transmission system. Below are the Generation Interconnection requests and associated modification/upgrade costs:

Request Number		**Non-shared NU**	**TOIF**
GEN-2018-089		$ 2,783,494	2,326,075

NOTE: The cost estimates are 2025 dollars with an accuracy of ± 20%. The estimates do not include escalation costs.

General Description of SPS Modifications/Upgrades

The Objective of this study is to identify the modification/upgrades, and the costs associated with them. Below is a description of the different project(s) and the scoping level costs associated with each. All costs identified below are without escalation. All projects, routes, and costs are subject to change.

Existing SPS 230kV Substation - Newhart

The existing Newhart 230kV substation will be expanded to provide point-of-interconnection for GEN-2018-089. Substation will be located at 34.466575 N, -102.0689972 W, in Castro County, Texas.

Transmission Line Details

SPS will install a dead-end transmission structure outside of the Newhart Substation for the customer to terminate their generation tie-line. The dead-end structure will provide a clear demarcation point between SPS' responsibility and ownership and the customer's responsibility and ownership. SPS will furnish and install the phase conductors from the dead-end structure into the Newhart Substation.

Substation Details

Expand the breaker and one-half arrangement to accommodate the customer's 196 MW Wind generation facility for GEN-2018-089.

Total Cost

The total cost estimate for this Network Upgrade is:

$	2,783,494	Non-shared NU
$	2,326,075	TOIF
$	5,109,569	Total Cost

The estimate is accurate to +/- 20%

Time Estimate

The information listed below is the expected duration for construction from the date of execution of the agreement to project in-service date.

Total Project Duration	36	Months

Figure 1 – Newhart Substation Location

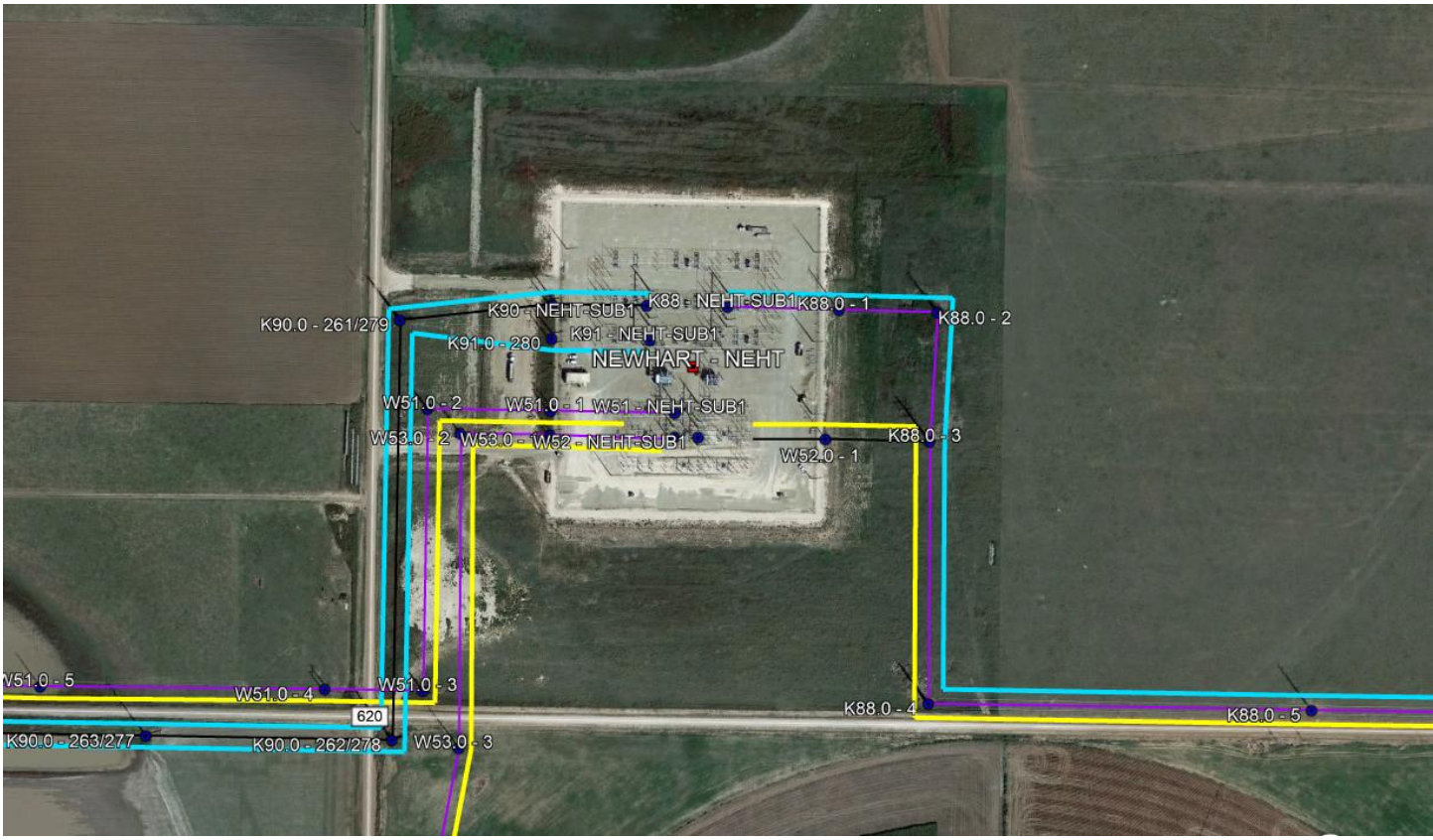


Figure 2 below shows the expected communication between the IC, SPP and SPS.
SPS will not serve as a proxy for communication from the IC to SPP.

Figure 2 – Newhart Communication Information

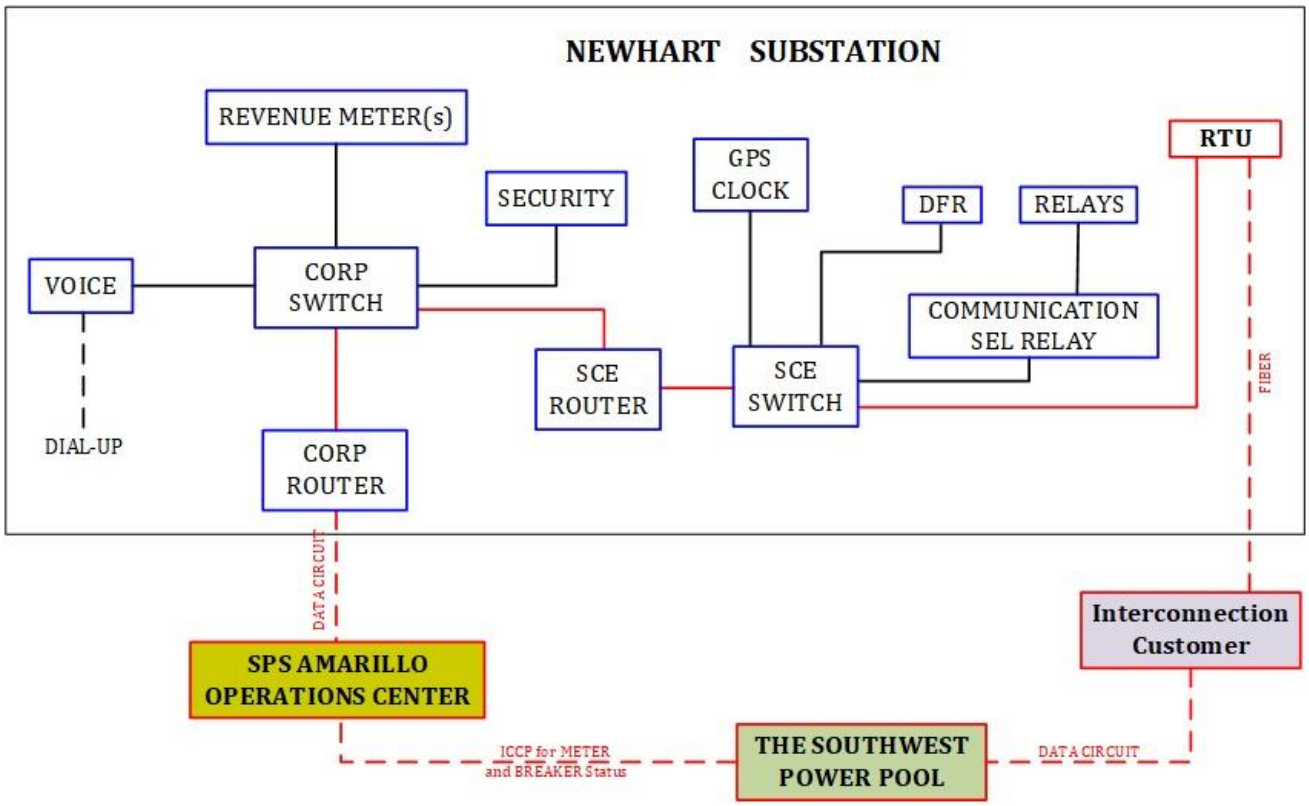
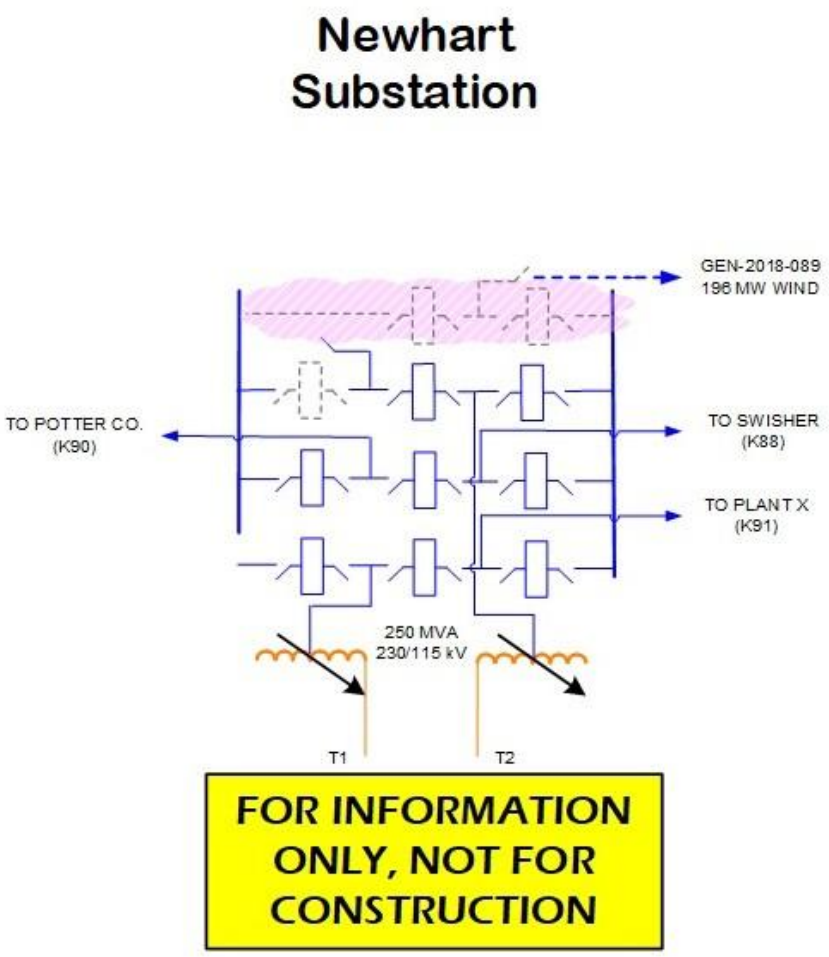


Figure 3 – NEWHART Fault Current Information

Table 3 - Available fault current at interconnection location

Short Circuit Information without contribution from new Generator Facilities (GEN 2018-089)				
Fault Location	Fault Current (Amps)		Impedance (Ω)	
	Line-to-Ground	3–Phase	Z^+	Z^0
230 kV Bus	8603.05	10,235.90	1.88942+J12.8479	3.40223+j20.0639

Figure 4 – Informational One-Line Drawing



Other

The customer will refer to the Xcel Energy *Interconnection Guidelines For Transmission Interconnected Producer-Owned Generation Greater Than 20 MW* for additional requirements.

The customer will refer to the Xcel Energy *Right-of-Way, Easements, and Encroachments* web page for information concerning crossing of SPS transmission lines with customer generation tie-lines: *Right of Way | Transmission | Corporate | Xcel Energy*

The customer will be required to bring two (2) OPGW conductors from the customer's collector site to the Newhart substation to provide redundant relay communication.

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