

Criteria for Defining A “New Interconnection”

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For purposes of determining whether or not a proposed generation or transmission project is to be deemed a new interconnection project that is obligated to satisfy the queuing and reliability impact study requirements of Sections 19B and 19C of the OATT, the following factors shall apply:

- The proposed generation or transmission project shall be presumed to be a new interconnection subject to the requirements of Sections 19B and 19C of the OATT.
- The Developer can rebut this presumption if it satisfies the ISO Staff and TPAS that the proposed project is not a new interconnection, but that it merely represents certain changes to an existing interconnection.
- In seeking to rebut the presumption that its project is a new interconnection, the Developer must satisfy ISO Staff and TPAS that both of the following two points are true:

(1) The defining electrical characteristics of the Developer’s generation or transmission facility when the proposed project is completed, do not differ materially from the defining electrical characteristics of the preexisting facility in a manner adverse to system reliability.

– Electrical characteristics shall be defined in terms of:

- (a) Project Size. Material adverse difference is suggested by a size increase of 10 MW or more, or 5% or more, whichever is greater.
- (b) Interconnection Point. Material adverse difference is suggested by a materially different system interconnection point, at a voltage level of 115 kV or greater.
- (c) Stability Impact. Material adverse difference is determined by ISO Staff in accordance with SRIS criteria.
- (d) Voltage Impact. Material adverse difference is determined by ISO Staff in accordance with SRIS criteria.
- (e) Thermal Impact. Material adverse difference is determined by ISO Staff in accordance with SRIS criteria.
- (f) Short Circuit Impact. Material adverse difference is determined by ISO Staff in accordance with SRIS criteria.

These factors shall be considered together. No single factor shall be considered automatically conclusive in the determination of whether or not the proposed project will result in a facility that differs materially from the preexisting facility. ISO Staff shall make an overall determination of whether or not a material adverse difference exists, and shall report that determination to TPAS.

(2) The preexisting facility has not been retired.

– Retired status shall be defined in terms of:

(a) The Annual NYISO Load And Capacity Report. The preexisting facility has not been retired if, at the time the Developer first contacts ISO Staff about the proposed project, the preexisting facility is reported as an active facility, or the preexisting facility has been reported as a reserve or standby or deactivated facility for no more than three years.

(b) Other Reports. The preexisting facility has not been retired if, at the time the Developer first contacts ISO Staff about the proposed project, the preexisting facility is reported as active generation capacity, and not retired, on DOE Form EIA-860A or DOE Form EIA-860B, or an equivalent federal or state reporting form.

These factors shall be considered together; neither alone shall be considered automatically conclusive in the determination of whether or not the preexisting facility has been retired. ISO Staff shall make a determination about the status of the preexisting facility, and shall report that determination to TPAS.

- In seeking to rebut the presumption that its project is a new interconnection, the Developer may also present any additional information that it thinks is relevant to support the conclusion that the proposed project merely represents certain capital improvements to an existing interconnection.
- On the basis of all information presented, the ISO Staff will come to an overall determination as to whether or not the Developer has rebutted the presumption that the proposed project is a new interconnection subject to the requirements of Sections 19B and 19C of the OATT.
 - ISO Staff shall report its determination to TPAS for discussion, review and confirmation.
 - TPAS will report the results of this process to the Operating Committee.