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INTERCONNECTION FACILITY STUDY

for

Generation Interconnection Request 2023-035

200MW Solar Generation Interconnection
in Grady County, OK.

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SUMMARY

Pursuant to 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-2023-035. 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 $8,000,000.

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Introduction

The Southwest Power Pool has requested a facility Study for the purpose of interconnecting 200MW of Solar Generation within the service territory of WFEC in Grady County, Oklahoma. The proposed 138kV POI (35.167583, -97.986583) is in between Amber Tap and Cleveland Switch Station on the Cleveland to OU 138kV transmission circuit.

The cost for adding a new 138kV Switching Station (Steel Track Switch Station) at the POI with breakers and relaying to is estimated at $8,000,000.

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

Interconnection Facilities

The primary objective of this study is to identify WFEC interconnection facilities. Figure 1 below shows the proposed interconnection of GEN-2023-035.

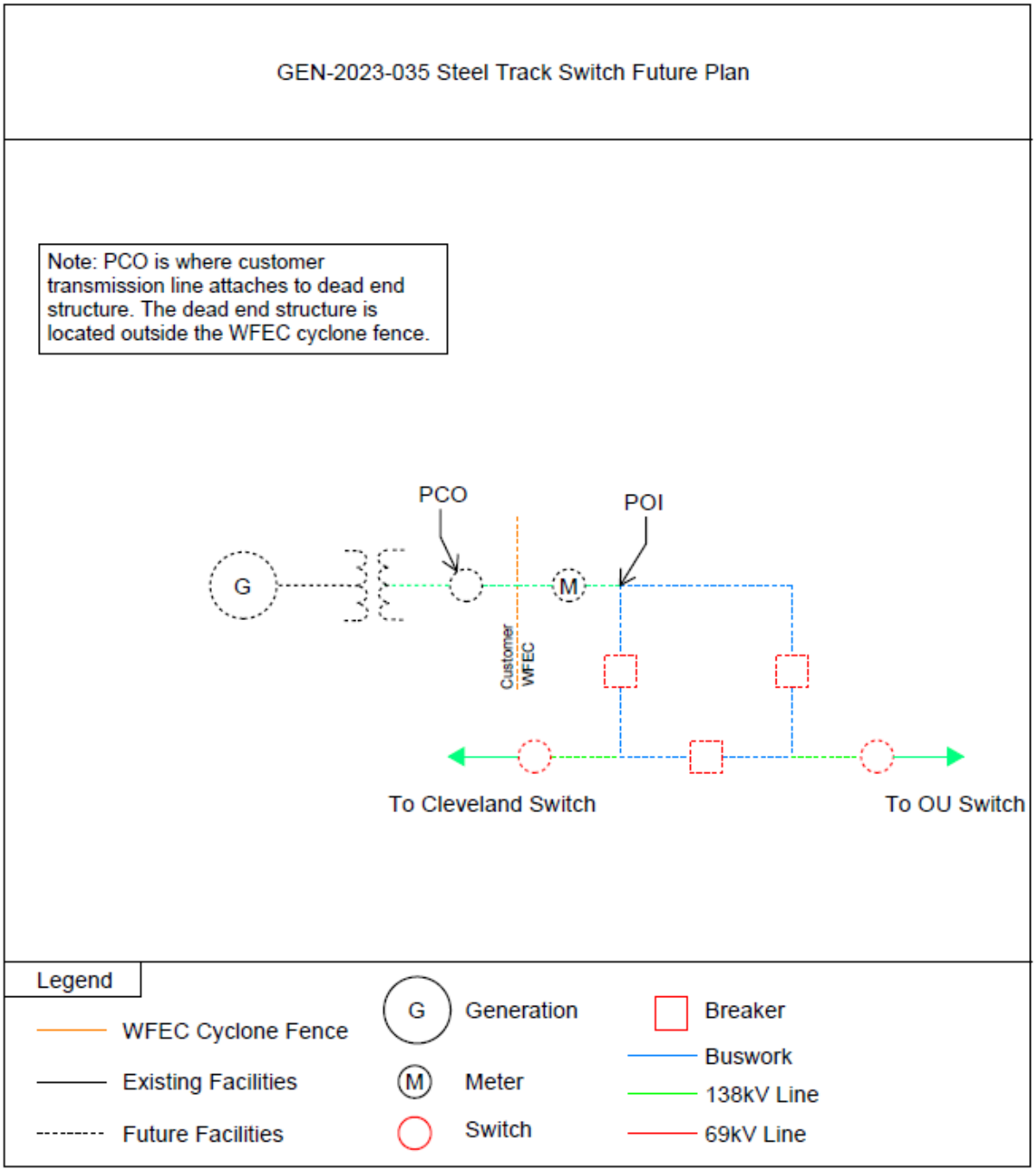

Figure 1: One-line Diagram Facilities for GEN-2023-035

To accommodate an interconnection for GEN 2023-035 WFEC will construct a new 138kV three-breaker ring bus, equipping a terminal for the following three lines: Cleveland, OU, and the customer's GEN-2023-035 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 total cost for the interconnection facilities at POI is estimated at $8,000,000. 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 Cleveland and OU 138kV station is shown below. As an inverter-based resource (IBR) 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 1170A at the POI, so no existing 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 200MW of solar generation on the Cleveland to OU 138kV transmission circuit.

Table 1: WFEC Cleveland and OU Switch Station 138kV Breaker Capacity

BUS	BREAKER	DUTY %	DUTY (A)	BKR CAPACITY (A)
Cleveland Switch Station 138kV	138kV Breakers (x3)	33%	13250 (3LG)	40000
OU Switch Station 138kV	138kV Breakers (x4) (162 – 462)	37%	14800 (3LG)	40000

Interconnection Cost

Table 2: Transmission Owner Interconnection Facilities

Transmission Owner Interconnection Facilities (TOIF) **UID: 158738**	Cost Estimate ($)	Estimated Lead Time
WFEC Steel Track Switch Interconnection Substation: Construct one 138kV line terminal, line switches, dead end structures, 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: $ 100,000 ROW: $ 100,000 Material: $ 900,000 Construction: $ 900,000 **TOTAL: $ 2,000,000**	**60 Months**

Table 3: Non-Shared Network Upgrades

Non-Shared Network Upgrades Description **UID: 158739**	Cost Estimate ($)	Estimated Lead Time
WFEC Steel Track Switch Interconnection Substation: Construct 138kV three-terminal ringbus, 2000A continuous rating, 40kA short circuit rating, breakers (3), switches, foundations, overhead static, ground grid, gravel, grading, fence, line relaying and communications, acquire land, and terminate WFEC Cleveland - OU 138kV transmission line.	Engineering: $ 300,000 ROW: $ 300,000 Material: $ 2,700,000 Construction: $ 2,700,000 **TOTAL: $ 6,000,000**	**60 Months**