



INTERCONNECTION FACILITIES STUDY REPORT

GEN-2020-010

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SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

This Interconnection Facilities Study (IFS) for Interconnection Request GEN-2020-010 is for a 140 MW generating facility located in Mutual, OK. The Interconnection Request was studied in the DISIS-2020-001 Impact Study for NRIS. The Interconnection Customer's requested in-service date is 6/1/2027.

The interconnecting Transmission Owner, Western Farmers Electric Cooperative (WFEC), 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-four (54) Power Electronics 3.15 MW PCSK FP3150K inverters for a total generating nameplate capacity of 140 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 138kV transformation substation with associated 34.5 kV and 138kV switchgear;
- Two 138kV/34.5 kV 50.86/67.96/85.05 MVA (ONAN/ONAF/ONAF) step-up transformer to be owned and maintained by the Interconnection Customer at the Interconnection Customer's substation;
- An Approximately 100 foot overhead 138kV line to connect the Interconnection Customer's substation to the Point of Interconnection ("POI") at the 138kV bus at existing Transmission Owner substation ("Seiling-Taloga Substations 138kV") 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 (\$)
<u>Transmission Owner's Seiling-Taloga Substations 138kV GEN-2020-010 Interconnection (TOIF) (UID156961): Interconnection upgrades and cost estimates needed to interconnect the following Interconnection Customer facility, GEN-2020-010 (140/Hybrid), into the Point of Interconnection (POI) at Seiling-Taloga Substations 138kV. Estimated Lead Time: 60 Months</u>	\$517,000	100.00%	\$517,000
Total	\$517,000		\$517,000

Table 2: Non-Shared Network Upgrade(s)

Non-Shared Network Upgrades Description	ILTCR	Total Cost Estimate (\$)	Allocated Percent (%)	Allocated Cost Estimate (\$)
<u>Transmission Owner's Seiling-Taloga Substations 138kV GEN-2020-010 Interconnection (UID156960): Interconnection upgrades and cost estimates needed to interconnect the following Interconnection Customer facility, GEN-2020-010 (140/Hybrid), into the Point of Interconnection (POI) at Seiling-Taloga Substations 138kV. Estimated Lead Time: 60 Months</u>	Ineligible	\$6,050,000	100.00%	\$6,050,000
Total		\$6,050,000		\$6,050,000

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 (\$)
<u>NA</u>				
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	\$0	

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 140 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)	\$517,000
Non-Shared Network Upgrade(s)	\$6,050,000
Shared Network Upgrade(s)	\$0
Affected System Upgrade(s)	\$0
Total	\$6,567,000

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).



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INTERCONNECTION FACILITY STUDY

for

Generation Interconnection Request 2020-010

**140MW Solar Generation Interconnection
in Woodward County, OK.**

April 2025

SUMMARY

Pursuant to Attachment V of the tariff and at the request of the Southwest Power Pool (SPP), Western Farmers Electric Cooperative (WFEC) performed the following facility Study to satisfy the Facility Study agreement executed by the requesting customer for SPP Generation Interconnection request GEN-2020-010. 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 building a new 138kV station at the POI with breakers and relaying operating as a 3-breaker ring bus. The total cost for WFEC to accommodate the interconnection request at the 138kV POI is \$6,567,000.



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Introduction

The Southwest Power Pool has requested a facility Study for the purpose of interconnecting 140 MW of Solar within the service territory of WFEC in Woodward County, Oklahoma. The proposed 138kV interconnection is near structure #129 (36°12'53.43"N, 99° 2'11.56"W) on the Mooreland – Taloga 138kV transmission circuit.

The cost for adding a new 138kV Switching Station (WFEC Mutual Switch Station) at the POI with breakers and relaying to is estimated at \$6,567,000.

Network constraints within WFEC may be verified with a transmission service request and associated studies.

The primary objective of this study is to identify WFEC interconnection facilities. Figure 1 below shows the proposed interconnection of GEN-2020-010.

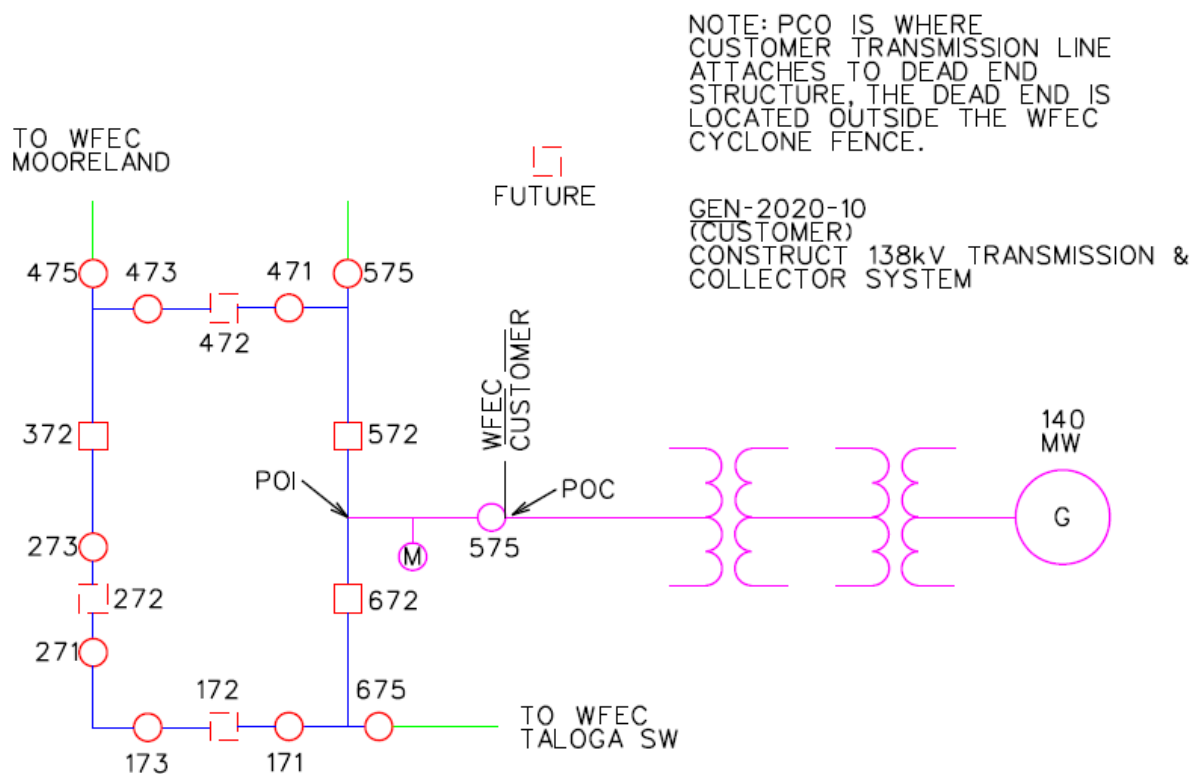


Figure 1: One-line Diagram Facilities for GEN-2020-010

To accommodate an interconnection for GEN 2020-010 WFEC will construct a new 138kV three-breaker ring bus, equipping a terminal for the following three lines: WFEC Mooreland 138kV, WFEC Taloga 138kV, and the customer's GEN-2020-010 138kV interconnecting transmission line. The customer will construct a new 138kV transmission line from their collector sub to the point of demarcation. WFEC will require the customer to install OPGW for communications from Customer's collector sub to WFEC's

switch station. The customer gen-tie will interconnect into the WFEC Mutual Switch Station from the west.

The total cost for the interconnection facilities at POI is estimated at \$6,567,000. This cost does not include the construction of the 138kV line from the customer substation to the point of demarcation at the edge of WFEC's property. The customer is responsible for this 138kV line up to the point of interconnection.

This facility study does not guarantee the availability of transmission service necessary to deliver additional generation to any specific point inside or outside of the SPP transmission system. The transmission network facilities may not be adequate to deliver any additional generation output to the 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.

Short Circuit Fault Duty Evaluation:

It is standard practice for WFEC to recommend replacing a circuit breaker when the current through the breaker for a potential fault exceeds 100% of its interrupting rating, as determined by the ANSI/IEEE standard C37-010-2016 breaker rating methods. Existing levels of available fault current at the nearby Mooreland and Taloga 138kV stations are shown below. As an inverter-based resource the maximum fault current contribution is estimated at 1.4 times peak load current of the Inverter during the subtransient period. This equates to an increase in available fault current of approximately 820A at the POI (Mutual Switch Station), so no breakers are expected to exceed capacity with the proposed interconnection.

WFEC has evaluated the potential maximum fault current in this area and no issues with short circuit duty ratings are expected on existing WFEC breakers with the proposed interconnection of 140MW of solar generation on the Mooreland – Taloga 138kV transmission line.

Table 1: Mooreland and Taloga Switch Station 138kV Breaker Capacity

BUS	BREAKER	DUTY %	DUTY (A)	BKR CAPACITY (A)
Mooreland 138kV	138kV Breakers (x20) (172 – 1972, 2172)	36%	22500 (2LG)	63000
Taloga 138kV	138kV Breakers (x4) (162-462)	19%	7500 (3LG)	40000

Interconnection Cost

Table 2: Transmission Owner Interconnection Facilities

Transmission Owner Interconnection Facilities (TOIF)		Cost Estimate (\$)	Estimated Lead Time
UID: 156961			
<u>WFEC Mutual Switch Interconnection Substation:</u> Construct one 138kV line terminal, line switches, dead end structure, line relaying, communications, revenue metering, line arrestors, and all associated equipment and facilities necessary to accept transmission line from Interconnection Customer’s Generating Facility.	Engineering: \$42,000 ROW: \$15,000 Material: \$230,000 <u>Construction: \$230,000</u> TOTAL: \$517,000	60 Months	

Table 3: Non-Shared Network Upgrades

Non-Shared Network Upgrades Description		Cost Estimate (\$)	Estimated Lead Time
UID: 156960			
<u>WFEC Mutual Switch Interconnection Substation:</u> Construct a 138kV three-terminal ring bus, 2000A continuous rating, 40kA short circuit rating, breakers (3), control panels, line relaying, terminate existing WFEC Mooreland-Taloga 138kV transmission line, acquire land, disconnect switches, structures, foundations, conductors, insulators, and all other associated work and materials.	Engineering: \$480,000 ROW: \$170,000 Material: \$2,700,000 <u>Construction: \$2,700,000</u> TOTAL: \$6,050,000	60 Months	