

**Load Interconnection - Interconnection System Impact Study Scope
Queue #1681: Niagara Digital Campus Project**

1. Purpose

The purpose of this Interconnection System Impact Study (“SIS” or “Study”) is to evaluate the impact of the proposed interconnection of the Niagara Digital Campus (“Project”), which is being developed by Niagara Falls Redevelopment LLC (“Eligible Customer”), on the reliability of the New York State Transmission System (“NYSTS”). The Study will be performed in accordance with Section 3.9 of the NYISO Open Access Transmission Tariff (“OATT”).

The Project will be located in Niagara County, New York. The proposed Point of Interconnection (“POI”) will be the Adams to Packard 115kV lines 187 and 188. The POI will be located approximately 0.24 miles from the Adams 115kV substation and 4.69 miles from the Packard 115kV substation. The Connecting Transmission Owner (“CTO”) is Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation d/b/a National Grid (“National Grid”).

The Project, as proposed, is a 140 MW load interconnection. The proposed load will utilize 140 MW of power on a continuous basis.

The Project proposes an In-Service Date of January 2027.

The Study will assess the impact of the Project on the base case power system including the New York Power Authority (“NYPA”) and Independent Electricity System Operator (“IESO”) as potentially affected systems. It will provide a list of the facilities (CTO Interconnection 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 2023 ATBA base cases that have the 2023 FERC 715 2028 system representation (“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 2023 (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 zone: Zone A (West) that is 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 electrical proximity to the POI.

5. Base Case Conditions

The impact of the proposed Project will be evaluated for summer peak, winter 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 existing load projects listed in Appendix B of this scope will be represented at rated load. 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 Standard¹.

Case 2 - Case 1 with the Project modeled as in-service at the rated load. 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

¹ As defined in the NYISO Transmission Expansion and Interconnection Manual (NYISO TEI Manual).

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 **winter peak** 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

The transfer assessment will determine the incremental impact of the Project on the Normal and Emergency transfer limits of the Dysinger East, Ontario-New York and New York - Ontario interfaces (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.

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

Appendix B
List of Existing Projects to be Modeled at Rated Load in the Base Case
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Queue Pos.	Owner / Project Name	MW (S W)
580	WNY STAMP	300.0 300.0
849	Sommerset Load	250.0 250.0
979	North Country Data Center	176.0 176.0