

3.7 Additional Study Procedures For Firm Point-To-Point Transmission Service Requests

Provisions for initiating a transmission system expansion by an Eligible Customer are contained in Section 3.7.1 through 3.7.3 and Attachment P of the ISO OATT. Provisions for an Eligible Customer that is a Transmission Owner to initiate upgrades and expansions identified in a Local Transmission Owner Plan or NYPA transmission plan, are contained in Sections 3.7.1 through 3.14.2. To the extent a Transmission Owner proposes a new transmission facility or upgrade as part of the ~~NY~~ISO's competitive selection process in the ~~NY~~ISO's Comprehensive System Planning Process in Attachment Y of the ISO OATT, and for which the Transmission Owner seeks cost allocation under the ISO OATT, the Transmission Owner must submit a Transmission Interconnection Application and proceed under the procedures set forth in Attachment P of the ISO OATT and must complete all studies required under Attachment P of the ISO OATT. Additional ISO responsibilities for transmission system expansion are contained in Section 3.8. Study procedures associated with new Load and Large Facility interconnections to the NYS Power System are contained in Section 3.9. Section 3.10 addresses prioritization of network and point-to-point transmission expansion and interconnection studies. Nothing in this Tariff shall preclude the Transmission Owner from proposing and constructing transmission facilities in the public interest in accordance with all applicable regulatory requirements.

3.7.1 Notice of Request for Study:

Firm Transmission Service is available to an Eligible Customer, including a Transmission Owner, willing to pay Congestion Rent as described in this Tariff. A request for Firm Point-To-Point Transmission Service does not require a System Impact Study or Transmission Service Study (each referenced herein as the "Study") unless (1) the Eligible Customer

specifically requests, at the Eligible Customer’s option, that the ISO conduct such a study of facilities that could be constructed (for example, if the Eligible Customer requesting Firm Transmission Service determines that Congestion Rent or the cost of TCCs is too high and the customer is considering constructing new facilities to create incremental transfer capability resulting in incremental TCCs, or, if an Eligible Customer seeks to identify possible transmission options to address reliability or other operational concerns) (a “Transmission Service Study Request”); or (2) the Eligible Customer is a Transmission Owner that proposes upgrades and expansions, identified in a Local Transmission Owner Plan or NYPA transmission plan, that (a) are not subject to Attachment P of the ISO OATT and (b) either (i) reduce the transfer capability of a NYISO interface by greater than 10 MW or increase the transfer capability of a NYISO interface by greater than 25 MW; or (ii) change the classification of affected facilities to NPCC BPS facilities (a “System Impact Study Request”). When an Eligible Customer submits a Study Request pursuant to Section 3.7.1, it must give the ISO written notice of whether it intends to conduct all or part of the Study itself. After receiving a complete Study Request, the ISO shall, within thirty (30) days of the date that the Operating Committee approves the scope of the Study, or such other time as is agreed upon by the ISO and the Eligible Customer, tender a Study agreement pursuant to which the Eligible Customer shall agree to reimburse the ISO, for performing the required Study. The ISO shall coordinate with all affected Transmission Owners in performing the Study. A description of the ISO’s methodology for completing a Study requested pursuant to Section 3.7.1 is provided in Attachment D of the ISO OATT. Before a Study Request for a Transmission Service Study or System Impact Study is evaluated pursuant to Section 3.7, the Eligible Customer shall execute the Study agreement and return it to the ISO within fifteen (15) days. If the Eligible Customer elects not to execute the Study agreement, its

Study Request shall be deemed withdrawn.

3.7.2 Study Agreement and Cost Reimbursement:

The Study agreement for a Transmission Service Request or System Impact Study performed under Section 3.7 will clearly specify the ISO’s estimate of the actual cost, and time for completion of the Study. The charge shall not exceed the actual cost of the study. In performing the Study, the ISO shall rely, to the extent reasonably practicable, on existing transmission planning studies including applicable studies submitted by the Eligible Customer. The Eligible Customer will not be assessed a charge for such existing studies; however, the Eligible Customer will be responsible for charges associated with any modifications to existing planning studies that are reasonably necessary to evaluate the impact of the Eligible Customer’s Study Request.

For System Impact Studies that a Transmission Owner or the ISO conducts on its own behalf, the Transmission Owner or ISO shall record the cost of the System Impact Studies pursuant to Section 2.8.

If a Transmission Owner, on behalf of the ISO, performs all or part of a Transmission Service Study or System Impact Study, the ISO shall reimburse the Transmission Owner for any costs that the Transmission Owner incurred.

3.7.3 Study Procedures:

The ISO shall coordinate with all affected Transmission Owners in performing the Transmission Service Study or System Impact Study.

Upon receipt of an executed Study agreement, the ISO will complete the required Study as follows:

- 3.7.3.1 if the Study Request specified that the Eligible Customer would not

perform any part of the study then the ISO shall use due diligence to complete the study, and to obtain all necessary stakeholder approvals, within a one hundred and twenty (120) day period, or a different period agreed to by the Eligible Customer and the ISO, starting on the date that the ISO receives the executed Study Agreement, or an alternative starting date agreed to by the Eligible Customer and the ISO; or

3.7.3.2 if the Study Request specified that the Eligible Customer would perform all or part of the System Impact Study itself, then:

3.7.3.2.1 the ISO shall use due diligence to complete those portion(s) of the study that the Eligible Customer is not performing, and to obtain all necessary stakeholder approvals of those portions, within a one hundred and twenty (120) day period, or a different period agreed to by the Eligible Customer and the ISO, starting on the date that the ISO receives the executed System Impact Study Agreement, or an alternative starting date agreed to by the Eligible Customer and the ISO; and

3.7.3.2.2 the ISO shall use due diligence to review any portion(s) of a study performed by an Eligible Customer within a thirty (30) day period or a different period agreed to by the Eligible Customer and the ISO, starting on the date that the ISO receives a complete draft from the Eligible Customer of its portion(s) of the study, or an alternative starting date agreed to by the Eligible Customer and the ISO. If the ISO determines that the portion(s) of the study performed by the Eligible Customer are incomplete or that changes are required, the Eligible Customer shall make any necessary changes. The ISO shall then use due diligence

to review a revised complete draft of the Eligible Customer's portion(s) of the study within thirty days, or a different period agreed to by the Eligible Customer and the ISO, starting on the date that the ISO receives a revised complete draft, or an alternative starting date agreed to by the Eligible Customer and the ISO.

Upon the ISO's issuance of a final draft study report, the Eligible Customer must proceed with its study report to the Transmission Planning Advisory Subcommittee ("TPAS") of the ISO Operating Committee within three (3) months and to the next Operating Committee meeting following the TPAS review; provided, however, if the TPAS recommends revisions or supplements to the study report, the revised report must proceed to the next TPAS meeting following completion of such revisions, and to the next Operating Committee following the TPAS review of the revised study report. Failure to proceed with its study report to the TPAS and Operating Committee within these time frames will result in withdrawal of the Study Request.

~~The ISO will normally submit System Impact Studies to the Operating Committee before finalizing them.~~ If the Operating Committee directs the ISO to modify a System Impact Study or to perform other study-related work before granting its approval, then the deadline for completing the study will be extended for an additional time agreed upon by the ISO and the Eligible Customer. If the ISO and the Eligible Customer are unable to agree on an additional time the deadline for completing the study will be extended for another sixty (60) days.

The System Impact Study shall identify any additional Direct Assignment Facilities or Network Upgrades required to comply with a Eligible Customer's or

Transmission Owner’s request. In the event that the ISO is unable to complete the required System Impact Study within such time period, it shall so notify the Eligible Customer 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 Eligible Customer. The ISO will use the same due diligence in completing the System Impact Study for an Eligible Customer as it uses when completing studies for itself or a Transmission Owner. The ISO shall notify the Eligible Customer immediately upon completion of the System Impact Study if the Study Request can be completed at no additional cost (*e.g.*, if the ISO is currently studying requests to construct similar facilities).

After completion of a Transmission Service Study, if an Eligible Customer seeks to pursue construction of transmission upgrades, the Eligible Customer may do so by initiating the Transmission Interconnection Process pursuant to Attachment P of the ISO OATT. An Eligible Customer may also proceed directly to Attachment P of the ISO OATT without first submitting a Transmission Service Request or completing a Transmission Service Study under this Section 3.7.

3.7.4 Facilities Study Procedures:

After completion of a System Impact Study, the Transmission Owner(s) whose facilities may be modified in performing the upgrade or addition (the “affected” Transmission Owners), if such entity is other than the Eligible Customer, shall, within thirty (30) days of the later of: (i) the completion of the System Impact Study; (ii) the date on which the Eligible Customer

provides the affected Transmission Owner(s) with written notice of whether it intends to perform all or part of the Facilities Study itself; or (iii) such other time as is agreed upon by the Transmission Owner(s) and the Eligible Customer, tender to the Eligible Customer a Facilities Study agreement. The ISO shall cooperate with the affected Transmission Owner(s) in performing any subsequent Facilities Studies. In the Facilities Study agreement, the Eligible Customer shall agree to reimburse the Transmission Owner(s) for performing the required Facilities Study and the ISO for its associated costs. If the Eligible Customer wants the Transmission Owner(s) to undertake the Facilities Study, the Eligible Customer shall execute the Facilities Study agreement and return it to the Transmission Owner(s) within fifteen (15) days.

Upon receipt of an executed Facilities Study agreement, the affected Transmission Owner(s) will complete the required Facilities Study as follows:

- 3.7.4.1 if the Eligible Customer gave written notice that it would not perform any part of the study then the affected Transmission Owners(s) shall use due diligence to complete the study within a one hundred and twenty (120) day period, or a different period agreed to by the Eligible Customer and the affected Transmission Owner(s), starting on the date that the affected Transmission Owner(s) receive the executed Facilities Study Agreement, or an alternative starting date agreed to by the Eligible Customer and the affected Transmission Owner(s); or
- 3.7.4.2 if the Eligible Customer gave written notice that it would perform all or part of the Facilities Study itself, then:
 - 3.7.4.2.1 the affected Transmission Owner(s) shall use due diligence to complete those portion(s) of the study that the Eligible Customer is not performing within a one hundred and twenty (120) day period, or a different period agreed to by the

Eligible Customer and the affected Transmission_Owner(s), starting on the date that the affected Transmission Owner(s) receive the executed Facilities Study Agreement, or an alternative starting date agreed to by the Eligible Customer and the affected Transmission Owner(s); and

3.7.4.2.2 the affected Transmission Owner(s) shall use due diligence to review any portion(s) of a study performed by an Eligible Customer within a thirty (30) day period or a different period agreed to by the Eligible Customer and the affected Transmission Owner(s), starting on the date that the affected Transmission Owner(s) receive a complete draft from the Eligible Customer of its portion(s) of the study, or an alternative starting date agreed to by the Eligible Customer and the affected Transmission Owner(s). If the affected Transmission Owner(s) determine that the portion(s) of the study performed by the Eligible Customer are incomplete or that changes are required, the Eligible Customer shall make any necessary changes. The affected Transmission Owner(s) shall then use due diligence to review a revised complete draft of the Eligible Customer's portion(s) of the study within thirty days, or a different period agreed to by the Eligible Customer and the affected Transmission Owner(s), starting on the date that the affected Transmission Owner(s) receive a revised complete draft, or an alternative starting date agreed to by the Eligible Customer and the affected Transmission Owner(s).

If the Transmission Owner(s) are unable to complete the Facilities Study in the allotted time period, the Transmission Owner(s) shall notify the Eligible Customer and provide an estimate of the time needed to reach a final determination along with an explanation of the

reasons that additional time is required to complete the study. When completed, the Facilities Study will include a good faith estimate of (i) the cost of Direct Assignment Facilities to be charged to the Eligible Customer, (ii) the Eligible Customer's appropriate share of the cost of any required Network Upgrades as determined pursuant to the provisions of Section 3 of this Tariff, and (iii) the time required to complete such construction. The Facilities Study shall contain a non-binding estimate as to the feasible TCCs resulting from the construction of the new facilities. If the Eligible Customer decides to proceed with the construction of the facilities described in the Facilities Study, the Eligible Customer shall (1) enter into a construction contract with the Transmission Owner(s) whose system(s) will be directly modified, and with the entity that will construct the facilities under the supervision of the Transmission Owner(s) (if other than the Transmission Owner(s)), and guarantee to compensate the Transmission Owner(s) and constructing entity (if other than the Transmission Owner(s)) for all costs incurred associated with the construction, and (2) provide each Transmission Owner with a letter of credit or other reasonable form of security acceptable to the Transmission Owner equivalent to the costs of new facilities or upgrades consistent with commercial practices as established by the Uniform Commercial Code. The construction contract shall contain terms and obligations of the Transmission Customer to pay for the facilities modifications or additions pursuant to the contract.

3.7.5 Facilities Study Modifications:

Any change in design from what was studied in the Facilities Study performed pursuant to Section 3.7.4, arising from inability to site or construct facilities as proposed, will require development of a revised good faith estimate. New good faith estimates also will be required in the event of new statutory or regulatory requirements that are effective before the completion of

construction or other circumstances beyond the control of the ISO or Transmission Owner that significantly affect the final cost of new facilities or upgrades to be charged to the Transmission Customer pursuant to the provisions of Section 3 of this Tariff.

3.7.6 Due Diligence in Completing New Facilities:

The Transmission Owner(s), in coordination with the ISO, shall use due diligence to add necessary facilities or upgrade their transmission systems within a reasonable time. The Transmission Owner(s) will not upgrade their existing or planned system if doing so would impair system reliability.

3.7.7 Partial Interim Service:

If the ISO, in cooperation with the Transmission Owner(s), determines that it can satisfy a portion of the Eligible Customers request based on the existing transmission system configuration, the ISO will provide that information to the Eligible Customer. The awarding of such TCCs will be subject to the results of the TCC auction process.

3.7.8 Expedited Procedures for New Facilities:

In lieu of the procedures set forth above, the Eligible Customer shall have the option to expedite the process by requesting the ISO to coordinate with the Transmission Owner(s) to tender at one time, together with the results of required studies, an “Expedited Request” pursuant to which the Eligible Customer would agree to compensate the Transmission Owner(s) and ISO for all costs incurred pursuant to the terms of this Tariff. In order to exercise this option, the Eligible Customer shall request in writing an Expedited Request covering all of the above-specified items within thirty (30) days of receiving the results of the System Impact Study identifying needed facility additions or upgrades or costs incurred in order to address the

Transmission Customer's request. While the Transmission Owner(s) agree to provide the Eligible Customer with their best estimate of the new facility costs and other charges that may be incurred, such estimate shall not be binding and the Eligible Customer must agree in writing to compensate the Transmission Owner(s) for all costs incurred pursuant to the provisions of this Tariff. The Eligible Customer shall execute and return such an Expedited Service Agreement within fifteen (15) days of its receipt or the Eligible Customer's request for service will cease to be a completed application and will be deemed terminated and withdrawn.

3.7.9 Penalties for Failure to Meet Study Deadlines:

Sections 3.7.3 and 3.7.4 require the ISO, or the affected Transmission Owner, to use due diligence to meet the completion deadlines for System Impact Studies and Facilities Studies, respectively.

- (i) The ISO, or a Transmission Owner as appropriate, is required to file a notice with the Commission in the event that more than twenty (20) percent of System Impact Studies and non-Affiliates' Facilities Studies that it completes in any two consecutive calendar quarters are not completed within the study completion deadlines. Such notice must be filed within thirty (30) days of the end of the calendar quarter triggering the notice requirement.
- (ii) For the purposes of calculating the percent of System Impact Studies and non-Affiliates' Facilities Studies processed outside of the study completion deadlines, the ISO and the Transmission Owner(s) shall consider the total number of System Impact Studies and Facilities Studies for *non-Affiliates* that they collectively completed during the calendar quarter. The percentage should be calculated by dividing the number of those studies which are not completed on time by the total

number of completed studies. The ISO or Transmission Owner may provide an explanation in its notification filing to the Commission if it believes there are extenuating circumstances that prevented it from meeting the study completion deadlines.

- (iii) The ISO or Transmission Provider is subject to an operational penalty if it completes ten (10) percent or more of System Impact Studies and non-Affiliates' Facilities Studies outside of the study completion deadlines for each of the two calendar quarters immediately following the quarter that triggered its notification filing to the Commission. The operational penalty will be assessed for each calendar quarter for which an operational penalty applies, starting with the calendar quarter immediately following the quarter that triggered the ISO's or Transmission Owner's notification filing to the Commission. The operational penalty will continue to be assessed each quarter until the ISO or Transmission Owner, as applicable, completes at least ninety (90) percent of all System Impact Studies and non-Affiliates' Facilities Studies within the deadline.
- (iv) For penalties assessed in accordance with subsection (iii) above, the penalty amount for each System Impact Study or Facilities Study shall be equal to \$500 for each day that the ISO or Transmission Owner takes to complete that study beyond the deadline.

3.7.10 Clustering of Point-to-Point Studies

The Eligible Customer may request that the ISO or affected Transmission Owner(s), as applicable, cluster the System Impact Studies and/or Facilities Studies. The Eligible Customer shall notify the ISO or affected Transmission Owner(s), as applicable, prior to signing a study

agreement if the Eligible Customer requests its System Impact Study or Facilities Study to be clustered with another Eligible Customer's System Impact Study or Facilities Study. In this notification, the Eligible Customer shall identify the other Eligible Customer request(s) with which it would like to be clustered, and shall indicate whether the other Eligible Customer(s) with which it requests clustering support(s) the clustering request. The ISO or affected Transmission Owner(s) may, in their discretion, notify Eligible Customers who have requested studies about potential clustering opportunities. The ISO or affected Transmission Owner(s), as applicable, will accommodate any reasonable clustering request; however, the ISO or affected Transmission Owner(s) will not consider a clustering request to be reasonable if:

- (i) The cluster is not supported by all Eligible Customers proposed to be in the cluster; or
- (ii) The ISO or affected Transmission Owner(s) determine that the requests should be studied individually rather than in a cluster (*e.g.*, studies are geographically diverse or otherwise impact the transmission system in diverse ways such that clustering is not reasonable).

All Eligible Customers involved in a cluster study will be required to execute the System Impact Study Agreement and/or Facilities Study Agreement which provides that the System Impact Study or Facilities Study will be performed as a cluster study. The study will be performed in accordance with the procedures set forth in section 3.7.3, 3.7.4, 4.5.3 and 4.5.4 with the exception that the timeline for performing the System Impact Study or Facilities Study will begin to run after all Eligible Customers who have notified the ISO or Transmission Owner of their intent to participate in a cluster study have executed a System Impact Study Agreement or Facilities Study Agreement, or on a later date authorized under those provisions.

Once Eligible Customers agree to have the ISO or a Transmission Owner cluster their System Impact Studies or Facilities Studies, the Eligible Customers may not opt out of the cluster unless the ISO or affected Transmission Owner(s), respectively, agree(s), in its or their sole discretion, to allow it.

Eligible Customers that have agreed to cluster their System Impact Study or Facilities Study shall be responsible for reimbursing the ISO or affected Transmission Owner for performing the clustered System Impact Study or Facilities Study in equal shares, unless the Eligible Customers in the cluster independently agree to an alternate cost-sharing structure, in which case the Eligible Customers shall provide the ISO or affected Transmission Owner(s) with a copy of that alternate agreement, as executed. If the ISO or an affected Transmission Owner allows a participating Eligible Customer to opt out of a cluster, the Eligible Customer shall remain liable for its share of the ISO or affected Transmission Owner(s)' costs in performing the cluster study.

3.9 Study Procedures For New Load or Large Facility Interconnections To The NYS Power System

3.9.1 Request for Interconnection Study:

Any Eligible Customer proposing to interconnect its Load or Large Facility with the NYS Power System shall submit its interconnection proposal to the ISO. The ISO, in cooperation with the Transmission Owner with whose system the Eligible Customer proposes to interconnect, shall perform technical studies to determine whether the proposed interconnection may degrade system reliability or adversely affect the operation of the NYS Power System. The technical studies shall be conducted in accordance with the procedures specified in Section 3.9.2. The proposed interconnection shall not proceed if the ISO concludes in the study that the proposed interconnection may degrade system reliability or adversely affect the operation of the NYS Power System. If the proposal is rejected, the ISO shall provide in writing the reasons why the proposal was rejected.

3.9.2 Study Procedures:

Upon receipt of the interconnection proposal and a written guarantee by the Eligible Customer to pay all costs incurred by the ISO and Transmission Owner(s) conducting the technical studies, the ISO, in cooperation with the Transmission Owner with whose system the Eligible Customer proposes to interconnect shall perform the technical studies of the proposed interconnection. The ISO shall evaluate each Large Facility using the Interconnection Studies specified in the Large Facility Interconnection Procedures in Attachment X. The technical studies shall address the following:

- ⊕[3.9.2.1](#) An evaluation of the potential significant impacts of the proposed interconnection on NYS Power System reliability, at a level of detail that reflects

the magnitude of the impacts and the reasonable likelihood of their occurrence;

~~(ii)~~ 3.9.2.2 An evaluation of impacts of the proposed interconnection on system voltage, stability and thermal limitations, as prescribed in the Reliability Rules;

~~(iii)~~ 3.9.2.3 An evaluation as to whether modifications to the NYS Power System would be required to maintain Interface transfer capability or comply with the voltage, stability and thermal limitations, as prescribed in the Reliability Rules.

The ISO will apply the criteria established by NERC, NPCC and the NYSRC;

~~(iv)~~ 3.9.2.4 An evaluation of alternatives that would eliminate adverse reliability impacts, if any, resulting from the proposed interconnection; and

~~(v)~~ 3.9.2.5 An estimate of the increase or decrease in the Total Transfer Capability across each affected Interface.

3.9.3 Operating Committee Approval

Upon the ISO’s issuance of a final draft study report, the Eligible Customer must proceed with its study report to the Transmission Planning Advisory Subcommittee (“TPAS”) of the ISO Operating Committee within three (3) months and to the next Operating Committee meeting following the TPAS review; provided, however, if the TPAS recommends revisions or supplements to the study report, the revised report must proceed to the next TPAS meeting following completion of such revisions, and to the next Operating Committee following the TPAS review of the revised study report. Failure to proceed with its study report to the TPAS and Operating Committee within these time frames will result in withdrawal of the Study Request.

3.9.4 Interconnection Agreements:

After receiving the approval of the proposed interconnection, and after the Eligible

Customer makes payment to the ISO and Transmission Owner for the cost of the technical studies, the Eligible Customer may elect to continue with the proposed interconnection by entering into an interconnection agreement with the Transmission Owner with whose system the Eligible Customer proposes to interconnect. After completion of the Interconnection Facilities Study and Attachment S cost allocation process, the Developer of a Large Generating Facility may elect, in accordance with the Large Facility Interconnection Procedures in Attachment X, to continue with its proposed interconnection by entering into a Standard Large Generator Interconnection Agreement with the ISO and the Transmission Owner with whose system the Developer proposes to interconnect.

3.9.54 Interconnection Facilities Cost:

The Developer of the proposed Large Facility shall be responsible for the cost of the facilities needed for its project to reliably interconnect to the New York State Power System, in accordance with the interconnection facilities cost allocation rules set out in Attachment S.

4.5 Additional Study Procedures For Network Integration Transmission Service Requests

The FERC Order No. 888 provisions for initiating a Network Integration Transmission System expansion by an Eligible Customer are contained in this Section. Additional ISO responsibilities for Eligible Customer requests related to Network Integration Transmission System expansion are contained in Section 4.5.7. Study procedures associated with new Load and Large Facility Interconnections to the NYS Power System are contained in Section 4.5.8. Section 3.10 addresses prioritization of network and point-to-point transmission expansion and interconnection studies. Nothing in this Tariff shall preclude the Transmission Owners from proposing or constructing transmission facilities in the public interest in accordance with all applicable regulatory requirements.

4.5.1 Notice of Request for Network Integration Transmission Service Study:

Network Integration Transmission Service is available to an Eligible Customer, including a Transmission Owner, willing to pay Congestion Rent as described in this Tariff. A request for Network Integration Transmission Service would not normally require a Network Integration Transmission Service Study unless the Eligible Customer specifically requests that the ISO conduct such a study of facilities that could be constructed (for example, if the Eligible Customer requesting Network Integration Transmission Service determines that Congestion Rent or the cost of TCCs is too high and that customer is considering constructing new facilities to create incremental transfer capability resulting in incremental TCCs, or, if an Eligible Customer requests that transmission facilities be constructed to address reliability or other operational concerns) (a “Study Request”). When an Eligible Customer submits a Network Integration Transmission Service Study Request it must give the ISO written notice of whether it intends to

conduct all or part of the Network Integration Transmission Service Study itself. After receiving a complete Network Integration Transmission Service Study Request, the ISO shall, within thirty (30) days of the date that the Operating Committee approves the scope of the Network Integration Transmission Service Study, or such other time as is agreed upon by the ISO and the Eligible Customer, tender a Network Integration Transmission Service Study agreement pursuant to which the Eligible Customer shall agree to reimburse the ISO for performing the required System Impact Study. The ISO shall coordinate with the affected Transmission Owners in performing the Network Integration Transmission Service Study. A description of the ISO's methodology for completing a Network Integration Transmission Service Study is provided in Attachment D. Before a Network Integration Transmission Service Study Request is evaluated, the Eligible Customer shall execute the Network Integration Transmission Service Study agreement and return it to the ISO within fifteen (15) days. If the Eligible Customer elects not to execute the Network Integration Transmission Service Study agreement, its Study Request shall be deemed withdrawn.

4.5.2 Network Integration Transmission Service Study Agreement and Cost Reimbursement:

The Network Integration Transmission Service Study agreement will clearly specify the ISO's estimate of the actual cost, and time for completion of the Network Integration Transmission Service Study.

The charge shall not exceed the actual cost of the study. In performing the Network Integration Transmission Service Study, the ISO shall rely, to the extent reasonably practicable, on existing transmission planning studies including applicable studies submitted by the Eligible Customer. The Eligible Customer will not be assessed a charge for such existing studies; however, the Eligible Customer will be responsible for charges associated with any

modifications to existing planning studies that are reasonably necessary to evaluate the impact of the Eligible Customer's Network Integration Transmission Service Study Request.

For Network Integration Transmission Service Studies that a Transmission Owner or the ISO conducts on its own behalf, the Transmission Owner or ISO shall record the cost of the Network Integration Transmission Service Studies pursuant to Section 8.

If a Transmission Owner, on behalf of the ISO, performs all or part of a Network Integration Transmission Service Study, the ISO shall reimburse the Transmission Owner for any costs that the Transmission Owner incurred.

4.5.3 Network Integration Transmission Service Study Procedures:

The ISO shall coordinate with all affected Transmission Owners in performing the Network Integration Transmission Service Study.

Upon receipt of an executed Network Integration Transmission Service Study agreement, the ISO will complete the required Network Integration Transmission Service Study as follows:

- 4.5.3.1 if the Network Integration Transmission Service Study Request specified that the Eligible Customer would not perform any part of the study then the ISO shall use due diligence to complete the study, and to obtain all necessary stakeholder approvals, within a one hundred and twenty (120) day period, or a different period agreed to by the Eligible Customer and the ISO, starting on the date that the ISO receives the executed Network Integration Transmission Service Study Agreement, or an alternative starting date agreed to by the Eligible Customer and the ISO; or
- 4.5.3.2 if the Network Integration Transmission Service Study Request specified that the Eligible Customer would perform all or part of the Network Integration

Transmission Service Study itself, then:

4.5.3.2.1 the ISO shall use due diligence to complete those portion(s) of the study that the Eligible Customer is not performing, and to obtain all necessary stakeholder approvals of those portions, within a one hundred and twenty (120) day period, or a different period agreed to by the Eligible Customer and the ISO, starting on the date that the ISO receives the executed Network Integration Transmission Service Study Agreement, or an alternative starting date agreed to by the Eligible Customer and the ISO; and

4.5.3.2.2 the ISO shall use due diligence to review any portion(s) of a study performed by an Eligible Customer within a thirty (30) day period or a different period agreed to by the Eligible Customer and the ISO, starting on the date that the ISO receives a complete draft from the Eligible Customer of its portion(s) of the study, or an alternative starting date agreed to by the Eligible Customer and the ISO. If the ISO determines that the portion(s) of the study performed by the Eligible Customer are incomplete or that changes are required, the Eligible Customer shall make any necessary changes. The ISO shall then use due diligence to review a revised complete draft of the Eligible Customer's portion(s) of the study within thirty days, or a different period agreed to by the Eligible Customer and the ISO, starting on the date that the ISO receives a revised complete draft, or an alternative starting date agreed to by the Eligible Customer and the ISO.

[Upon the ISO's issuance of a final draft study report, the Eligible Customer must proceed with its study report to the Transmission Planning](#)

Advisory Subcommittee (“TPAS”) of the ISO Operating Committee within three (3) months and to the next Operating Committee meeting following the TPAS review; provided, however, if the TPAS recommends revisions or supplements to the study report, the revised report must proceed to the next TPAS meeting following completion of such revisions, and to the next Operating Committee following the TPAS review of the revised study report. Failure to proceed with its study report to the TPAS and Operating Committee within these time frames will result in withdrawal of the Study Request.

~~The ISO will normally submit Network Integration Transmission Service Studies to the Operating Committee before finalizing them.~~ If the Operating Committee directs the ISO to modify a Network Integration Transmission Service Study or to perform other study-related work before granting its approval, then the deadline for completing the study will be extended for an additional time agreed upon by the ISO and the Eligible Customer. If the ISO and the Eligible Customer are unable to agree on an additional time the deadline for completing the study will be extended for another sixty (60) days.

The Network Integration Transmission Service Study shall identify any additional Direct Assignment Facilities or Network Upgrades required to comply with an Eligible Customer’s or Transmission Owner’s request. In the event that the ISO is unable to complete the required Network Integration Transmission Service Study within such time period, it shall so notify the Eligible Customer 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 Network Integration Transmission Service Study and related work papers shall be made available to the Eligible Customer as soon as the Network Integration Transmission Service Study is complete. The ISO will use the same due diligence in completing the Network Integration Transmission Service Study for an Eligible Customer as it uses when completing studies for itself or a Transmission Owner. The ISO shall notify the Eligible Customer immediately upon completion of the Network Integration Transmission Service Study if the Network Integration Transmission Service Study Request can be completed at no additional cost (e.g., if the ISO is currently studying requests to construct similar facilities).

4.5.4 Further Development of Transmission Upgrades Identified in a Network Integration Transmission Service Study

After completion of a Network Integration Transmission Service Study, if an Eligible Customer seeks to pursue construction of transmission upgrades, the Eligible Customer may do so by initiating the Transmission Interconnection Process pursuant to Attachment P of the ISO OATT. An Eligible Customer may also proceed directly to Attachment P of the ISO OATT without first submitting a Network Integration Transmission Service Request or completing a Network Integration Transmission Service Study under this Section 4.5.

4.5.5 Penalties for Failure to Meet Study Deadlines:

Section 3.7.9 defines penalties that apply for failure to meet the due diligence deadlines for Firm Transmission Service Studies under Section 3 of the Tariff. These same requirements and penalties apply to Network Integration Transmission Service studies under Section 4 of the

Tariff.

4.5.6 Clustering of Network Integration Transmission Service Studies:

Section 3.7.10 specifies the procedures that shall govern the clustering of System Impact Studies conducted by the ISO and Facilities Studies conducted by affected Transmission Owners. These same procedures apply to Network Integration Transmission Service studies under Section 4 of the Tariff.

4.5.7 Development of Transmission Reinforcement Options

4.5.7.1 At the request of the PSC, the ISO shall develop a limited number of illustrative transmission reinforcement options, and associated cost estimates, to increase transfer capability limits on Interfaces identified by the PSC as having significant Congestion. Such reinforcement option results shall be made available to all Customers or potential Customers for the purpose of evaluating the economic costs and benefits of new facilities. Eligible Customers, including Transmission Owners, may then request a System Impact Study for a specific expansion project in accordance with Sections 4.5.1 through 4.5.3. Development of the transmission reinforcement options will not reflect the impacts of alternatives that may be proposed by other Eligible Customers, including generation projects, which could increase or decrease transmission Interface Transfer Capability or Congestion Rents or both. Cost estimates provided will be based on readily available data and shall in no way be binding on the ISO. The ISO will not charge the PSC for this service.

4.5.7.2 Subject to the Eligible Customer's obligation to compensate the ISO, at the request of an Eligible Customer, the ISO will develop illustrative transmission reinforcement options as described in Section 4.5.7.1 above. The Eligible Customer shall comply with the provisions of Sections 4.5.1 through 4.5.3 that require the customer to enter into a Network

Integration Transmission Service Study agreement and agree to compensate the ISO for all costs incurred to conduct the study.

4.5.7.3 Requests to proceed with a system expansion shall be subject to the provisions of Section 4.5 and Attachment P of the ISO OATT, as applicable.

4.5.8 Study Procedures for New Load or Large Facility Interconnections to the NYS Power System

4.5.8.1 Request for Interconnection Study:

Any Eligible Customer proposing to interconnect its Load or Large Facility with the NYS Power System shall submit its interconnection proposal to the ISO. The ISO, in cooperation with the Transmission Owner with whose system the Eligible Customer proposes to interconnect, shall perform technical studies to determine whether the proposed interconnection may degrade system reliability or adversely affect the operation of the NYS Power System. The technical studies shall be conducted in accordance with the procedures specified in Section 4.5.8.2. The proposed interconnection shall not proceed if the ISO concludes in the study that the proposed interconnection may degrade system reliability or adversely affect the operation of the NYS Power System. If the proposal is rejected, the ISO shall provide in writing the reasons why the proposal was rejected.

4.5.8.2 Study Procedures:

Upon receipt of the interconnection proposal and a written guarantee by the Eligible Customer to pay all costs incurred by the ISO and Transmission Owner(s) conducting the technical studies, the ISO, in cooperation with the Transmission Owner with whose system the Eligible Customer proposes to interconnect, shall perform the technical studies of the proposed interconnection. The ISO shall evaluate each Large Facility using the Interconnection Studies

specified in the Large Facility Interconnection Procedures in Attachment X. The technical studies shall address the following:

- (i) An evaluation of the potential significant impacts of the proposed interconnection on NYS Power System reliability, at a level of detail that reflects the magnitude of the impacts and the reasonable likelihood of their occurrence;
- (ii) An evaluation of impacts of the proposed interconnection on system voltage, stability and thermal limitations, as prescribed in the Reliability Rules;
- (iii) An evaluation as to whether modifications to the NYS Power System would be required to maintain Interface transfer capability or comply with the voltage, stability and thermal limitations, as prescribed in the Reliability Rules. The ISO will apply the criteria established by NERC, NPCC and the NYSRC;
- (iv) An evaluation of alternatives that would eliminate adverse reliability impacts, if any, resulting from the proposed interconnection; and
- (v) An estimate of the increase or decrease in the Total Transfer Capability across each affected Interface.

4.5.8.3 Interconnection Agreements:

After receiving the approval of the proposed interconnection, and after the Eligible Customer makes payment to the ISO and Transmission Owner for the cost of the technical studies, the Eligible Customer may elect to continue with the proposed interconnection by entering into an interconnection agreement with the Transmission Owner with whose system the Eligible Customer proposes to interconnect. After completion of the Interconnection Facilities Study and Attachment S cost allocation process, the Developer of a Large Generating Facility may elect, in accordance with the Large Facility Interconnection Procedures in Attachment X, to

continue with its proposed interconnection by entering into a Standard Large Generator Interconnection Agreement with the ISO and the Transmission Owner with whose system the Developer proposes to interconnect.

4.5.8.4 Interconnection Facilities Cost:

The Developer of the proposed Large Facility shall be responsible for the cost of the facilities needed for its project to reliably interconnect to the New York State Power System, in accordance with the interconnection facilities cost allocation rules set out in Attachment S.

4.5.9 Small Generator Interconnections:

The interconnection procedures, and standard interconnection agreement, to be used for the interconnection of generating facilities no larger than 20 MW~~s~~, are set forth in Attachment Z to this ISO OATT.