## **Transmission Expansion & Interconnection Manual Revisions**

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### Agenda

- Background
- Objectives
- Overview of Significant Updates
- Schedule/Next Steps



### Background

- Last update to the Transmission Expansion & Interconnection (TE&I) manual was June 2017
- Since June 2017, several tariff revisions have been accepted by FERC revising the transmission expansion and interconnection procedures



### **Objectives**

- Update manual provisions in light of recent tariff revisions
- Add additional detail regarding interconnection study methodology
- Clarify existing practices/procedures
- Editorial revisions

- A redlined and clean version of the Transmission Expansion & Interconnection Manual (TE&I Manual) is posted with the meeting materials
- This presentation summarizes the significant content changes



- Updates to conform with tariff changes made since last comprehensive manual update:
  - Updates to reflect revisions made as part of the 2017 comprehensive queue reform, as applicable

#### A. Increased Efficiencies in the Interconnection Process

- 1. Reduced the number of study agreements
- 2. Created deadlines for study reports to proceed through stakeholder process
- 3. Clarified roles and responsibilities of parties in the interconnection process
- 4. Made Feasibility Studies under Attachments X and Z options at Developer's election with two alternative levels of analyses
- 5. Revised the Interconnection Request data forms and requirements
- 6. Provided parties the option to narrow the scope of studies required or uprate projects
- 7. Allowed certain projects with multiple voltage levels to submit a single Interconnection Request



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#### B. Improvements to the Class Year Study Process

- 1. Revised Class Year Start Dates
- 2. Created the "Bifurcated Class Year" process
- 3. Afforded additional opportunities for projects to withdraw from the Class Year Study
- 4. Specified how a project can finalize an Interconnection Agreement prior to completion of a Class Year Study and/or request Limited Operations prior to execution of an Interconnection Agreement



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    - C. Other Clarifications and Improvements to the Interconnection Process
      - 1. Clarified base case inclusion rules
      - 2. Updated small Generating Facility deposits and application fee requirements
      - 3. Clarified clustering process for Small Generating Facilities
      - 4. Clarified process for evaluation of alternative Points of Interconnection in SGIP
      - 5. Added a requirements that certain Large Generating Facilities install phasor measurement units
      - 6. Improved the process for calculating CRIS values applicable to the Winter Capability Period
      - 7. Required stakeholder review of changes in Transmission Owner planning criteria
      - 8. Increased the frequency of required updates to proposed In-Service Dates, Initial Synchronization Dates and Commercial Operation Dates
      - 9. Clarified the withdrawal procedure
      - 10. Required outstanding invoices to be submitted by a date certain and only after such date, truing up the amounts to be refunded to a withdrawn project



- Updates to conform with tariff changes made since last comprehensive manual update:
  - Updates to reflect revisions to Section 3.7 of the NYISO OATT, and Attachments P, S, X and Z to NYISO OATT as it related to the NYISO's Order No. 1000 compliance
  - Updates to reflect rules regarding External-to-ROS Deliverability Rights



### **Overview of Revisions (cont.)**

- Additional updates and revisions, including:
  - Adding Attachment K to maintain, as a historical reference, the content of the Class Year 2001 Settlement Agreement
  - Adding Attachment L to describe normal operating procedures
  - Adding requirement that Developer be present (in person or by phone) at the TPAS and OC at which its study scope and report are under consideration



### **Overview of Revisions (cont.)**

### Additional updates and revisions (continued)

- Adding requirement that the scope and report reflect the most up to date good faith estimate of the project's In-Service Date and that if, at the time the scope or report is finalized, the proposed In-Service Date is infeasible, the Developer must update the In-Service Date on or before the TPAS meeting at which the scope or report is considered
- Adding list of information NYISO will have available for scoping meetings
- Ministerial edits and edits for internal consistency

### **Targeted Next Steps**

- BIC approval July 17, 2019
- OC review/approval July 18, 2019



### **Questions?**



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