

APPENDIX 4
INTERCONNECTION FACILITIES STUDY AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this ____ day of _____, 20__ by and between _____, a _____ organized and existing under the laws of the State of _____ (“Interconnection Customer,”) and ISO New England Inc., a non-stock corporation existing under the laws of the State of Delaware (“System Operator”), and _____, a _____ organized and existing under the laws of the State of _____ (“Interconnecting Transmission Owner”). Interconnection Customer, System Operator, and Interconnecting Transmission Owner may be referred to as a “Party,” or collectively as the “Parties.”

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Interconnection Customer is proposing to develop a Large Generating Facility or generating capacity addition to an existing Generating Facility consistent with the Interconnection Request submitted by the Interconnection Customer dated ; and

WHEREAS, Interconnection Customer desires to interconnect the Large Generating Facility to the Administered Transmission System; and

WHEREAS, System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner have completed an Interconnection System Impact Study (the “System Impact Study”) and provided the results of said study to the Interconnection Customer; and

WHEREAS, Interconnection Customer has requested System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner to perform an Interconnection Facilities Study to specify and estimate the cost of the equipment, engineering, procurement and construction work needed to implement the conclusions of the Interconnection System Impact Study in accordance with Good Utility Practice to physically and electrically connect the Large Generating Facility to the Administered Transmission System.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of and subject to the mutual covenants contained herein the Parties agreed as follows:

- 1.0 When used in this Agreement, with initial capitalization, the terms specified shall have the meanings indicated in the Commission-approved Large Generator Interconnection Procedures (“LGIP”), or in the other provisions of the ISO New England Inc. Transmission, Markets and Services Tariff (the “Tariff”).
- 2.0 Interconnection Customer elects and System Operator shall cause an Interconnection Facilities Study consistent with Section 8.0 of the LGIP to be performed in accordance with the Tariff.
- 3.0 The scope of the Interconnection Facilities Study shall be subject to the assumptions set forth in Attachment A and the data provided in Attachment B to this Agreement.
- 4.0 The Interconnection Facilities Study report (i) shall provide a description, estimated cost of (consistent with Attachment A), and schedule for required facilities to interconnect the Large Generating Facility to the Administered Transmission System and (ii) shall address the short circuit, instability, and power flow issues identified in the Interconnection System Impact Study.
- 5.0 The Interconnection Customer is providing herewith a deposit equal to:
 - i. the greater of 25 percent of the estimated cost of the Interconnection Facilities Study or \$250,000;
or
 - ii. the greater of 100 percent of the estimated monthly cost of the Interconnection Facilities Study Agreement or \$100,000, if the Interconnection Customer can provide either:
 - (a) evidence of application for all Major Permits, as defined in Section III.13.1.1.2.2(a) of the Tariff, required in support of the Interconnection Request, or provide certification that Major Permits are not required or

(b) evidence acceptable to the System Operator of At-Risk Expenditures (excluding Interconnection Study costs) totaling at least the amount of the money in (i) above, not including the At-Risk Expenditures demonstrated with the Interconnection System Impact Study Agreement, if applicable.

or

iii. the greater of 100 percent of one month's estimated study cost or \$100,000, if the Interconnection Request is for a modification to an existing Large Generating Facility that does not increase the energy capability or capacity capability of the Large Generating Facility.

The deposit shall be applied toward the cost of the Interconnection Facilities Study and the development of this Interconnection Facilities Study Agreement and its attachment(s) and the LGIA. The time for completion of the Interconnection Facilities Study is specified in Attachment A.

The total estimated cost of the performance of the Interconnection Facilities Study consists of \$_____ which is comprised of the System Operator's estimated cost of \$_____ and the Interconnecting Transmission Owner's estimated cost of \$_____.

Any difference between the deposit and the actual cost of the Interconnection Facilities Study shall be paid by or refunded to the Interconnection Customer, as appropriate.

Upon receipt of the Interconnection Facilities Study, System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall charge and Interconnection Customer shall pay the actual costs of the Interconnection Facilities Study. System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner may, in the exercise of reasonable discretion, invoice the Interconnection Customer on a monthly basis for the work to be conducted on the Interconnection Facilities Study each month. Interconnection Customer shall pay any invoiced amounts within thirty (30) Calendar Days of receipt of the invoice.

In accordance with the LGIP, in performing the Interconnection Facilities Study, Interconnecting Transmission Owner and System Operator shall coordinate with Affected

Parties, shall receive and incorporate input from such entities into its study, and shall provide copies of the final study report to such entities.

6.0 Miscellaneous.

6.1 Accuracy of Information. Except as a Party (“Providing Party”) may otherwise specify in writing when it provides information to the other Parties under this Agreement, the Providing Party represents and warrants that, to the best of its knowledge, the information it provides to the other Parties shall be accurate and complete as of the date the information is provided. The Providing Party shall promptly provide the other Parties with any additional information needed to update information previously provided.

6.2 Disclaimer of Warranty. In preparing and/or participating in the Interconnection Facilities Study, as applicable, each Party and any subcontractor consultants employed by it shall have to rely on information provided by the Providing Party, and possibly by third parties, and may not have control over the accuracy of such information. Accordingly, beyond the commitment to use Reasonable Efforts in preparing and/or participating in the Interconnection Facilities Study (including, but not limited to, exercise of Good Utility Practice in verifying the accuracy of information provided for or used in the Interconnection Facilities Study), as applicable, no Party nor any subcontractor consultant employed by it makes any warranties, express or implied, whether arising by operation of law, course of performance or dealing, custom, usage in the trade or profession, or otherwise, including without limitation implied warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose, with regard to the accuracy of the information considered in conducting the Interconnection Facilities Study, the content of the Interconnection Facilities Study, or the conclusions of the Interconnection Facilities Study. Interconnection Customer acknowledges that it has not relied on any representations or warranties not specifically set forth herein and that no such representations or warranties have formed the basis of its bargain hereunder.

6.3 Force Majeure, Liability and Indemnification.

- 6.3.1 Force Majeure. Neither System Operator, Interconnecting Transmission Owner nor an Interconnection Customer will be considered in default as to any obligation under this Agreement if prevented from fulfilling the obligation due to an event of Force Majeure; provided that no event of Force Majeure affecting any entity shall excuse that entity from making any payment that it is obligated to make hereunder. However, an entity whose performance under this Agreement is hindered by an event of Force Majeure shall make all reasonable efforts to perform its obligations under this Agreement, and shall promptly notify the System Operator, the Interconnecting Transmission Owner or the Interconnection Customer, whichever is appropriate, of the commencement and end of each event of Force Majeure.
- 6.3.2 Liability. System Operator shall not be liable for money damages or other compensation to the Interconnection Customer for action or omissions by System Operator in performing its obligations under this Agreement, except to the extent such act or omission by System Operator is found to result from its gross negligence or willful misconduct. Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall not be liable for money damages or other compensation to the Interconnection Customer for action or omissions by Interconnecting Transmission Owner in performing its obligations under this Agreement, except to the extent such act or omission by Interconnecting Transmission Owner is found to result from its gross negligence or willful misconduct. To the extent the Interconnection Customer has claims against System Operator or Interconnecting Transmission Owner, the Interconnection Customer may only look to the assets of System Operator or Interconnecting Transmission Owner (as the case may be) for the enforcement of such claims and may not seek to enforce any claims against the directors, members, shareholders, officers, employees or agents of System Operator or Interconnecting Transmission Owner or Affiliate of either who, the Interconnection Customer acknowledges and agrees, have no personal or other liability for obligations of System Operator or Interconnecting Transmission Owner by reason of their status as directors, members, shareholders, officers, employees or agents of System Operator or Interconnecting Transmission Owner or Affiliate of either. In no event shall System Operator, Interconnecting Transmission Owner or any Interconnection Customer be liable for any

incidental, consequential, multiple or punitive damages, loss of revenues or profits, attorneys fees or costs arising out of, or connected in any way with the performance or non-performance under this Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing in this section shall diminish an Interconnection Customer's obligations under the Indemnification section below.

6.3.3 Indemnification. Interconnection Customer shall at all times indemnify, defend, and save harmless System Operator and the Interconnecting Transmission Owners and their respective directors, officers, members, employees and agents from any and all damages, losses, claims and liabilities ("Losses") by or to third parties arising out of or resulting from the performance by System Operator or Interconnecting Transmission Owner under this Agreement, any bankruptcy filings made by the Interconnection Customer, or the actions or omissions of the Interconnection Customer in connection with this Agreement, except in the case of System Operator, to the extent such Losses arise from the gross negligence or willful misconduct by System Operator or its directors, officers, members, employees or agents, and, in the case of Interconnecting Transmission Owner, to the extent such Losses arise from the gross negligence or willful misconduct by Interconnecting Transmission Owner or its directors, officers, members, employees or agents. The amount of any indemnity payment hereunder shall be reduced (including, without limitation, retroactively) by any insurance proceeds or other amounts actually recovered by the indemnified party in respect of the indemnified action, claim, demand, cost, damage or liability. The obligations of Interconnection Customer to indemnify System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owners shall be several, and not joint or joint and several. The liability provisions of the Transmission Operating Agreement or other applicable operating agreements shall apply to the relationship between the System Operator and the Interconnecting Transmission Owner.

6.4 Third-Party Beneficiaries. Without limiting Sections 7.2 and 7.3 of this Agreement, the Parties agree that subcontractor consultants hired by them to conduct, participate in, review, or to assist in the conducting, participating in, or reviewing of, an Interconnection Facilities Study shall be deemed third party beneficiaries of Sections 7.2 and 7.3.

- 6.5 Term and Termination. This Agreement shall be effective from the date hereof and unless earlier terminated in accordance with this Section 7.5, shall continue in effect for a term of one year or until the Interconnection Facilities Study is completed. This Agreement shall automatically terminate upon the withdrawal of Interconnection Request under Section 3.6 of the LGIP. The System Operator or the Interconnecting Transmission Owner may terminate this Agreement fifteen (15) days after providing written notice to the Interconnection Customer that it has breached one of its obligations hereunder, if the breach has not been cured within such fifteen (15) day period.
- 6.6 Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the state where the Point of Interconnection is located without regard to any choice of laws provisions.
- 6.7 Severability. In the event that any part of this Agreement is deemed as a matter of law to be unenforceable or null and void, such unenforceable or void part shall be deemed severable from this Agreement and the Agreement shall continue in full force and effect as if each part was not contained herein.
- 6.8 Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, and each counterpart shall have the same force and effect as the original instrument.
- 6.9 Amendment. No amendment, modification or waiver of any term hereof shall be effective unless set forth in writing and signed by the Parties hereto.
- 6.10 Survival. All warranties, limitations of liability and confidentiality provisions provided herein shall survive the expiration or termination hereof.
- 6.11 Independent Contractor. Each of the Parties shall at all times be deemed to be an independent contractor of the other Parties, and none of its employees or the employees of its subcontractors shall be considered to be employees of the other Parties as a result of this Agreement.

- 6.12 No Implied Waivers. The failure of a Party to insist upon or enforce strict performance of any of the provisions of this Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver or relinquishment to any extent of such Party’s right to insist or rely on any such provision, rights and remedies in that or any other instance; rather, the same shall be and remain in full force and effect.
- 6.13 Successors and Assigns. This Agreement may not be assigned, by operation of law or otherwise, without the prior written consent of the other Parties hereto, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Agreement, and each and every term and condition hereof, shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns, to the extent the same are authorized hereunder.
- 6.14 Due Authorization. Each Party to this Agreement represents and warrants that it has full power and authority to enter into this Agreement and to perform its obligations hereunder, that execution of this Agreement will not violate any other agreement with a third party, and that the person signing this Agreement on its behalf has been properly authorized and empowered to enter into this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused this Agreement to be duly executed by their duly authorized officers or agents on the day and year first above written.

System Operator

Interconnecting Transmission Owner

By:

By:

Title:

Title:

Date:

Date:

[Insert name of Interconnection Customer]

By:

Title:

Date:

**INTERCONNECTION CUSTOMER SCHEDULE ELECTION FOR CONDUCTING THE
INTERCONNECTION FACILITIES STUDY**

Interconnection Customer elects (check one):

- +/- 20 percent cost estimate contained in the Interconnection Facilities Study report.
- +/- 10 percent cost estimate contained in the Interconnection Facilities Study report.

Interconnecting Transmission Owner and System Operator shall use Reasonable Efforts to complete the study and issue a draft Interconnection Facilities Study report to the Interconnection Customer within the following number of days after of receipt of an executed copy of this Interconnection Facilities Study Agreement:

- ninety (90) Calendar Days with no more than a +/- 20 percent cost estimate contained in the report, or
- one hundred eighty (180) Calendar Days with no more than a +/- 10 percent cost estimate contained in the report.

**DATA FORM TO BE PROVIDED BY INTERCONNECTION CUSTOMER
WITH THE
INTERCONNECTION FACILITIES STUDY AGREEMENT**

Provide location plan and simplified one-line diagram of the plant and station facilities. For staged projects, please indicate future generation, transmission circuits, etc.

One set of metering is required for each generation connection to the new ring bus or existing New England Transmission System station. Number of generation connections:

On the one line indicate the generation capacity attached at each metering location. (Maximum load on Current Transformer/Power Transformer (“CT/PT”))

On the one line indicate the location of auxiliary power. (Minimum load on CT/PT) Amps

Will an alternate source of auxiliary power be available during CT/PT maintenance?

Yes _____ No _____

Will a transfer bus on the generation side of the metering require that each meter set be designed for the total plant generation? Yes _____ No _____

(Please indicate on one line).

What type of control system or Power Line Carrier (“PLC”) will be located at the Interconnection Customer’s Large Generating Facility?

What protocol does the control system or PLC use?

Please provide a 7.5-minute quadrangle of the site. Sketch the plant, station, transmission line, and property line.

Physical dimensions of the proposed interconnection station:

Bus length from generation to interconnection station:

Line length from interconnection station to Interconnecting Transmission Owner's transmission line.

Tower number observed in the field. (Painted on tower leg)*

Number of third party easements required for transmission lines*:

* To be completed in coordination with System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner.

Is the Large Generating Facility in Interconnecting Transmission Owner's service area?

Yes _____ No _____ Local provider:

Please provide proposed schedule dates:

Begin Construction Date:

Generator step-up transformer Date:

Receives back feed power Date

Generation Testing Date:

Commercial Operation Date: