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Subject: Qualified Change Definition

Statement: R6 of NERC FAC-002-4 requires each Planning Coordinator to maintain a publicly available definition of qualified change for the purposes of facility interconnection.

Details:**Background**

Qualified changes for the purposes of facility interconnection are described in the NYISO OATT 3.7, 3.9, Attachment HH and Attachment P, and various sections within the NYISO Transmission Expansion and Interconnection Manual. This Technical Bulletin consolidates all definitions of “qualified change” for the purposes of facility interconnection into a single document by facility type consistent with NERC Standard FAC-002-4, Requirement 6.

Qualified Change for Generating Facilities

A qualified change for a generating facility is a proposal to (1) materially increase the capacity of or (2) make a material modification to the operating characteristics of its facility.

Qualified Change for Transmission Facilities

A qualified change for transmission facilities is (1) transmission projects identified in a local transmission plan or NYPA transmission plan that 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 Bulk Power System facilities, or (2) a proposed transmission upgrade to the New York State Transmission System — an improvement to, addition to, or replacement of a part of an existing transmission facility other than transmission projects identified in a local transmission plan or NYPA transmission plan.

Qualified Change for Electric End-User Facilities

A qualified change for electric end-user facilities is when load at existing facilities is increased either (1) greater than 10 MW connecting at a voltage level of 115 kV or above or (2) 80 MW or more connecting at a voltage level below 115 kV.

This Technical Bulletin is not currently expected to be incorporated into a NYISO Manual/User Guide.