

10. Interconnection Process.

10.1 Applicability.

All requests for Interconnection of wholesale load directly to the ISO Controlled Grid from parties eligible to request such Interconnection consistent with Section 210(a) of the FPA shall be processed pursuant to the provisions of this Section 10. All requests for Interconnection of wholesale generation directly to the ISO Controlled Grid shall be processed pursuant to the provisions of the ISO Tariff, and if applicable, Appendix VII of the TO Tariff.

10.2 Applications.

A party requesting Interconnection shall submit a written Interconnection Application which provides the information required in Section 10.3 to the Participating TO and shall send a copy of the application to the ISO. The Participating TO shall time-stamp the application to establish study priority.

10.3 Interconnection Application.

An Interconnection Application shall provide all of the information listed in 18 CFR § 2.20, including, but not limited to, the following:

- (i) The identity, address, telephone number, and facsimile number of the party requesting Interconnection;
- (ii) The Interconnection point(s) to the ISO Controlled Grid contemplated by the applicant;
- (iii) The resultant (or new) maximum amount of Interconnection capacity;

(iv) The proposed date for energizing the Interconnection and the term of the Interconnection service;

(v) Such other information as the Participating TO reasonably requires to process the application.

In addition to the information specified above, the following information may also be provided in order to properly evaluate system conditions:

(vi) The electrical location of the source of the power (if known) to be transmitted pursuant to the applicant's request for Interconnection. If the source of the power is not known, a system purchase will be assumed.

Within ten (10) Business Days after receipt of an Interconnection Application, the Participating TO shall determine whether the application is complete ("Completed Interconnection Application"). Wherever possible, the Participating TO will attempt to remedy deficiencies in the Interconnection Application through informal communications with the applicant. If such efforts are unsuccessful, the Participating TO shall return the Interconnection Application to the applicant. The Participating TO will treat the information provided in the Interconnection Application, including the applicant's identity, as confidential at the request of the applicant except to the extent that disclosure of this information is required by this TO Tariff, by regulatory or judicial order, for reliability purposes pursuant to Good Utility Practice, or pursuant to RTG or ISO transmission information sharing agreements. The Participating TO shall treat this information consistent with the standards of conduct contained in Part 37 of FERC's regulations.

10.4 Review of Completed Interconnection Application.

After receiving a Completed Interconnection Application, the Participating TO will determine on a non-discriminatory basis whether a System Impact Study is required. Whenever the Participating TO determines that a System Impact Study is not required and that neither Reliability Upgrades nor changes in existing operating procedures are required, the Participating TO shall notify the applicant within fifteen (15) Business Days of the Completed Application Date. If the Interconnection can be accommodated without any Direct Assignment Facilities, then within thirty (30) Business Days of such notice from the Participating TO, the applicant shall request the Participating TO to tender to the applicant an Interconnection Agreement within thirty (30) Business Days of such request. The Participating TO shall tender to the applicant an Interconnection Agreement as provided in Section 8.1.3. If the Participating TO determines, upon the review of the Completed Interconnection Application, that Direct Assignment Facilities are required, the Participating TO shall tender to the applicant a Facilities Study Agreement within twenty (20) Business Days of the Completed Application Date and continue the interconnection process pursuant to Section 10.8.

10.5 Notice of Need for System Impact Study.

If the Participating TO determines that a System Impact Study is necessary to accommodate the requested Interconnection, the Participating TO shall so inform the applicant, as soon as practicable. In such cases, the Participating TO shall within twenty (20) Business Days of receipt of a Completed Interconnection Application, tender a System Impact Study Agreement that defines the scope, content, assumptions and terms of reference for such study to be completed by the Participating TO; the

estimated time required to complete it; and such other provisions as the parties may reasonably require, and pursuant to which the applicant shall agree to reimburse the Participating TO for the reasonable actual costs of performing the required System Impact Study. A description of the Participating TO's transmission assessment practices for completing a System Impact Study is provided in the Participating TO's FERC Form 715. For an Interconnection request to remain a Completed Interconnection Application, the applicant shall execute the System Impact Study Agreement and return it to the Participating TO within ten (10) Business Days together with payment for the reasonable estimated cost of performing the System Impact Study. Alternatively, if the applicant requests the Participating TO to proceed with the System Impact Study and commits to abide by the terms, conditions, and cost assignments ultimately determined under the ISO ADR Procedures, including any determination by FERC or appeal of a FERC determination in accordance with that process, the Participating TO shall promptly proceed with the System Impact Study provided that such request is accompanied by payment for the reasonable estimated cost of the System Impact Study, and the parties shall submit the disputed terms for resolution under the ISO's ADR Procedures. If the applicant elects not to execute a System Impact Study Agreement, and does not request that the Participating TO proceed with the System Impact Study, its application shall be deemed withdrawn, and the applicant shall reimburse to the Participating TO all costs reasonably incurred in processing the application.

10.6 System Impact Study Cost Reimbursement and Agreement

10.6.1 Cost Reimbursement.

The System Impact Study Agreement shall clearly specify the charge, based on the Participating TO's estimate of the cost and time for completion of the System Impact Study. The charge shall not exceed the reasonable actual cost of the study. In performing the System Impact Study, the Participating TO shall rely, to the extent reasonably practicable, on existing transmission planning studies. The applicant will not be assessed a charge for such existing studies; however, the applicant will be responsible for the reasonable charges associated with any modifications to existing planning studies that are reasonably necessary to evaluate the impact of the applicant's request.

10.6.2 Multiple Parties.

If multiple parties request Interconnection at the same location, the Participating TO may conduct a single System Impact Study. The costs of that study shall be pro-rated among the parties requesting Interconnection.

10.7 System Impact Study Procedures.

Upon receipt of an executed System Impact Study Agreement or initiation of the ISO ADR Procedures and receipt of payment for estimated study costs, the Participating TO will use due diligence to complete the required System Impact Study within a sixty (60) calendar day period. The System Impact Study will identify whether any Direct Assignment Facilities or Reliability Upgrades are necessary, as well as whether any transmission additions or upgrades are necessary to serve a wholesale load. The System Impact Study will also identify any adverse impact on Encumbrances existing as

of the applicant's Completed Application Date. In the event that the Participating TO is unable to complete the required System Impact Study within such time period, it shall so notify the applicant, in writing, and provide an estimated completion date along with an explanation of the reasons why additional time is required to complete the required studies. A copy of the completed System Impact Study and related work papers shall be made available to the applicant and the ISO. The Participating TO will use the same due diligence in completing the System Impact Study for others as it uses when completing studies for its affiliated UDC load. The Participating TO shall notify the applicant immediately upon completion of the System Impact Study.

10.7.1 Procedures Upon Completion of System Impact Study.

Within fifteen (15) Business Days of completion of the System Impact Study, the Participating TO shall notify the applicant whether the transmission system will be adequate to accommodate all of a request for Interconnection. If no costs are likely to be incurred for any Direct Assignment Facilities, any Reliability Upgrades, or implementing any operating procedures, then within thirty (30) Business Days of receipt of the completed System Impact Study, the applicant shall request the Participating TO to tender an Interconnection Agreement within thirty (30) Business Days of such request. The Participating TO shall tender to the applicant an Interconnection Agreement as provided in Section 8.1.3. If costs are likely to be incurred to accommodate a request for Interconnection, the Participating TO shall tender to the applicant a Facilities Study Agreement pursuant to Section 10.8.

10.8 Notice of Need for Facilities Study.

If a System Impact Study indicates that additions or upgrades to the ISO Controlled Grid are needed to satisfy an applicant's request for Interconnection, the Participating TO shall, within fifteen (15) Business Days of the completion date of the System Impact Study tender to the applicant a Facilities Study Agreement that defines the scope, content, assumptions and terms of reference for such study; the estimated time required to complete the required study; and such other provisions as the parties may reasonably require, and pursuant to which the applicant agrees to reimburse the Participating TO for the reasonable actual costs of performing the required Facilities Study. For an Interconnection request to remain a Completed Interconnection Application, the applicant shall execute the Facilities Study Agreement and return it to the Participating TO within ten (10) Business Days together with payment for the reasonable estimated cost of performing the Facilities Study. Alternatively, if the applicant requests the Participating TO to proceed with the Facilities Study and commits to abide by the terms, conditions, and cost assignments ultimately determined under the ISO ADR Procedures, including any determination by FERC or appeal of a FERC determination in accordance with that process, the Participating TO shall promptly proceed with the Facilities Study provided that such request is accompanied by payment for the reasonable estimated cost of the Facilities Study, and the parties shall submit the disputed terms for resolution under the ISO ADR Procedures. If the applicant elects not to execute a Facilities Study Agreement and does not request that the Participating TO proceed with the Facilities Study, its application shall be deemed withdrawn and the applicant shall reimburse to the Participating TO all costs reasonably

incurred in processing the application not covered by the System Impact Study Agreement.

10.9 Facilities Study Procedures.

Upon receipt of an executed Facilities Study Agreement or initiation of the ISO ADR Procedures and receipt of payment for the estimated study costs, the Participating TO will use due diligence to complete the required Facilities Study within a sixty (60) calendar day period. In the event that the Participating TO is unable to complete the required Facilities Study within such time period, it shall so notify the applicant, in writing, and provide an estimated completion date along with an explanation of the reasons why additional time is required to complete the required studies. A copy of the completed Facilities Study shall be made available to the applicant.

10.9.1 Execution of Interconnection Agreement.

Within thirty (30) Business Days of receipt of the completed Facilities Study, the applicant shall request the Participating TO to tender an Interconnection Agreement within thirty (30) Business Days of such request. The Participating TO shall tender to the applicant an Interconnection Agreement as provided in Section 8.1.3.

10.10 Partial Interim Service.

If the Participating TO determines that there will not be adequate transmission capability to satisfy the full amount requested in a Completed Interconnection Application, the Participating TO nonetheless shall be obligated to offer and provide the portion of the requested Interconnection that can be accommodated without any additional Direct Assignment Facilities or Reliability Upgrades. However, the Participating TO shall not be obligated to provide the incremental amount of requested Interconnection that

requires such additional facilities or upgrades until such facilities or upgrades have been placed in service.

10.11 Expedited Interconnection Procedures.

In lieu of the procedures set forth above, the applicant shall have the option to expedite the processing of its Completed Interconnection Application. In order to exercise this option, the applicant shall submit in writing a Request for Expedited Interconnection Procedures to the Participating TO within ten (10) Business Days after receiving a copy of the System Impact Study for the proposed Interconnection. Within ten (10) Business Days after receiving a Request for Expedited Procedures, the Participating TO shall tender an Expedited Interconnection Agreement that requires the applicant to compensate the Participating TO for all costs reasonably incurred pursuant to the terms of this TO Tariff for processing the Completed Interconnection Application and providing the requested Interconnection. While the Participating TO agrees to provide the applicant with its best estimate of the costs of any needed Direct Assignment Facilities and, if applicable, Reliability Upgrades and other charges that may be incurred, unless otherwise agreed by the parties, such estimate shall not be binding and the applicant must agree in writing to compensate the Participating TO for all actual Interconnection costs reasonably incurred pursuant to the provisions of this TO Tariff. The applicant shall execute and return such Expedited Interconnection Agreement within ten (10) Business Days of its receipt or the applicant's request for Interconnection will cease to be a Completed Interconnection Application and will be deemed terminated and withdrawn. In that event, the applicant shall reimburse the Participating TO for all costs

reasonably incurred in processing the application not covered by the terms of the
System Impact Study Agreement.