

**Generation Interconnection Facilities Study Report
For GEN 2022-075 – 175MW Solar Generating Facility
In Ellis County, Kansas.
October 30th, 2025**



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1.0 Overview

ITC Great Plains (“ITCGP”) has performed a facility study at the request of Southwest Power Pool (“SPP”) for Generation Interconnection request GEN-2022-075 under the SPP Open Access Transmission Tariff. The subject request entails interconnecting a 175 MW solar powered generation facility in Ellis County, Kansas. The project will interconnect at a new ITCGP GEN 2022-075 switching station on the Post Rock to Spearville line approximately 10 miles South of the Post Rock Substation. It is scheduled for completion by **December 31, 2029**. This date will be revised during the GIA negotiations.

The ITCGP scope of this Facility Study is to provide a cost estimate for the Customer’s interconnection facilities. This study does not directly address any of the Network Upgrades that may be identified in the DISIS 2022-001, the facilities that are being constructed by the interconnection customer, or any potential sub-transmission facilities (if any) that may be required.

1.1 Facility Study Summary

ITCGP estimates the total project cost of the customer’s interconnection facilities will be **\$ 19,663,524+/-** 20 % accuracy) including applicable company overheads in 2025 dollars. It includes \$18,357,086.42 for Network Upgrades and \$1,306,437.58 for Transmission Owner Interconnection Facilities. It is further estimated that the required legal/real estate acquisition and construction activities will require 30 months after the GIA is executed. The attached report contains additional details regarding the estimate as well as results of short circuit studies, review of reactive compensation, and information on Interconnection & Operating requirements.

ITCGP intends to self-fund the network upgrades for this project and will require a Facility Service Agreement to be negotiated in parallel with the GIA for this project. GEN 2022-075 interconnection facilities will require Network Upgrades on the ITCGP system to connect the new generation. Network Upgrades consist of the following:

- A new 3-breaker 345 kV ITCGP GEN 2022-075 interconnection station at the POI on the Post Rock to Spearville 345 kV line
- Looping in the Post Rock to Spearville 345 kV line into the new substation

In addition to the identified Network Upgrades, there are specific Interconnection Facilities which ITCGP will construct, own, operate, and maintain. These facilities include the new line entrance structure and 345kV disconnect switch on the end of the radial line from GEN 2022-075 at the ITCGP switching station as well as any ITCGP relaying and control equipment required for the protection of the developer’s radial line.

The Interconnection Customer is responsible for constructing all sole-use facilities such as the solar farm collector station and the radial 345kV line from the collector station to the new ITCGP switching station. While this report does define Interconnection Customer owned Interconnection Facilities in enough detail to explain basic requirements, it does not define or contain all the detailed requirements. Additional metering, communications, and operational requirements may be identified as the Interconnection and Operating Agreements are developed and further communications between the Transmission Owner and Interconnection Customer take place. The Interconnection Customer’s low voltage system is not defined in this report.

2.0 Voltage Guidelines:

Reactive power, voltage regulation and operating requirements will be as per Transmission Operator (TOP) and Transmission Provider directives. Interconnection Customer will operate the Generating Facility to a voltage schedule of 350 kV (1.014 pu) with a bandwidth of +10kV (0.029 pu) / - 5 kV (0.014 pu) at the Point of Interconnection (POI) utilizing the Generating Facility's required power factor design capability as indicated in SPP DISIS 2022-001. As per SPP DISIS 2022-001, the Interconnection Customer's required power factor capability is 0.95 lagging to 0.95 leading (at the POI).

Note that any reactive compensation installed by the Interconnection Customer shall not cause voltage distortion in accordance with Article 9.7.6 Power Quality of the Generation Interconnection Agreement.

The Interconnection Customer will regulate the Generating Facility's voltage to the specified voltage set point within the defined bandwidth stated above using an automatic voltage controller with applicable external reactive compensation.

The above voltage schedule is subject to change. If the need for a change is identified, it will be done within the limits of the GIA provisions stated in Section 9.6 and the Generating Facility's power factor design criteria as stated above. If a schedule change is needed, appropriate written documentation for the change will be provided to the Interconnection Customer.

The Interconnection Customer is required to have a generator operator available for 24/7 communication with the TOP. The TOP may, at any time request a variance from the schedule in response to system operating/security requirements.

3.0 Network Upgrades

3.1 New ITCGP GEN 2022-075 interconnection substation

3.1.1 Project Location:

This switchyard will be located approximately 10 miles from the Post Rock Substation on the Post Rock to Spearville 345kV line in Ellis County, Kansas.

3.1.2 Project Overview:

The purpose of this project is to build a 345kV switchyard to provide a transmission system interconnection for the GEN 2022-075 Solar Farm. The switchyard will consist of three 345kV circuit breakers arranged in a ring bus configuration.

The new 345kV switchyard will have a new control house with adequate AC and DC station service supplies, new control and protection panels and a new RTU for communication with the Transmission Owner's master control station.

The new switchyard will cut into the 345kV Post Rock to Spearville line.

3.1.3 Design Criteria:

The Transmission Owner's standards will be applicable. Where no applicable standards are available, the Transmission Owner will substitute industry standards and other good utility practices.

3.1.4 One-Line Diagrams:

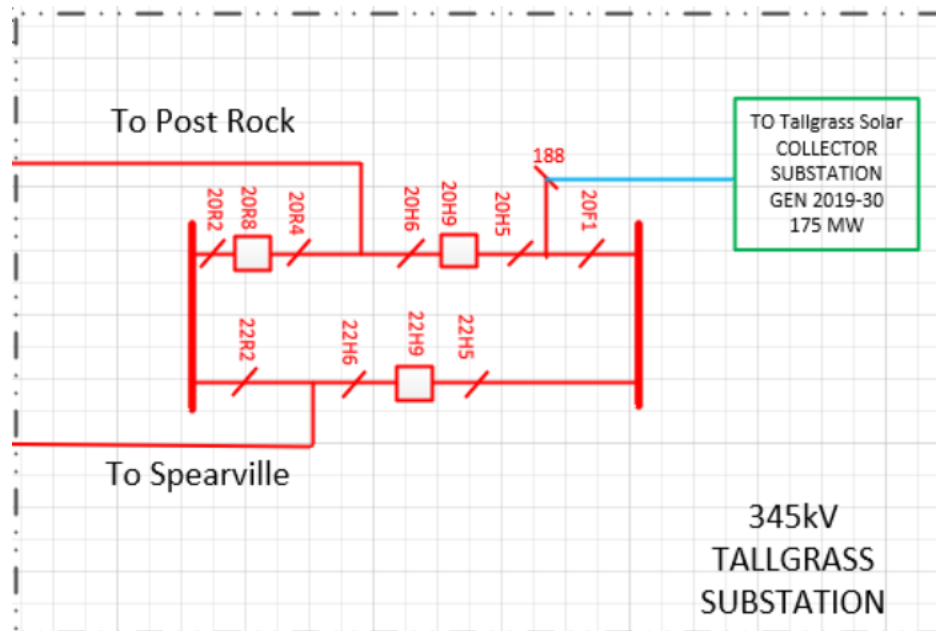


Figure 1 GEN-2022-075 ITCGP Interconnection Substation One Line

3.1.5 Route Information: N/A

3.1.6 Right-of-Way Information:

It is assumed that the interconnection customer will be responsible for building the 345 kV line required to connect the ITCGP Switching Station at the POI with the customer's substation. As such, the interconnection costs contained herein do not include any costs for extending the ITCGP transmission line. Please see section 6 for general guidelines.

3.1.7 Permitting:

The Interconnection Customer will be responsible for satisfying all community or governmental site plan or zoning approval requirements which may include wetland or flood plain permits. The Transmission Owner will be responsible for the control center building permit, and the KDHE storm water construction permits associated with the Transmission Owner portions of the construction.

3.1.8 Metering & Ownership Demarcation:

Covered in section 4.1.9

3.1.9 Protection & Control Overview:

Two sets of 345kV CCVTs will be installed, one set for each line.

OGPW will be installed for each line.

Three 345kV breaker control panels with microprocessor-based relays will be installed. Breaker failure protection, automatic reclosing supervised by synchronism check will be provided.

Two 345kV line relaying panels with microprocessor-based relays will be installed.

3.1.10 Insulation Coordination:

345kV, 1050kV BIL

3.1.11 Short Circuit Study Results - Bus Fault Levels:

ITCGP calculated bus fault levels for the interconnection substation and adjacent substations to determine if the added generation will cause fault currents to exceed interrupting ratings for existing equipment and for use in sizing future equipment. Calculations are based on data for the interconnection transformer and installed solarturbines supplied by the Interconnection Customer. Variance from supplied data could materially change calculated short circuit values. Results are displayed in Table 1.

Table 1 – Short Circuit Results

Fault Location	Maximum Fault Current (Amps)	
	Phase	Ground
Post Rock	8100	7200
Spearville 345 kV Bus	13439	13108
GEN 2022-075 345 kV Switching Station	13535	12085

Fault currents shown in Table 1 are within the circuit breaker interrupting capabilities with the addition of 175 MW contributed by GEN-2022-075.

3.1.13 Reactive Compensation:

ITCGP evaluated the impact of the proposed interconnection on the reactive compensation equipment presently planned or in service for the Post Rock and Spearville Substation facilities. ITCGP studies concluded that additional reactive compensation Will not be needed at this time.

3.1.14 Other Equipments & Materials:

- Gas Circuit Breakers (GCB): three (3) 345 kV, 3000A rated, 63kAIC.
- Disconnect Switch: eight (8) 345 kV, 3000A rated, 1050 kV BIL.
- CCVTs: six (6) 345kV, 3-winding, 1550kV BIL.
- Insulators: sixty (60) 345 kV, 1050 kV BIL station post, porcelain.

- Surge Arresters: six (6) 345kV, vertical mount, 209MCOV, polymer.
- Control Cable: Control cables per Transmission Owner standards will be installed in direct buried PVC conduits, above grade LFMC conduits and in pre-cast cable trench. All control cables from the yard will be terminated at the relaying control panels. The control building will have overhead cable trays for necessary cable runs and inter-panel connections.

3.1.15 Relaying, Control, & SCADA:

Panel Requirements

- 3 – RD3024 – Tie Breaker Control (SEL-351S)
- 2 – RD3070 – “A” Line Relaying, Carrier (SEL-421 & UPLC)
- 2 – RD3076 – “B” Line Relaying, Carrier (SEL-311C & UPLC)

3.1.16 Grounding System:

The grounding system will be designed and installed per Transmission Owner’s standards. These standards follow the IEEE 80 standards.

3.1.17 Lightning Shielding Design:

Lightning shielding will be provided per Transmission Owner’s standards. Multiple H-frame structures along with shield wire will be used for lightning protection.

3.1.18 Yard Lighting:

Yard lighting will be installed to be sufficient for visual indication of the disconnect switch positions or egress of personnel, and will not serve as task lighting.

3.1.19 Structures:

The required new outdoor steel structures listed below will be hot-dipped galvanized wide flange structures or tubular steel:

- Eight (8) 345 kV disconnect switch stands
- Nineteen (19) 345 kV bus support
- Four (4) 345kV wave trap stands
- Three (3) H-frame line entrance structures
- Six (6) 345kV CCVT stands
- Six (6) 345kV surge arrester stands

3.1.20 Foundations:

Foundations and slabs will be designed and installed in accordance with the owner’s standards and specifications. The minimum design depth to firm bearing is contingent upon soil borings at the site.

3.1.21 Scheduling Requirements:

Legal/Real Estate Procurement	9 weeks
Material Procurement / Design	76 weeks
Substation Construction	32 weeks
Closeout Activities	4 weeks

3.1.22 Site Work:wave trap

Site grading will be required for the new 345kV switchyard.

3.1.23 Total Cost: \$18,357,086.42 Total Cost Estimate Accuracy: +/- 20%

Note that the cost estimate provided is expressed in 2025 terms and includes applicable company overheads. ITCGP reserves the right to adjust this value during the GIA negotiations to reflect an engineering level cost estimate that was not available at the time of crafting this facility study.

3.2 Loop Post Rock to Spearville line into GEN 2022-075 interconnection substation

3.2.1 Project Location:

The new switchyard will be located at approximately 10 miles South from the Post Rock Substation on the Post Rock to Spearville line in Ellis County, Kansas.

3.2.2 Project Overview:

The project involves opening the existing Post Rock to Spearville 345 kV line and looping it into the new GEN 2022-075 Interconnection Substation.

3.2.3 Design Criteria:

Design Standards will be Transmission Owner Standards. Where no applicable standards are available, the Transmission Owner will utilize industry standards and good Utility practices.

3.2.4 One-Line Diagrams: N/A

3.2.5 Site Plan: N/A

3.2.6 Route Information:

The routing associated with looping the Post Rock to Spearville circuit into the GEN 2022-075 Sub is minimal and will be contained to the property surrounding the GEN 2022-075 Substation. To be Confirmed during the GIA

3.2.7 Right-of-Way Information:

The new transmission line structures will be located on existing easement or on the new substation property. Please see section 6 for general guidelines

3.2.8 Permitting:

Same as that covering section 3.1.8.

3.2.9 Metering & Ownership Demarcation: N/A

3.2.10 Protection & Control Overview: N/A

3.2.11 Insulation Coordination: N/A

3.2.12 Short Circuit Study Results - Bus Fault Levels: N/A

3.2.12 Other Equipments & Materials: N/A

3.2.13 Relaying, Control, & SCADA: N/A

3.2.14 Grounding System: N/A

3.2.15 Lightning Shielding Design:

Lightning shielding design will be in accordance with the Transmission Owner's standards and specifications.

3.2.16 Yard Lighting: N/A

3.2.17 Structures:

The new transmission line structures will be 345 kV galvanized steel monopoles or lattice towers, pending the most feasible and appropriate design. Two structure(s) will be required to loop the line into the new station.

3.2.18 Foundations:

Foundations will be designed and installed in accordance with the Transmission Owner's standards and specifications. The transmission structure foundations will be drilled piers.

3.2.19 Conductors, Shield Wires, & OPGW:

The conductor will be a bundled T2-477 kcmil (26/7) ACSR "Hawk" per phase. The shield wire will be 159 kcmil (12/7) ACSR "Guinea."

3.2.20 Insulators:

Insulators will be 345 kV polymer insulators.

3.2.21 Removal of Existing Facilities:

TBD – tentatively no existing facilities will be removed.

3.2.22 Site Work: N/A

3.2.23 **Total Cost of Network Upgrades:** \$18,357,086.42

Total Cost Estimate Accuracy: +/- 20%

Note that the cost estimate provided is expressed in 2025 terms and includes applicable company overheads.

4.0 Transmission Owner Interconnection Facilities

4.1 GEN 2022-030– Interconnection Facilities

4.1.1 Project Location:

This switchyard will be located approximately 10 miles from the Post Rock on the Post Rock to Spearville line in Ellis County, Kansas.

4.1.2 Project Overview:

A new line entrance structure will be added at the ITCGP GEN 2022-075 interconnection switchyard for termination of the line from the collector substation. A disconnect switch will be installed beneath this structure for isolation of the developer's line. Line relaying will be added to protect the line. A set of CCVT's and surge arresters will be added to the line terminal.

4.1.3 Design Criteria:

The Transmission Owner's standards will be applicable. Where no applicable standards are available, the Transmission Owner will substitute industry standards and other good utility practices.

4.1.4 One-Line Diagrams: See Figure 1

4.1.5 Site Plan: See Figure 2.

4.1.6 Route Information: N/A

4.1.7 Right-of-Way Information: N/A

4.1.8 Permitting: Same as that covering section 3.1.8

4.1.9 Metering & Ownership Demarcation:

The Interconnection Customer or others will provide, own, operate and maintain revenue metering. The specifics of the revenue metering will be defined during the detailed engineering phase of the project. The customer must cooperate with the Transmission Provider and Local Transmission Owner requirements in the metering design. Revenue metering equipment will be required at customer's project substation with loss compensation to the Point of Interchange in the Transmission Owner's substation.

The ownership demarcation will be at first substation steel H-frame within the security fence of the Transmission Owner substation.

The Interconnection Customer will be required to provide enough conductor to terminate on the H-frame and extend down to reach grade level.

4.1.10 Protection & Control Overview:

- One set of 345kV CCVTs will be installed on the GEN 2022-075line.
- Two paths of fiber optic cable (OPGW) will be required for line protection. They will be supplied by the Interconnection Customer.
- One 345kV line relaying panel with microprocessor based relays will be installed.

4.1.11 Insulation Coordination:

345kV, 1050kV BIL

4.1.12 Short Circuit Study Results - Bus Fault Levels: See Section 3a above

4.1.13 Other Equipments & Materials:

- Disconnect Switch: One (1) 345 kV, 3000A rated, 1050 kV BIL.
- CCVTs: Three (3) 345 kV, 3-winding, 1550kV BIL.
- Surge Arresters: Three (3) 345 kV, vertical mount, 209 kV MCOV, polymer.
- Control Cables: Control cables per Transmission Owner standards will be installed in direct buried PVC conduits, above grade LFMC conduits and in pre-cast cable trench. All control cables from the yard will be terminated at the relaying control panels. The control building will have overhead cable trays for necessary cable runs and inter-panel connections.

4.1.14 Relaying, Control, & SCADA:

Panel Requirements: One RD3048 Panel – Fiber optic current differential (SEL 311L Relays)

4.1.15 Grounding System:

The grounding system will be designed and installed per Transmission Owner's standards. These standards follow the IEEE 80 standards.

4.1.16 Lightning Shielding Design:

The attachment of the OPGW shield wire from the developer's line to the H-frame will provide lightning protection for the Interconnection Facility equipment at GEN 2016-049 interconnection substation.

4.1.17 Yard Lighting:

Yard lighting will be installed to be sufficient for visual indication of the disconnect switch position or egress of personnel, and will not serve as task lighting.

4.1.18 Structures:

The required new outdoor steel structures listed below will be hot-dipped galvanized wide flange structures or tubular steel:

- One (1) 345 kV disconnect switch stand
- Two (2) H-frame line entrance structures
- Three (3) 345 kV CCVT stands
- Three (3) 345 kV surge arrester stands

4.1.19 Foundations:

Foundations will be designed and installed in accordance with the owner's standards and specifications. The minimum design depth to firm bearing is contingent upon soil borings at the site.

4.1.20 Conductors, Shield Wires, & OPGW: N/A

4.1.21 Insulators: N/A

4.1.22 Removal of Existing Facilities: N/A

4.1.23 Site Work: N/A

4.1.24 Total TOIF Cost: \$1,306,437.58

Total Cost Estimate Accuracy: +/- 20%

Total Project cost (Network Upgrades and Interconnection facilities): \$18,357,086.42+
\$1,306,437.58 = \$ 19,663,524

Note that the cost estimate provided is expressed in 2025 terms and includes applicable company overheads. ITCGP reserves the right to adjust this value during the GIA negotiations to reflect an engineering level cost estimate that was not available at the time of crafting this facility study.

5.0 Interconnection Customer Interconnection Facilities

5.1 GEN 2022-075 Interconnection facilities

All facilities within the Interconnection Customer's collector substation and between the Interconnection Customer's substation and ITCGP's new GEN 2022-075 interconnection substation are not included in this report and are the sole responsibility of the Interconnection Customer. Some of the key facilities are

briefly mentioned below. The Point of Interconnection (POI) and the Point of Change of Ownership (PCO) are shown in Figure.

The Interconnection Customer shall construct the 345 kV radial line from the solar farm collector station to ITCGP's new GEN 2022-075 interconnection substation. Installation of OPGW shield wire on the radial line from GEN 2022-075 containing at least 12 single mode fibers will be required for ITCGP relaying and communication purposes.

The customer's step-up transformer between the solar farm's 34.5 kV collector network and the 345 kV facilities will require a high side breaker capable of interrupting a transformer high side winding fault.

All Interconnection Customer owned 345 kV apparatus as well as the revenue metering equipment located in the Interconnection Customer's substation shall comply with ITCGP standards and will be subject to ITCGP approval. ITCGP will provide the Interconnection Customer with standards during detailed design or upon request. The Interconnection Customer is solely responsible for the SCADA and telecommunications facilities necessary to operate and monitor its facility.

Necessary trip and close signal interlocks will be provided by ITCGP to the Interconnection Customer's generation facility for the safe operation of the system. Interconnection Customer will provide breaker status and current transformer signals to ITCGP for system operation and protection.

Total Project Cost: N/A
Total Cost Estimate Accuracy: N/A

6.0 Right Of Way Requirements

The Interconnection Customer shall obtain easements from the Transmission Owner to work in or drive through the Transmission Owner's transmission line right-of-way. The Transmission Owner and Interconnection Customer will also cooperatively negotiate any easements required for the Interconnection Customer's transmission lines and structures. The Transmission Owner agrees to not unreasonably withhold easements.

For the Network Upgrades and any Transmission Owner Interconnection facilities identified in this report, the Transmission Owner agrees to obtain all necessary easements/right-of-way as required to construct those facilities that will be owned and operated by ITCGP.

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The *NPPD DISIS-2022-001 Facility Study* was performed to document the network upgrades identified by SPP in Phase 2 of the SPP DISIS-2022-001 Study. The NPPD Facility Study includes detailed cost estimates and estimated project schedules for the upgrades identified in the SPP studies.

Network Upgrades

NPPD's Engineering, Asset Management, and Project Management groups have reviewed the network upgrades that are required for SPP DISIS-2022-001 Generation Interconnection projects. Detailed cost estimates have been prepared for the facility upgrades that were identified in the system impact study for the requests. The prepared cost estimates are study level estimates (+20%/-20%) and assume implementation of standard NPPD construction and procurement practices. The cost estimates for the network upgrades are below:

- Axtell – Kearney 115 kV Line Rebuild
 - Rebuild existing Axtell – Kearney 115 kV Line including terminal upgrades
 - At least 400 MVA (rebuild)
 - 48 Month Lead Time

\$ 18,900,000

Network Upgrade project schedule details will be further discussed in the development of the generator interconnection agreements (GIA) and the milestones associated with the generation interconnection projects.