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Large Generating Facility - Interconnection System Reliability Impact Study Scope

Queue #1231: Mill Point Solar II Project

1. Purpose

The purpose of this Interconnection System Reliability Impact Study (“SRIS” or “Study”) is to evaluate the impact of the proposed interconnection of Mill Point Solar II (“Project”), which is being developed by ConnectGen Montgomery County LLC (“Developer”), on the reliability of the New York State Transmission System (“NYSTS”). The Study will be performed in accordance with Attachment X of the NYISO Open Access Transmission Tariff (“OATT”).

The Project will be located in Montgomery County, New York. The proposed Point of Interconnection (“POI”) will be on the New Scotland - Marcy 345 kV Line # 18. The POI is 50.47 miles from the Marcy substation and 34.1 miles from the New Scotland substation. The Connecting Transmission Owner (“CTO”) is Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation d/b/a National Grid (“National Grid”).

The Project is ~~a solar photovoltaic generation plant proposed as a 100 MW uprate to Q#1031¹, which is a solar facility co-located with a battery energy storage system. The combined output of both projects will be 350 MW.~~ The Project, as proposed, will consist of thirty-one (31) SunGrow SG3600 Solar Inverters rated at 3.6 MVA. ~~It~~The Project, as proposed, is expected to have a maximum² potential generating capacity of 100 MW ~~during summer from solar PV facilities and winter periods. The Project is proposed as a 100 maximum potential discharging of 0 MW uprate to Q#1031,³ and from the combined output of both projects will be 350 MW battery energy storage system.~~

The injection limit of the facility is 350 MW during summer and winter periods,⁴ due to the design of the facility. Specifically, a master plant controller will dynamically curtail Active and Reactive

¹ Q#1031 Mill Point Solar is a 250 MW Co-located Storage Resource project that proposes to connect on the Marcy – New Scotland 345kV Line #18. This project is expected to have a maximum potential generating capacity of 250 MW from solar PV facilities and a maximum potential discharging of 175 MW from the battery energy storage system. The limit injection of Q#1031 facility is 250 MW.

² For temperature sensitive output projects, the MW values represent the Maximum Summer Peak Net Output that can be achieved between 85 and 95°F, and the Maximum Winter Peak Net Output that can be achieved between 10 and 35°F.

³ ~~Q#1031 Mill Point Solar is a 250 MW solar project that proposes to connect on the Marcy – New Scotland 345kV Line #18.~~

⁴ For temperature sensitive output projects, the MW values represent the Maximum Summer Peak Net Output that can be achieved between 85 and 95°F, and the Maximum Winter Peak Net Output that can be achieved between 10 and 35°F.

Power (P and Q) output of the SunGrow SG3600 certified inverters, which in turn limits the injection to the NYSTS.

The Project proposes an In-Service Date of September 2027~~5~~, Initial Synchronization Date of October 2027~~5~~ and Commercial Operation Date of November 2027~~5~~.

The Study will assess the impact of the Project on the base case power system including ~~potentially~~NYPA as an Affected ~~Systems~~System. It will provide a list of the facilities (~~i.e.,~~ CTO Attachment Facilities and System Upgrade Facilities) required to reliably interconnect the Project, and non-binding good faith estimates of cost and time to construct those facilities.

The Study will be conducted in accordance with the Applicable Reliability Standards.

2. Interconnection Plan

The Study will include a description of the proposed facilities and the conceptual design of the interconnection to the system representation. The description will include a breaker one-line diagram depicting the proposed facilities and their integration with the existing facilities. The Study will also identify potential issues with the feasibility/constructability of the conceptual design of the proposed interconnection to the extent known based on the Study assumptions.

3. Study Period

The Study will be based on NYISO Class Year 2021 ATBA base cases (“Base Cases”) that have the 2021 FERC 715 2026 system representation~~.,~~ or the Class Year 2023 ATBA base cases that have the 2023 FERC 715 2028 system presentation if available prior to the start of the analyses identified in this scope (“Base Cases”). The Study will be conducted using the steady state, stability, and short circuit Base Cases provided by the NYISO, and will include the representation of proposed projects that have already been cost allocated, up to and including Class Year ~~2019~~2021 (as listed in Appendix A of this scope).

4. Study Area

The Study will identify and evaluate the impact of the Project on the 115 kV and above portions of the NYSTS in the following New York load zones: Zone **E** (Mohawk Valley) and Zone **F** (Capital) that are most likely to be affected by the Project. The Study will also evaluate the impact of the Project on the local 115 kV and below system in the electrical proximity to the POI.

5. Base Case Conditions

The impact of the proposed Project will be evaluated for **summer peak** and **light load** cases for the following base case conditions, and as specified under the subsequent sections of this Scope:

Case 1-- Base Case without the Project. The Base Cases will include the baseline system and the proposed projects listed in Appendix A of this scope. The short circuit Base Case will model all the projects as in-service. The steady state Base Case will normally model all projects as in-service and at full output, but may model some projects as out-of-service or at less than full output as necessary to establish a feasible base dispatch. Generation will be dispatched in accordance with the NYISO Minimum Interconnection Standard⁵.

Case 2 - Case 1 with the Project and Q#1031 project modeled as in-service and in generating mode at full output of 350 MW at the POI. Unit and facility reactive resources for the Project will be represented. Generation will be re-dispatched in the steady state case, as needed, in accordance with the NYISO Minimum Interconnection Standard.

6. Analysis

Thermal, voltage, stability and short circuit analyses will be conducted to assess the performance of the base system conditions within the Study Area, with and without the Project, in accordance with Applicable Reliability Standards, guidelines and study practices. Modifications to Base Cases, during analyses, will be documented in the Study Report.

6.1 Steady State Analyses: N-0 and N-1

Thermal and voltage steady state analyses, using PSS/E or a comparable load flow program, will be conducted for **summer peak** and **light load** cases, pre-contingency and also for relevant Design Criteria Contingencies conditions, and will be limited to the Study Area.

Thermal limits will be assessed under both Normal Criteria and Emergency Criteria, using normal ratings pre-contingency and applicable post-contingency ratings (*e.g.*, Long-Term-Emergency, LTE, ratings or Short-Term-Emergency, STE, ratings).

Voltage limits will be assessed, pre- and post-contingency, using the applicable voltage limits.

6.2 Steady State Analyses: N-1-1

The Study will evaluate a limited selection of N-1-1 contingencies around the POI. Steady state analyses (**summer peak**) will be performed based on the N-1-1 contingency descriptions provided by the CTO(s) and/or the NYISO.

6.3 Transfer Assessments

⁵ As defined in the NYISO Transmission Expansion and Interconnection Manual (NYISO TEI Manual).

The transfer assessment will determine the incremental impact of the Project on the Normal and Emergency transfer limits of the **Total East and Central East** interface (opened and closed definitions, as applicable) in accordance with Applicable Reliability Standards, Guidelines and NYISO study practices. The transfer limits will be evaluated in the predominant north-to-south direction, unless otherwise specified. Sufficient analyses will be conducted to determine the most limiting of the thermal, voltage, or stability limits under **summer peak** load conditions.

6.36.4 Short Circuit Analysis

Short circuit analysis will be performed, using ASPEN, to evaluate the impact of the Project on system protection and adequacy of existing circuit breakers, other fault current interrupting devices, and related equipment. All Project impacts of 100 A or more will be identified.

This analysis will be performed in accordance with the NYISO Guideline for Fault Current Assessment (Attachment I of the NYISO Transmission Expansion and Interconnection Manual), and in accordance with Connecting Transmission Owner and Affected System(s) criteria, to the extent such criteria are recognized as Applicable Reliability Standards.

6.46.5 Stability Analysis

Stability analysis, using PSS/E v34, will be performed for **summer peak** and **light load** conditions to determine the impact of the Project on system performance within the Study Area. This analysis will evaluate the performance of the system for Design Criteria Contingencies and will address issues including, but not limited to, transient stability, dynamic stability (*i.e.*, damping), critical clearing time, coordination of protection and control systems, and performance of any Special Protection Systems that may be affected. These analyses will explicitly consider the voltage and frequency ride-through capabilities of the facility.

7. Modeling Assumptions

7.1 Phase angle regulators (“PARs”), switched shunts, and LTC transformers will be modeled as regulating pre-contingency and non-regulating post-contingency. The Study will use PAR schedules established by the NYISO in coordination with the neighboring ISOs through the NERC and NPCC base case development processes. PARs may be adjusted as necessary to relieve pre-contingency overloads.

7.2 SVC and FACTS devices will be set to zero pre-contingency and allowed to operate to full range post-contingency.

8. Evaluation and Identification of Upgrades

If the Study results indicate that the Project, as proposed, would result in violations of Applicable Reliability Standards, analyses will be performed to identify any System Upgrade Facilities or Distribution Upgrades (if applicable) that would be required to meet the NYISO Minimum Interconnection Standard. When such upgrades are identified, sufficient re-assessments (among those identified in this scope) should be performed in order to assure that the upgrades do not cause any adverse reliability impact on the Study Area.

9. Cost Estimates of Facilities and Time to Construct

A description of facilities (*i.e.*, CTO Attachment Facilities and System Upgrade Facilities, if any) required to interconnect the Project to the NYSTS, or the Distribution System (if applicable), and non-binding good faith estimates of cost and time to construct those facilities, will be provided.

10. Report

The Study Report will document the summary of the results relevant to the project impacts, project description, project modeling, study assumptions, criteria and methodology, mitigation solutions and their impact assessment, and conclusions, for each of the analyses identified in this scope.

Appendix A

List of Other Proposed Projects to be Modeled in the Base Case

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| Queue Pos. | Owner / Project Name | MW (SIW) |
|---------------|--|-------------|
| 276 | EDF Renewables Development, Inc./Homer Solar Energy Center | 90.0 90.0 |
| 495 | Mohawk Solar LLC / Mohawk Solar | 90.5 90.5 |
| 519 | Canistee Wind Energy LLC/Canistee Wind | 290.7 290.7 |
| 531 | Invenergy Wind Development LLC / Number 3 Wind Energy | 105.8 105.8 |
| 535 | sPower Development Company, LLC / Riverhead Expansion | 36.0 36.0 |
| 546 | Atlantic Wind, LLC / Roaring Brook Wind | 79.7 79.7 |
| 579 | Bluestone Wind, LLC / Bluestone Wind | 124.2 124.2 |
| 596 | Invenergy Wind Development LLC / Alle Catt II Wind | 339.1 339.1 |
| 612 | Deepwater Wind South Fork, LLC / South Fork Wind Farm | 96.0 96.0 |
| 617 | North Park Energy, LLC / Watkins Glen Solar | 50.0 50.0 |
| 618 | North Park Energy, LLC / High River Solar | 90 90 |
| 619 | North Park Energy, LLC / East Point Solar | 50 50 |
| 620 | North Park Energy, LLC / North Side Solar | 180.0 180.0 |
| 637 | Flint Mine Solar LLC / Flint Mine Solar | 100.0 100.0 |
| 644 | Hecate Energy Columbia County 1, LLC / Columbia County 1 | 60.0 60.0 |
| 678 | LI Solar Generation, LLC / Calverton Solar Energy Center | 22.9 22.9 |
| 683 | KCE NY 2, LLC / KCE NY 2 | 200.0 200.0 |
| 695 | Deepwater Wind, LLC / South Fork Wind Farm II | 40.0 40.0 |
| 704 | Bear Ridge Solar, LLC / Bear Ridge Solar | 100.0 100.0 |
| 706 | High Bridge Wind, LLC / High Bridge Wind | 100.8 100.8 |
| 720 | North Light Energy Center, LLC / North Light Energy Center | 80.0 80.0 |
| 721 | Excelsior Energy Center, LLC / Excelsior Energy Center | 280.0 280.0 |
| 737 | Empire Offshore Wind LLC / El Sunset Park | 816.0 816.1 |
| 746 | Energy Storage Resources, LLC / Peconic River Energy Storage | 150.0 150.0 |
| 791 | Danskammer Energy LLC / Danskammer Energy Center | 595.5 600.0 |

| <u>Queue Pos.</u> | <u>Owner / Project Name</u> | <u>MW (S/W)</u> |
|-----------------------|--|---------------------|
| <u>521</u> | <u>Bull Run Energy LLC / Bull Run II Wind</u> | <u>449 449</u> |
| <u>571</u> | <u>Heritage Renewables, LLC / Heritage Wind</u> | <u>200.1 200.1</u> |
| <u>629</u> | <u>Silver Lake Solar, LLC / Silver Lake Solar</u> | <u>24.9 24.9</u> |
| <u>631</u> | <u>CHPE LLC / NS Power Express</u> | <u>1000 1000</u> |
| <u>710</u> | <u>Horseshoe Solar Energy LLC/ Horseshoe Solar</u> | <u>180 180</u> |
| <u>717</u> | <u>EDF Renewables Development, Inc. / Morris Ridge Solar Energy Center</u> | <u>177 177</u> |
| <u>758</u> | <u>Sithe/Independence Power Partners, LP / Sithe Independence</u> | <u>9 27</u> |
| <u>766</u> | <u>Sunrise Wind LLC / Sunrise Wind</u> | <u>880 880</u> |
| <u>783</u> | <u>ConnectGen Chautauqua County LLC / South Ripley Solar and BESS</u> | <u>270 270</u> |
| <u>787</u> | <u>Levy Grid, LLC / Levy Grid, LLC</u> | <u>150 150</u> |
| <u>801</u> | <u>Prattsburgh Wind, LLC / Prattsburgh Wind Farm</u> | <u>147 147</u> |
| <u>805</u> | <u>Oxbow Hill Solar, LLC / Oxbow Hill Solar</u> | <u>140 140</u> |
| <u>811</u> | <u>Hecate Energy Cider Solar LLC / Cider Solar</u> | <u>500 500</u> |
| <u>815</u> | <u>Bayonne Energy Center / Bayonne Energy Center III</u> | <u>49.8 49.8</u> |
| <u>835</u> | <u>Astoria Generating Company, LP / Luyster Creek Energy Storage 1</u> | <u>56 56</u> |
| <u>840</u> | <u>Hecate Energy LLC / Swiftsure Energy Storage</u> | <u>650 650</u> |
| <u>864</u> | <u>Greens Corners Solar LLC / NY38 Solar</u> | <u>120 120</u> |
| <u>883</u> | <u>Garnet Energy Center, LLC / Garnet Energy Center</u> | <u>200 200</u> |
| <u>887</u> | <u>CHPE LLC / CH Uprate</u> | <u>250 250</u> |
| <u>907</u> | <u>Harlem River ESS, LLC / Harlem River Yard</u> | <u>100 100</u> |
| <u>929</u> | <u>EDF Renewables Development, Inc. / Morris Ridge Battery Storage</u> | <u>83 83</u> |
| <u>931</u> | <u>East River ESS, LLC / Astoria Energy Storage</u> | <u>100 100</u> |
| <u>956</u> | <u>Holtsville 138 kV Energy Storage</u> | <u>110 110</u> |
| <u>959</u> | <u>Empire Offshore Wind LLC / EI Oceanside 2</u> | <u>1260 1260</u> |
| <u>965</u> | <u>Yaphank Energy Storage, LLC /Yaphank Energy Storage</u> | <u>76.8 77.6</u> |
| <u>987</u> | <u>Sunrise Wind LLC / Sunrise Wind 2</u> | <u>44 44</u> |