



INTERCONNECTION FACILITIES STUDY REPORT

GEN-2021-036

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SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

This Interconnection Facilities Study (IFS) for Interconnection Request GEN-2021-036 is for a 204.12 MW generating facility located in Little River, AR. The Interconnection Request was studied in the DISIS-2021-001 Impact Study for ERIS/NRIS. The Interconnection Customer's requested in-service date is 12/31/2027.

The interconnecting Transmission Owner, American Electric Power (AEP), 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-six (56) 3.64 MW TMEIC NINJA 5PCS inverters for a total generating nameplate capacity of 204.12 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 138 kV transformation substation with associated 34.5 kV and 138 kV switchgear;
- One 138 kV/34.5 kV 230/230/230 MVA (ONAN/ONAF/ONAF) step-up transformer to be owned and maintained by the Interconnection Customer at the Interconnection Customer's substation;
- An Approximately 2 mile overhead 138 kV line to connect the Interconnection Customer's substation to the Point of Interconnection ("POI") at the 138 kV bus at existing Transmission Owner substation ("Craig to Patterson 138 kV Transmission Line") 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 Craig to Patterson 138 kV Transmission Line GEN-2021-036 Interconnection (TOIF) (UID 157036): Interconnection upgrades and cost estimates needed to interconnect the following Interconnection Customer facility, GEN-2021-036 (204.12/Solar), into the Point of Interconnection (POI) at Craig to Patterson 138 kV Transmission Line. Estimated Lead Time: 36 Months</u>	\$2,812,125	100.00%	\$2,812,125
Total	\$2,812,125		\$2,812,125

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 Craig to Patterson 138 kV Transmission Line GEN-2021-036 Interconnection (Non-shared NU) (UID 157037): Interconnection upgrades and cost estimates needed to interconnect the following Interconnection Customer facility, GEN-2021-036 (204.12/Solar), into the Point of Interconnection (POI) at Craig to Patterson 138 kV Transmission Line. Estimated Lead Time: 36 Months</u>	Ineligible	\$15,641,878	100.00%	\$15,641,878
Total		\$15,641,878		\$15,641,878

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>Transmission Owner's Rebuild DEQUEEN2 to DEQUEEN 2 69 kV line 1 (UID 170639): Rebuild the DEQUEEN2 to DEQUEEN 2 69 kV line CKT1 (3.25 miles) to a minimum rating of 51 MVA. Estimated Lead Time: 36 Months</u>	Eligible	\$7,417,990	28.29%	\$2,098,763
Total		\$7,417,990		\$2,098,763

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 204.12 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)	\$2,812,125
Non-Shared Network Upgrade(s)	\$15,641,878
Shared Network Upgrade(s)	\$2,098,763
Affected System Upgrade(s)	\$0
Total	\$20,552,766

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).



**AEP Generation Interconnection
Facilities Study Report
for
DISIS-2021-001
GEN-2021-036
Craig Junction to Patterson 138 kV
transmission line
Little River County, Arkansas**

August 2025

1 FACILITIES STUDY SUMMARY

American Electric Power (AEP) Southwest Transmission Planning performed the following study at the request of the Southwest Power Pool (SPP) for SPP Generation Interconnection request DISIS-2021-001; GEN-2021-036. Per the SPP Generator Interconnection Procedures (GIP), SPP requested that AEP perform an Interconnection Facilities Studies (IFS) for Network Upgrade(s) in accordance with Section 8.11 for the following Interconnection and/or Network Upgrade(s):

1.1 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

GEN-2021-036 proposes to install a 204.12 MW solar generating facility in Little River County, Arkansas (Figure 2). The point of interconnection for the generating facility will be AEP's 138 kV Craig Junction to Patterson transmission line (Figure 1).

1.2 AEP'S SCOPE OF WORK TO FACILITATE INTERCONNECTION

- To accommodate the interconnection to AEP's existing 138 kV Craig Junction to Patterson transmission line, a new 138 kV, 3-breaker ring bus station will be installed. Also, AEP will complete any needed remote work at the 138 kV Craig Junction and Patterson stations associated with this project. The design and construction of the new station will meet all AEP specifications. 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 new 138 kV ring bus station.
- Installation of associated protection and control equipment, SCADA, and revenue metering will be required at the new 138 kV ring bus station. AEP reserves the right to specify the final acceptable configuration considering design practices, future expansion, and compliance requirements.
- AEP will extend one span of 138 kV transmission line from the generator's terminal at the new 138 kV ring bus station to the GEN-2021-036 POI. AEP will build and own the first transmission line structure outside of new 138 kV ring bus station, to which AEP's transmission line conductor will attach. Right of Way (ROW) will be required for this span.
- It is understood that the Interconnection Customer is responsible for all of the connection costs associated with interconnecting GEN-2021-036 to the AEP transmission system. The cost of the customer's generating facility and the costs for the line connecting the generating facility to AEP's transmission system (Beyond the

first span exiting the POI) are not included in this report; these are assumed to be the Customer's responsibility.

- The customer will be responsible for the cost of constructing a fiber-optic connection from their telecom equipment to AEP's new 138 kV ring bus station.

1.3 SHORT CIRCUIT 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 additional short circuit upgrade costs associated with the DISIS-2021-001; GEN-2021-036 interconnection.

1.4 STABILITY EVALUATION

- Based on the results of the DISIS-2021-001 DISIS short circuit and stability report, AEP is not aware of any instances where the system does not meet TPL-001 stability performance requirements for the planning events and generation dispatch conditions that were considered in this DISIS study.

1.5 INTERCONNECTION COST OF FACILITIES INCLUDED IN THE FACILITIES STUDY:

Network Upgrades (Build new 138 kV 3-breaker ring bus station)	\$13,998,914
Transmission Owner Interconnection Facilities (TOIF)	\$2,812,125
Remote End Work	\$1,642,964
Total Cost	\$18,454,003

The estimates do not include the impact that delays in obtaining ROW, permits, or other approvals may have.

1.6 PROJECT LEAD TIME

Project in-service date is projected to be 36 months after the issuance of Authorization to Proceed from the Interconnection Customer.

Figure 1: Point of Interconnection (POI INFORMATION) One-Line Diagram

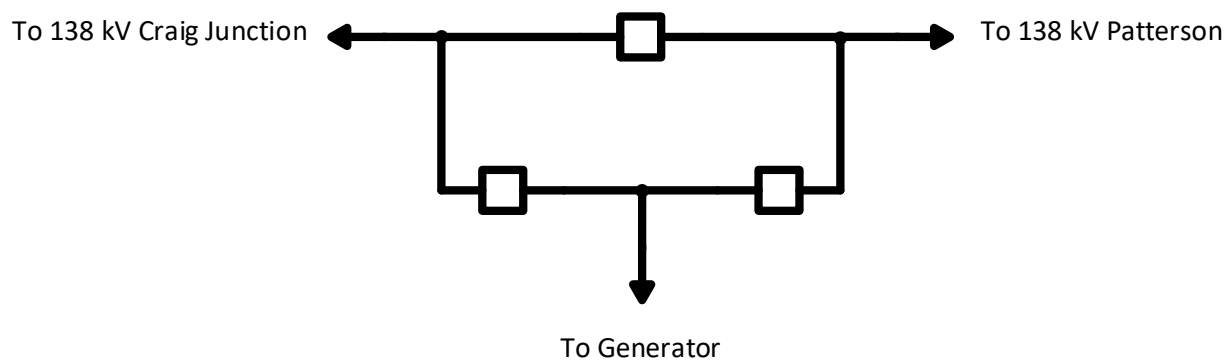
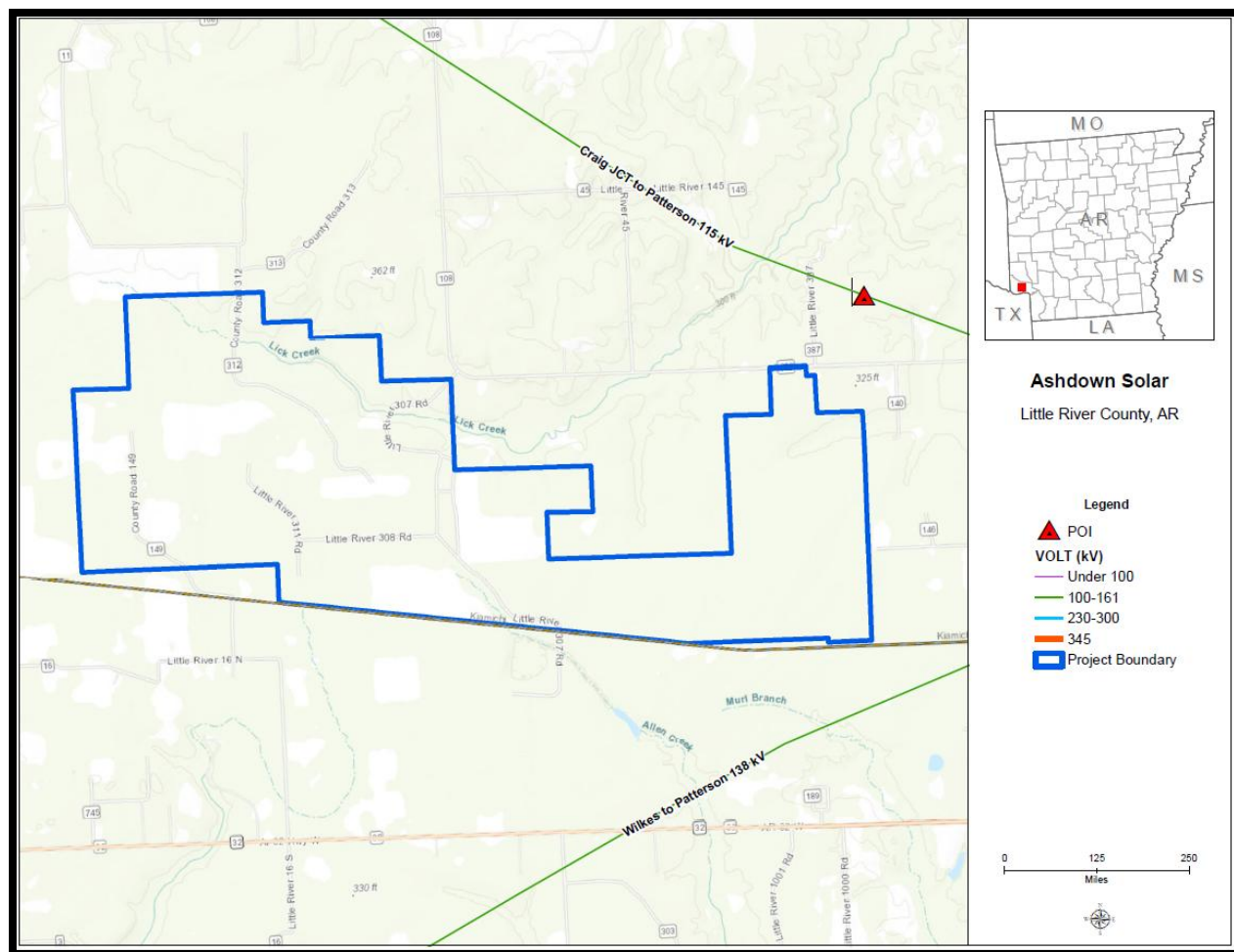


Figure 2: Point of Interconnection Map





**AEP Generation Interconnection
Facilities Study Report
for
DISIS-2021-001
DeQueen to DeQueen REC 69 kV Line
Rebuild
Sevier County, Arkansas**

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2 FACILITIES STUDY SUMMARY

American Electric Power (AEP) Southwest Transmission Planning performed the following study at the request of the Southwest Power Pool (SPP) for SPP Generation Interconnection request DISIS-2021-001. Per the SPP Generator Interconnection Procedures (GIP), SPP requested that AEP perform an Interconnection Facilities Study (IFS) for Network Upgrade(s) in accordance with Attachment V, Section 8.11 of the Generator Interconnection Procedures (GIP).

DeQueen to DeQueen REC 69 kV

- Rebuild the approx. 3.5-mile line section to achieve the desired 51 MVA summer emergency rating.

1.7PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Per the DISIS-2021-001 study request, AEP proposes to rebuild the DeQueen to DeQueen REC 69 kV line (Figure 1) in Sevier County, Arkansas.

1.8AEP'S SCOPE OF WORK TO FACILITATE INTERCONNECTION

- To accommodate the desired summer emergency rating of 51 MVA requested for the DeQueen to DeQueen REC 69 kV line, an existing approx. 3.5-mile line section will be rebuilt.
- The design and construction of the new equipment will meet all AEP specifications for transmission lines. AEP will own, operate, and maintain the DeQueen to DeQueen REC 69 kV line.
- It is understood that the Interconnection Customers are responsible for the cost of all of this work.

1.9SHORT CIRCUIT 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 this equipment. Therefore, there are no additional short circuit upgrade costs associated with the DISIS-2021-001, UID 170639 interconnection.

1.10 INTERCONNECTION COST OF FACILITIES INCLUDED IN THE FACILITIES STUDY:

Rebuild the approx. 3.5-mile section of 69 kV line from DeQueen to DeQueen REC.	\$7,417,990
Total Cost	\$7,417,990

The estimates do not include the impact that delays in obtaining ROW, permits, or other approvals may have.

1.11 PROJECT LEAD TIME

Project in-service date is projected to be 36 months after the issuance of Authorization to Proceed from the Interconnection Customer.

Figure 1

