



INTERCONNECTION FACILITIES STUDY REPORT

GEN-2019-011

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SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

This Interconnection Facilities Study (IFS) for Interconnection Request GEN-2019-011 is for a 207 MW generating facility located in Yoakum County, Texas. The Interconnection Request was studied in the Group 5 2019 Interim Impact Study for ERIS & NRIS. The Interconnection Customer's requested in-service date is May 1, 2025.

The interconnecting Transmission Owner, Xcel Energy Services, Inc. (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 ninety-two (92) FPK2400 Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) inverters operating at 2.64 MW for a total generating nameplate capacity of 242.88 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 146/195/243 MVA (ONAN/ONAF/ONAF) step-up transformer to be owned and maintained by the Interconnection Customer at the Interconnection Customer's substation;
- Two-tenths (0.2) of a 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 ("Yoakum County 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)

Transmission Owner Interconnection Facilities (TOIF)	Total Cost Estimate (\$)	Allocated Percent (%)	Allocated Cost Estimate (\$)	Estimated Lead Time
<u>Yoakum 345kV GEN-2019-011 Interconnection (TOIF) (156831):</u> Interconnection upgrades and cost estimates needed to interconnect the following Interconnection Customer facility, GEN-2019-011 (207 MW/BESS), into the Point of Interconnection (POI) at Yoakum 345kV	\$1,315,259	100%	\$1,315,259	54 Months
Total	\$1,315,259		\$1,315,259	

Table 2: Non-Shared Network Upgrade(s)

Non-Shared Network Upgrades Description	ILTCR	Total Cost Estimate (\$)	Allocated Percent (%)	Allocated Cost Estimate (\$)	Estimated Lead Time
<u>Yoakum 345kV GEN-2019-011 Interconnection (Non-shared NU) (156832):</u> Interconnection upgrades and cost estimates needed to interconnect the following Interconnection Customer facility, GEN-2019-011 (207 MW/BESS), into the Point of Interconnection (POI) at Yoakum 345kV	TBD	\$5,927,997	100%	\$5,927,997	54 Months
Total		\$5,927,997		\$5,927,997	

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 (\$)	Estimated Lead Time
<u>None</u>	Eligible	\$0	%	\$0	N/A
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
<p><u>Multi - Border - Woodward 345 kV Tap(NTC 210627, NTC 210628) (81717):</u> Install any necessary terminal equipment to support a new 345 kV line from Border to Woodward 345 kV substation with a summer emergency rating of 1792 MVA.</p> <p>Build 0.84-miles of new 345 kV line from a new tap on the Woodward to Border 345 kV line to Chisholm with a summer emergency rating of 1792 MVA.</p>	<p>\$0</p>	<p>3/31/2025</p>

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 (\$)
<u>None</u>	\$0	%	\$0
Total	\$0		\$0

CONCLUSION

After all Interconnection Facilities and Network Upgrades have been placed into service, Interconnection Service for 200 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)	\$1,315,259
Non-Shared Network Upgrade(s)	\$5,927,997
Shared Network Upgrade(s)	\$0
Affected System Upgrade(s)	\$0
Total	\$7,243,256

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 30 days to negotiate the terms of the IGIA 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 Interim Generation Interconnections
as Requested by Southwest Power Pool (SPP)**

DISIS 2019-001
Group 5
GEN-2019-011

Xcel Energy Services, Inc.
Southwestern Public Service Co.
Transmission Planning South
Updated 12/18/2023

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-2019-001), which has not been completed. The request for Interim Interconnection was placed with SPP in accordance with the Southwest Power Pool - Open Access Transmission Tariff, Sixth Revised Volume No. 1 - Attachment V Generator Interconnection Procedures (GIP), Section 8. Definitive Planning Phase.

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

<u>Request Number</u>		<u>TAM</u>	<u>TOIF</u>
GEN-2019-011		\$ 5,927,997	\$ 1,315,259

NOTE: The cost estimates are 2023 dollars with an accuracy of $\pm 20\%$. 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 345 kV Substation “Yoakum County”

A new 345 kV, line termination to be installed on existing SPS Yoakum County Substation to provide point-of-interconnection for GEN-2019-011. The substation is located at 33.1245331 N, -102.7574406 W, in Yoakum County, Texas. The customer’s gen-tie line will be brought in from the north to the line termination location.

Transmission Line Details

No transmission line work is anticipated for this project.

Substation Details

A new 345 kV terminal will to accommodate the customer’s 230 MW battery/storage generation facility for GEN-2019-011.

Total Cost

The total cost estimate for this Network Upgrade is:

\$	5,927,997 TAM
\$	1,315,259 TOIF
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\$	7,243,256 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	54	Months
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Figure 1 – Yoakum County Substation Location

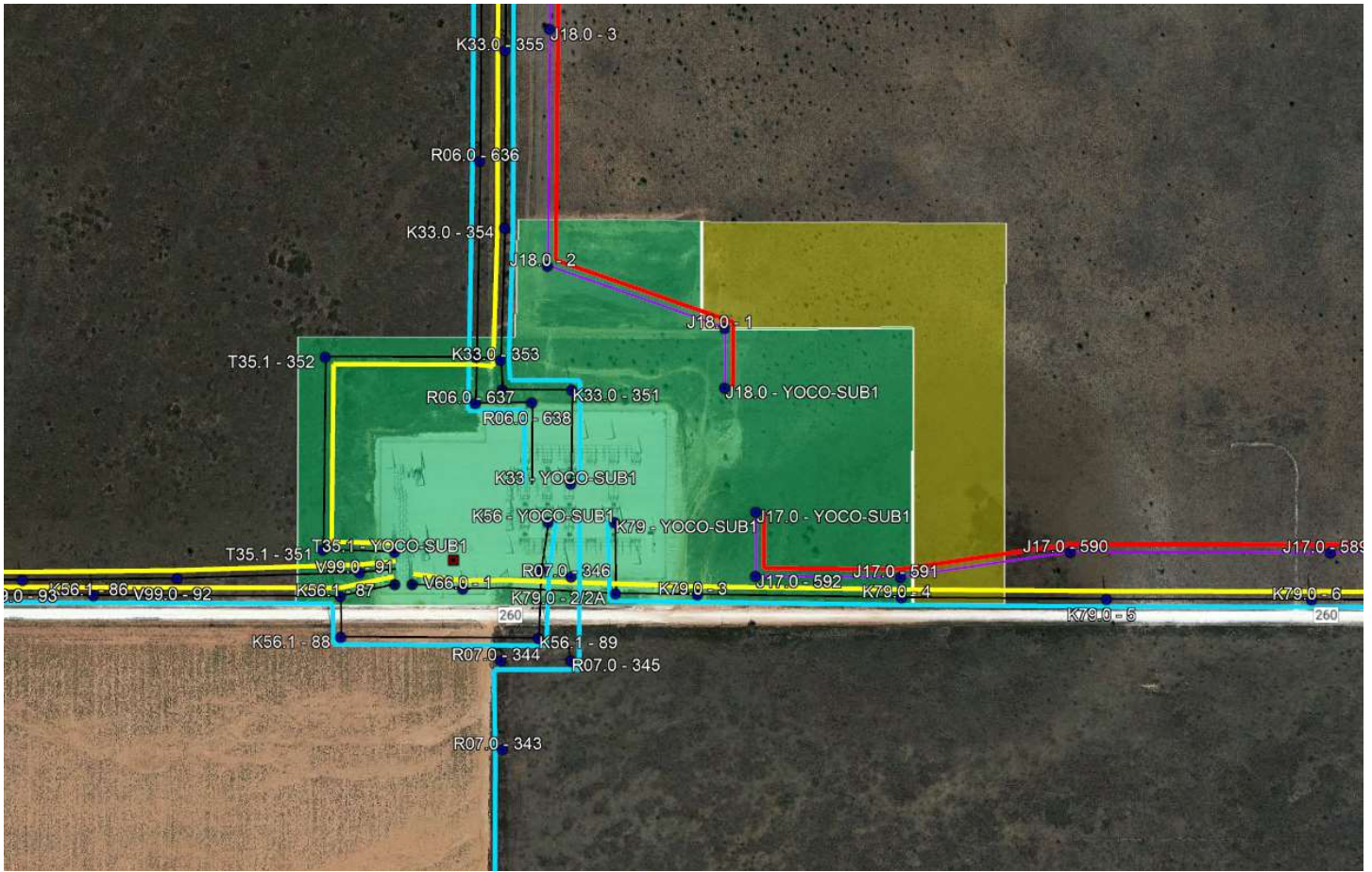


Image showing Yoakum County Interchange land boundary (green) and SPS transmission corridor buffer (yellow)



Image from customer showing SPS' Yoakum County Interchange in relationship to customer's facilities.

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 – Yoakum County Communication Information

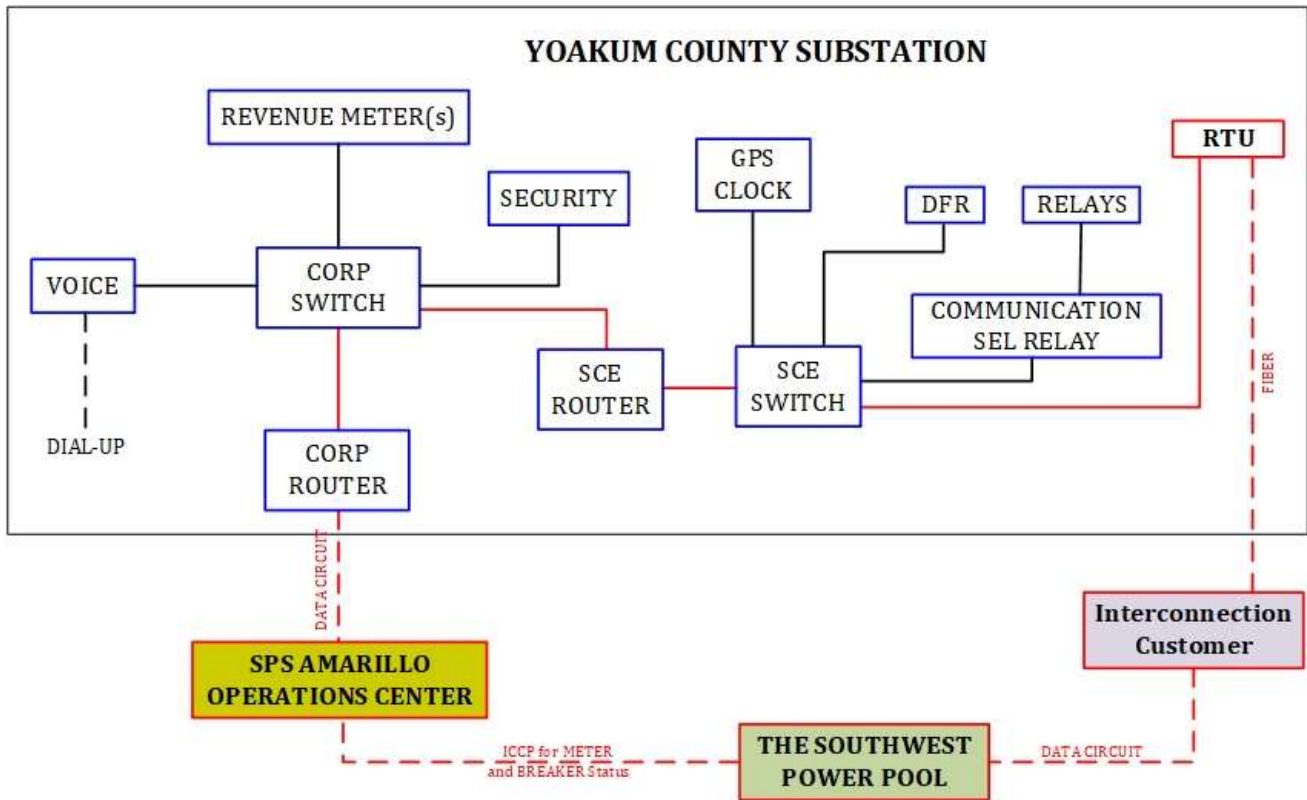


Figure 3 – Yoakum County Fault Current Information

Table 3, - Available fault current at interconnection location

Short Circuit Information without contribution from new Generator Facilities (GEN 2019-011)				
Fault Location	Fault Current (Amps)		Impedance (Ω)	
	Line-to-Ground	3-Phase	Z^+	Z^0
345 kV Bus	8216.61	8788.31	1.39304+j22.6220	3.81353+j27.2155

Other

Please see the Xcel Energy [Interconnection Guidelines For Transmission Interconnected Producer-Owned Generation Greater Than 20 MW](#) for additional requirements.