

## **SCHEDULE 23**

### **SMALL GENERATOR INTERCONNECTION PROCEDURES**

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## **SECTION I. DEFINITIONS**

The definitions contained in this section are intended to apply in the context of the generator interconnection process provided for in this Schedule 23 (and its appendices). To the extent that the definitions herein are different than those contained in Section I.2.2 of the Tariff, the definitions provided below shall control only for purposes of generator interconnections under this Schedule 23. Capitalized terms in Schedule 23 that are not defined in this Section I shall have the meanings specified in Section I.2.2 of the Tariff.

**Administered Transmission System** shall mean the PTF and the Non-PTF.

**Adverse System Impact** shall mean any significant negative effects on the stability, reliability or operating characteristics of the electric system.

**Affected Party** shall mean the entity that owns, operates or controls an Affected System, or any other entity operating outside of the New England Control Area that otherwise may be a necessary party to the interconnection process.

**Affected System** shall mean any electric system that is outside the New England Control Area that may be affected by the proposed interconnection.

**Affected System Facilities Construction Agreement** shall mean the agreement contained in Appendix 9 to this SGIP that is made between Interconnecting Transmission Owner and Affected System Interconnection Customer to facilitate the construction of and to set forth cost responsibility for necessary Affected System Network Upgrades on the New England Transmission System.

**Affected System Interconnection Customer** shall mean any entity that submits an interconnection request for a generating facility to a transmission system outside of the New England Control Area that may cause the need for Affected System Network Upgrades on the New England Transmission System.

**Affected System Network Upgrades** shall mean the additions, modifications, and upgrades to New England Transmission System required to accommodate Affected System Interconnection Customer's proposed interconnection to a transmission system other than New England-Transmission System.

**Affected System Operator** shall mean the entity that operates an Affected System.

**Affected System Queue Position** shall mean the queue position of an Affected System Interconnection Customer in System Operator's interconnection queue relative to System Operator's Interconnection Customers' Queue Positions.

**Affected System Study** shall mean the evaluation of Affected System Interconnection Customers' proposed interconnection(s) to a transmission system outside the New England Control Area that have an impact on the New England-Transmission System, as described in Section 9 of this SGIP.

**Affected System Study Agreement** shall mean the agreement contained in Appendix 7 to this SGIP that is made between System Operator and Affected System Interconnection Customer to conduct an Affected System Study pursuant to Section 9 of this SGIP.

**Affected System Study Report** shall mean the report issued following completion of an Affected System Study pursuant to Section 9.7 of this SGIP.

**Affiliate** shall mean, with respect to a corporation, partnership or other entity, each such other corporation, partnership or other entity that directly or indirectly, through one or more intermediaries, controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with, such corporation, partnership or other entity.

**Applicable Laws and Regulations** shall mean all duly promulgated applicable federal, state and local laws, regulations, rules, ordinances, codes, decrees, judgments, directives, or judicial or administrative orders, permits and other duly authorized actions of any Governmental Authority.

**Applicable Reliability Council** shall mean the reliability council applicable to the New England Control Area.

**Applicable Reliability Standards** shall mean the requirements and guidelines of NERC, the NPCC and the New England Control Area, including publicly available local reliability requirements of Interconnecting Transmission Owners or other Affected Parties or Internal Affected Parties.

**At-Risk Expenditure** shall mean money expended for the development of the Generating Facility that cannot be recouped if Interconnection Customer were to withdraw the Interconnection Request for the Generating Facility. At-Risk Expenditure may include, but is not limited to, money expended on: (i)

costs of federal, state, local, regional and town permits, (ii) Site Control, (iii) site-specific design and surveys, (iv) construction activities, and (v) non-refundable deposits for major equipment components. For purposes of this definition, At-Risk Expenditure shall not include costs associated with the Interconnection Studies.

**Base Case** shall have the meaning specified in Section 2.3.

**Base Case Data** shall mean the Base Case power flow, short circuit, and stability data bases used for the Interconnection Studies by the System Operator, Interconnection Customer, Interconnecting Transmission Owner, or any Affected Party or Internal Affected Party as deemed appropriate by the System Operator in accordance with applicable codes of conduct and confidentiality requirements.

**Breach** shall mean the failure of a Party to perform or observe any material term or condition of the Standard Small Generator Interconnection Agreement.

**Breaching Party** shall mean a Party that is in Breach of the Standard Small Generator Interconnection Agreement.

**Calendar Day** shall mean any day including Saturday, Sunday or a Federal Holiday.

**Capacity Capability Interconnection Standard (“CC Interconnection Standard”)** shall mean the criteria required to permit Interconnection Customer to interconnect a Generating Facility seeking Capacity Network Resource Interconnection Service or an Elective Transmission Upgrade seeking Capacity Network Import Interconnection Service in a manner that avoids any significant adverse effect on the reliability, stability, and operability of the New England Transmission System, including protecting against the degradation of transfer capability for interfaces affected by the Generating Facility seeking Capacity Network Resource Interconnection Service or an Elective Transmission Upgrade seeking Capacity Network Import Interconnection Service, and in a manner that ensures intra-zonal deliverability by avoidance of the redispatch of other Capacity Network Resources or Elective Transmission Upgrades with Capacity Network Import Interconnection Service, as detailed in the ISO New England Planning Procedures.



**Capacity Network Resource (“CNR”)** shall mean that portion of a Generating Facility that is interconnected to the Administered Transmission System under the Capacity Capability Interconnection Standard.

**Capacity Network Resource Capability (“CNR Capability”)** shall mean the MW quantity associated with CNR Interconnection Service, calculated as described in Section II.48 of the Tariff.

**Capacity Network Resource Group Study (“CNR Group Study”)** shall mean the study performed by the System Operator under Section III.13.1.1.2.3 of the Tariff to determine which resources qualify to participate in a Forward Capacity Auction.

**Capacity Network Resource Interconnection Service (“CNR Interconnection Service”)** shall mean the Interconnection Service selected by Interconnection Customer to interconnect its Small Generating Facility with the Administered Transmission System in accordance with the Capacity Capability Interconnection Standard. An Interconnection Customer’s CNR Interconnection Service shall be for the megawatt amount of CNR Capability. CNR Interconnection Service does not in and of itself convey transmission service.

**Cluster** shall mean a group of one or more Interconnection Requests that are studied together for the purpose of conducting a Cluster Study, Cluster Interconnection System Impact Study, and Cluster Interconnection Facilities Study.

**Cluster Enabling Transmission Upgrade (“CETU”)** shall mean new significant transmission line infrastructure that consists of AC transmission lines and related terminal equipment having a nominal voltage rating at or above 115 kV or HVDC transmission lines and HVDC terminal equipment that is identified through the Clustering Enabling Transmission Upgrade Regional Planning Study conducted in accordance with Attachment K, Section II of the Tariff. The CETU shall be considered part of a Generator Interconnection Related Upgrade and be categorized as Interconnection Facilities or Network Upgrades.

**Cluster Enabling Transmission Upgrade Regional Planning Study (“CRPS”)** shall mean a study conducted by the System Operator under Attachment K, Section II of the Tariff to identify the Cluster Enabling Transmission Upgrade and associated system upgrades to enable the interconnection of Interconnection Requests for which the conditions identified in Section 4.2.1 have been triggered.

**Cluster Interconnection Facilities Study (“CFAC”)** shall mean an Interconnection Facilities Study performed using Clustering pursuant to Section 4.2.4.

**Cluster Interconnection System Impact Study (“CSIS”)** shall mean an Interconnection System Impact Study performed using Clustering pursuant to Section 4.2.3.

**CETU Participation Deposit** shall mean a Commercial Readiness Deposit as described in Section 4.2.

**Cluster Request Window** shall mean the time period set forth in Section 3.4.1 of this SGIP.

**Cluster Restudy** shall mean a restudy of a Cluster Study conducted pursuant to Section 7.5 of this SGIP.

**Cluster Restudy Report Meeting** shall mean the meeting held to discuss the results of a Cluster Restudy pursuant to Section 7.5 of this SGIP.

**Cluster Restudy Report** shall mean the report issued following completion of a Cluster Restudy pursuant to Section 7.5 of this SGIP.

**Cluster Study** shall mean the evaluation of one or more Interconnection Requests within a Cluster as described in Section 7 of this SGIP.

**Cluster Study Agreement** shall mean the agreement contained in Appendix 2 to this SGIP for conducting the Cluster Study.

**Cluster Study Process** shall mean the following processes, conducted in sequence: the Cluster Request Window; the Customer Engagement Window and Scoping Meetings therein; the Cluster Study; any needed Cluster Restudies; and the Interconnection Facilities Study.

**Cluster Study Report** shall mean the report issued following completion of a Cluster Study pursuant to Section 7 of this SGIP.

**Cluster Study Report Meeting** shall mean the meeting held to discuss the results of a Cluster Study pursuant to Section 7 of this SGIP.

**Clustering** shall mean the process whereby one or more Interconnection Requests are studied together, instead of serially, as described in Sections 4.2.3, 4.2.4, and 7 of this SGIP.

**Commercial Operation** shall mean the status of a Generating Facility that has commenced generating electricity for sale, excluding electricity generated during Trial Operation.

**Commercial Operation Date** of a unit shall mean the date on which the Generating Facility commences Commercial Operation as agreed to by the Parties pursuant to Attachment 7 to the Standard Small Generator Interconnection Agreement.

**Commercial Readiness Deposit** shall mean a deposit paid as set forth in Sections 3.4.2, 4.4.2, 5.1.1.3, 7.5, and 8.1 of this SGIP.

**Confidential Information** shall mean any confidential, proprietary or trade secret information of a plan, specification, pattern, procedure, design, device, list, concept, policy or compilation relating to the present or planned business of a Party, which is designated as confidential by the Party supplying the information, whether conveyed orally, electronically, in writing, through inspection, or otherwise. Confidential Information shall include, but not be limited to, information that is confidential pursuant to the ISO New England Information Policy.

**Contingent Facilities** shall mean those unbuilt Interconnection Facilities and Network Upgrades associated with an Interconnection Request with a higher Queue Position or a transmission project that is planned or proposed for the New England Transmission System upon which the Interconnection Request's costs, timing, and study findings are dependent, and if delayed or not built, could cause a need for restudies of the Interconnection Request or a reassessment of the Interconnection Facilities and/or Network Upgrades and/or costs and timing.

**Customer Engagement Window** shall mean the time period set forth in Section 3.4.5 of this SGIP.

**Default** shall mean the failure of a Breaching Party to cure its Breach in accordance with Article 7.6 of the Standard Small Generator Interconnection Agreement.

**Dispute Resolution** shall mean the procedure for resolution of a dispute between the Parties in which they will first attempt to resolve the dispute on an informal basis.

**Distribution System** shall mean the Interconnecting Transmission Owner's facilities and equipment used to transmit electricity to ultimate usage points such as homes and industries directly from nearby generators or from interchanges with higher voltage transmission networks which transport bulk power over longer distances. The voltage levels at which distribution systems operate differ among areas.

**Distribution Upgrades** shall mean the additions, modifications, and upgrades to the Interconnecting Transmission Owner's Distribution System at or beyond the Point of Interconnection to facilitate interconnection of the Generating Facility and render the transmission service necessary to effect Interconnection Customer's wholesale sale of electricity in interstate commerce. Distribution Upgrades do not include Interconnection Facilities.

**Effective Date** shall mean the date on which the Standard Small Generator Interconnection Agreement becomes effective upon execution by the Parties subject to acceptance by the Commission or if filed unexecuted, upon the date specified by the Commission.

**Emergency Condition** shall mean a condition or situation: (1) that in the judgment of the Party making the claim is likely to endanger life or property; or (2) that, in the case of the Interconnecting Transmission Owner, is likely (as determined in a non-discriminatory manner) to cause a material adverse effect on the security of, or damage to the New England Transmission System, Interconnecting Transmission Owner's Interconnection Facilities or any Affected System to which the New England Transmission System is directly connected; or (3) that, in the case of Interconnection Customer, is likely (as determined in a non-discriminatory manner) to cause a material adverse effect on the security of, or damage to, the Generating Facility or Interconnection Customer's Interconnection Facilities. System restoration and black start shall be considered Emergency Conditions; provided that Interconnection Customer is not obligated by the Standard Small Generator Interconnection Agreement to possess black start capability.

**Engineering & Procurement ("E&P") Agreement** shall mean an agreement that authorizes Interconnection Customer, Interconnecting Transmission Owner and any other Affected Party or Internal Affected Party to begin engineering and procurement of long lead-time items necessary for the establishment of the interconnection in order to advance the implementation of the Interconnection Request.

**Environmental Law** shall mean Applicable Laws or Regulations relating to pollution or protection of the environment or natural resources.

**Federal Power Act** shall mean the Federal Power Act, as amended, 16 U.S.C. §§ 791a et seq.

**Force Majeure** shall mean any act of God, labor disturbance, act of the public enemy, war, insurrection, riot, fire, storm or flood, explosion, breakage or accident to machinery or equipment, any order, regulation or restriction imposed by governmental, military or lawfully established civilian authorities, or any other cause beyond a Party's control. A Force Majeure event does not include acts of negligence or intentional wrongdoing by the Party claiming Force Majeure.

**Generating Facility** shall mean Interconnection Customer's device(s) for the production and/or storage for later injection of electricity identified in the Interconnection Request, but shall not include Interconnection Customer's Interconnection Facilities.

**Governmental Authority** shall mean any federal, state, local or other governmental regulatory or administrative agency, court, commission, department, board, or other governmental subdivision, legislature, rulemaking board, tribunal, or other governmental authority having jurisdiction over the Parties, their respective facilities, or the respective services they provide, and exercising or entitled to exercise any administrative, executive, police, or taxing authority or power; provided, however, that such term does not include the System Operator, Interconnection Customer, Interconnecting Transmission Owner, or any Affiliate thereof.

**Hazardous Substances** shall mean any chemicals, materials or substances defined as or included in the definition of "hazardous substances," "hazardous wastes," "hazardous materials," "hazardous constituents," "restricted hazardous materials," "extremely hazardous substances," "toxic substances," "radioactive substances," "contaminants," "pollutants," "toxic pollutants" or words of similar meaning and regulatory effect under any applicable Environmental Law, or any other chemical, material or substance, exposure to which is prohibited, limited or regulated by any applicable Environmental Law.

**Initial Synchronization Date** shall mean the date upon which the Generating Facility is initially synchronized and upon which Trial Operation begins.

**In-Service Date** shall mean the date upon which Interconnection Customer reasonably expects it will be ready to begin use of the Interconnecting Transmission Owner's Interconnection Facilities to obtain back feed power.

**Interconnecting Transmission Owner** shall mean a Transmission Owner that owns, leases or otherwise possesses an interest, or a Non-Incumbent Transmission Developer that is not a Participating Transmission Owner that is constructing, a portion of the Administered Transmission System at the Point of Interconnection and shall be a Party to the Standard Small Generator Interconnection Agreement. The term Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall not be read to include the System Operator.

**Interconnecting Transmission Owner's Interconnection Facilities** shall mean all facilities and equipment owned, controlled, or operated by Interconnecting Transmission Owner from the Point of Change of Ownership to the Point of Interconnection as identified in Attachment 2 to the Standard Small Generator Interconnection Agreement, including any modifications, additions or upgrades to such facilities and equipment. Interconnecting Transmission Owner's Interconnection Facilities are sole use facilities and shall not include Distribution Upgrades, Stand Alone Network Upgrades or Network Upgrades.

**Interconnection Customer** shall mean any entity, including a transmission owner or its Affiliates or subsidiaries, that interconnects or proposes to interconnect its Generating Facility with the Administered Transmission System under this SGIP.

**Interconnection Customer's Interconnection Facilities** shall mean all facilities and equipment, as identified in Attachment 2 of the Standard Small Generator Interconnection Agreement, that are located between the Generating Facility and the Point of Change of Ownership, including any modification, addition, or upgrades to such facilities and equipment necessary to physically and electrically interconnect the Generating Facility to the Administered Transmission System. Interconnection Customer's Interconnection Facilities may be sole use facilities or subject to shared use pursuant to arrangements filed with and approved by the Commission.

**Interconnection Facilities** shall mean Interconnecting Transmission Owner's Interconnection Facilities and Interconnection Customer's Interconnection Facilities. Collectively, Interconnection Facilities include all facilities and equipment between the Generating Facility and the Point of Interconnection, including any modification, additions or upgrades that are necessary to physically and electrically

interconnect the Generating Facility to the Administered Transmission System. Interconnection Facilities are sole use facilities and shall not include Distribution Upgrades, Stand Alone Network Upgrades or Network Upgrades.

**Interconnection Facilities Study** shall mean a study conducted by the System Operator, Interconnecting Transmission Owner, or a third party consultant for Interconnection Customer to determine a list of facilities (including Interconnecting Transmission Owner's Interconnection Facilities and Network Upgrades as identified in the Cluster Study, Cluster Restudy, or the Cluster Interconnection System Impact Study), the cost of those facilities, and the time required to interconnect the Generating Facility with the Administered Transmission System. The scope of the study is defined in Section 8 of this SGIP.

**Interconnection Facilities Study Agreement** shall mean the form of agreement contained in Appendix 3 of this SGIP for conducting the Interconnection Facilities Study.

**Interconnection Facilities Study Report** shall mean the report issued following completion of an Interconnection Facilities Study pursuant to Section 8 of this SGIP.

**Interconnection Request** shall mean an Interconnection Customer's request, in the form of Appendix 1 to this SGIP, in accordance with the Tariff, to: (i) interconnect a new Generating Facility to the Administered Transmission System as either a CNR or a NR; (ii) make a Material Modification to a proposed Generating Facility with an outstanding Interconnection Request; (iii) increase the energy capability or capacity capability of an existing Generation Facility; (iv) make a Material Modification to the design or operating characteristics of an existing Generating Facility, including its Interconnection Facilities, that is interconnected with the Administered Transmission System; (v) commence participation in the wholesale markets by an existing Generating Facility that is interconnected with the Administered Transmission System; or (vi) change from NR Interconnection Service to CNR Interconnection Service for all or part of a Generating Facility's capability. Interconnection Request shall not include a request to interconnect a Qualifying Facility (as defined by the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act, as amended by the Energy Policy Act of 2005 and the regulations thereto), where the Qualifying Facility's owner intent is to sell 100% of the Qualifying Facility's output to its interconnected electric utility.

**Interconnection Service** shall mean the service provided by the System Operator, and the Interconnecting Transmission Owner, associated with interconnecting Interconnection Customer's Generating Facility to the Administered Transmission System and enabling the receipt of electric energy

capability and/or capacity capability from the Generating Facility at the Point of Interconnection, pursuant to the terms of the SGIA and, if applicable, the Tariff.

**Interconnection Study** shall mean any of the following studies: the Cluster Interconnection System Impact Study, the Cluster Study, Cluster Interconnection Facilities Study the Cluster Restudy, the Surplus Interconnection Service Study, the Interconnection Facilities Study, the Affected System Study, Optional Interconnection Study, and Material Modification assessment, and the Optional Interconnection Study described in this SGIP.

**Interconnection Study Agreement** shall mean any of the following agreements: the Affected System Study Agreement, Cluster Study Agreement, the Interconnection Facilities Study Agreement, and the Optional Interconnection Study Agreement attached to this SGIP.

**Internal Affected Party** shall mean the entity that owns, operates or controls an Internal Affected System, or any other entity operating within the New England Control Area that otherwise may be a necessary party to the interconnection process.

**Internal Affected System** shall mean any electric system that is within the New England Control Area, including, but not limited to, generator owned facilities that may be affected by the proposed interconnection.

**IRS** shall mean the Internal Revenue Service.

**Small Generating Facility** shall mean a Generating Facility having a maximum gross capability at or above zero degrees F of more 20 MW or less.

**SGIA Deposit** shall mean the deposit Interconnection Customer submits when returning the executed SGIA, or within ten (10) Business Days of requesting that the SGIA be filed unexecuted at the Commission, in accordance with Section 11.3 of this SGIP.

**Loss** shall mean any and all losses relating to injury to or death of any person or damage to property, demand, suits, recoveries, costs and expenses, court costs, attorney fees, and all other obligations by or to third parties, arising out of or resulting from another Party's performance, or non-performance of its obligations under the Standard Small Generator Interconnection Agreement on behalf of the Indemnifying Party, except in cases of gross negligence or intentional wrongdoing by the Indemnifying Party.



**Major Permits** shall be as defined in Section III.13.1.1.2.2(a) of the Tariff.

**Material Modification** shall mean: (i) except as expressly provided in Section 4.4.1, those modifications to the Interconnection Request, including any of the technical data provided by Interconnection Customer in Appendix 1, Attachment A (and Attachment A-1, if applicable) to the Interconnection Request or to the interconnection configuration, requested by Interconnection Customer, that either require significant additional study of the same Interconnection Request and could substantially change the interconnection design, or have a material impact (*i.e.*, an evaluation of the proposed modification cannot be completed in less than ten (10) Business Days) on the cost or timing of any Interconnection Studies or upgrades associated with an Interconnection Request with an equal or later Queue Position; (ii) a change to the design or operating characteristics of an existing Generating Facility, including its Interconnection Facilities, that is interconnected with the Administered Transmission System that may have a significant adverse effect on the reliability or operating characteristics of the New England Transmission System; or (iii) a delay to the Commercial Operation Date, In-Service Date, or Initial Synchronization Date of greater than three (3) years where the reason for delay is unrelated to construction schedules or permitting which delay is beyond Interconnection Customer's control.

**Metering Equipment** shall mean all metering equipment installed or to be installed at the Generating Facility pursuant to the Standard Small Generator Interconnection Agreement at the metering points, including but not limited to instrument transformers, MWh-meters, data acquisition equipment, transducers, remote terminal unit, communications equipment, phone lines, and fiber optics. Any metering necessitated by the use of the Small Generating Facility shall be installed at Interconnection Customer's expense in accordance with Commission, state, or local regulatory requirements and with ISO New England Operating Documents, Applicable Reliability Standards, or successor documents.

**Multiparty Affected System Facilities Construction Agreement** shall mean the agreement contained in Appendix 12 to this SGIP that is made among Interconnecting Transmission Owner and multiple Affected System Interconnection Customers to facilitate the construction of and to set forth cost responsibility for necessary Affected System Network Upgrades on the New England Transmission System.

**Multiparty Affected System Study Agreement** shall mean the agreement contained in Appendix 8 to this SGIP that is made among Interconnecting Transmission Owner, System Operator and multiple

Affected System Interconnection Customers to conduct an Affected System Study pursuant to Section 9 of this SGIP.

**Network Capability Interconnection Standard (“NC Interconnection Standard”)** shall mean the minimum criteria required to permit Interconnection Customer to interconnect a Generating Facility seeking Network Resource Interconnection Service or Elective Transmission Upgrade seeking Network Import Interconnection Service in a manner that avoids any significant adverse effect on the reliability, stability, and operability of the New England Transmission System, including protecting against the degradation of transfer capability for interfaces affected by the Generating Facility seeking Network Resource Interconnection Service or Elective Transmission Upgrade seeking Network Import Interconnection Service, as detailed in the ISO New England Planning Procedures.

**Network Resource (“NR”)** shall mean the portion of a Generating Facility that is interconnected to the Administered Transmission System under the Network Capability Interconnection Standard.

**Network Resource Capability (“NR Capability”)** shall mean the MW quantity associated with NR Interconnection Service, calculated as described in Section II.48 of the Tariff.

**Network Resource Interconnection Service (“NR Interconnection Service”)** shall mean the Interconnection Service selected by Interconnection Customer to interconnect its Generating Facility to the Administered Transmission System in accordance with the Network Capability Interconnection Standard. An Interconnection Customer’s NR Interconnection Service shall be solely for the megawatt amount of the NR Capability requested pursuant to Section 3.1 of this SGIP. NR Interconnection Service in and of itself does not convey transmission service.

**Network Upgrades** shall mean the additions, modifications, and upgrades to the New England Transmission System required at or beyond the Point of Interconnection to accommodate the interconnection of the Small Generating Facility to the Administered Transmission System.

**Notice of Dispute** shall mean a written notice of a dispute or claim that arises out of or in connection with the Standard Small Generator Interconnection Agreement or its performance.

**Optional Interconnection Study** shall mean a sensitivity analysis based on assumptions specified by Interconnection Customer in the Optional Interconnection Study Agreement.

**Optional Interconnection Study Agreement** shall mean the form of agreement contained in Appendix 4 of this SGIP for conducting the Optional Interconnection Study.

**Party** shall mean the System Operator, Interconnection Customer and Interconnecting Transmission Owner or any combination of the above.

**Point of Change of Ownership** shall mean the point, as set forth in Attachment 2 to the Standard Small Generator Interconnection Agreement, where Interconnection Customer's Interconnection Facilities connect to the Interconnecting Transmission Owner's Interconnection Facilities.

**Point of Interconnection** shall mean the point, as set forth in Attachment 2 to the Standard Small Generator Interconnection Agreement, where the Interconnection Facilities connect to the Administered Transmission System.

**Proportional Impact Method** shall mean a technical analysis conducted by the System Operator in accordance with the criteria and parameters specified in the ISO New England Planning Procedures to determine the degree to which each Generating Facility in the Cluster Study contributes to the need for a specific System Network Upgrade.

**Provisional Interconnection Service** shall mean Network Resource Interconnection Service provided by the System Operator, and the Interconnecting Transmission Owner, associated with interconnecting Interconnection Customer's Generating Facility to the Administered Transmission System and enabling the receipt of electric energy capability from the Generating Facility at the Point of Interconnection on a limited and temporary basis, pursuant to the terms of the Provisional Large Generator Interconnection Agreement and, if applicable, the Tariff.

**Provisional Large Generator Interconnection Agreement** shall mean the Interconnection Agreement for Provisional Interconnection Service established between the System Operator, the Interconnecting Transmission Owner, and Interconnection Customer. This agreement shall take the form of the Standard Small Generator Interconnection Agreement, modified for provisional purposes.

**Queue Position** shall mean the order of a valid request in the New England Control Area, relative to all other pending requests in the New England Control Area, that is established based upon the date and time of receipt of such request by the System Operator. Requests are comprised of interconnection requests for Generating Facilities, Elective Transmission Upgrades, and requests for transmission service.

**Reasonable Efforts** shall mean, with respect to an action required to be attempted or taken by a Party under the Standard Small Generator Interconnection Agreement, efforts that are timely and consistent with Good Utility Practice and are otherwise substantially equivalent to those a Party would use to protect its own interests.

**Scoping Meeting** shall mean the meeting between representatives of System Operator, Interconnection Customer(s), Interconnecting Transmission Owner(s), or any Affected Party as deemed appropriate by the System Operator in accordance with applicable codes of conduct and confidentiality requirements, conducted for the purpose of discussing the proposed Interconnection Requests and any alternative interconnection options, exchanging information including any transmission data and earlier study evaluations that would be reasonably expected to impact such interconnection options, refining information and models provided by Interconnection Customer(s), discussing the Cluster Study materials posted to OASIS pursuant to Section 3.5 of this SGIP, and analyzing such information.

**Site Control** shall mean the exclusive -right to develop, construct, operate, and maintain the Generating Facility over the term of expected operation of the Generating Facility. Site Control of sufficient size to construct and operate may be demonstrated by documentation establishing: (a) that Interconnection Customer is the owner in fee simple of the real property or holds an easement for which new interconnection is sought; (b) that Interconnection Customer holds a valid written leasehold or other contractual interest in the real property for which new interconnection is sought; (c) that Interconnection Customer holds a valid written option to purchase or a leasehold interest in the real property for which new interconnection is sought; (d) that Interconnection Customer holds a duly executed written contract to purchase, acquire an easement, a license or a leasehold interest in the real property for which new interconnection is sought; or (e) that Interconnection Customer has filed applications for required permits to site on federal or state property. System Operator will maintain acreage requirements for each Generating Facility type on its OASIS or public website.

**Stand Alone Network Upgrades** shall mean Network Upgrades that are not part of an Internal Affected System that an Interconnection Customer may construct without affecting day-to-day operations of the

New England Transmission System during their construction. System Operator, Interconnection Customer, and Interconnecting Transmission Owner must agree as to what constitutes Stand Alone Network Upgrades and identify them in Attachment 2 to the Standard Small Generator Interconnection Agreement. If System Operator, Interconnecting Transmission Owner, and Interconnection Customer disagree about whether a particular Network Upgrade is a Stand Alone Network Upgrade, System Operator must provide Interconnection Customer a written technical explanation outlining why System Operator does not consider the Network Upgrade to be a Stand Alone Network Upgrade within fifteen (15) Business Days of its determination.

**Standard Small Generator Interconnection Agreement (“SGIA”)** shall mean the form of interconnection agreement applicable to an Interconnection Request pertaining to a Small Generating Facility, that is included in this Schedule 23 to the Tariff.

**Standard Small Generator Interconnection Procedures (“SGIP”)** shall mean the interconnection procedures applicable to an Interconnection Request pertaining to a Small Generating Facility that are included in this Schedule 23 to the Tariff.

**Study Case** shall have the meaning specified in Sections 7.3 and 7.5 of this SGIP.

**Substation Network Upgrade** shall mean Network Upgrades comprising breakers, bus positions, and associated equipment that are required at the substation located at the Point of Interconnection.

**Surplus Interconnection Service** shall mean a form of Interconnection Service that allows an Interconnection Customer to use any Unused Capability of Interconnection Service established in an Interconnection Agreement for an Generating Facility, such that if Surplus Interconnection Service is utilized the total amount of Interconnection Service at the same Point of Interconnection would remain the same.

**System Network Upgrades** shall mean Network Upgrades that are required beyond the substations located at the Point of Interconnection.

**System Protection Facilities** shall mean the equipment, including necessary signal protection communications equipment, required to protect (1) the New England Transmission System from faults or other electrical disturbances occurring at the Generating Facility and (2) the Generating Facility from

faults or other electrical system disturbances occurring on the New England Transmission System or on other delivery systems or other generating systems to which the New England Transmission System is directly connected.

**Transitional Capacity Network Resource Group Study (“Transitional CNR Group Study”)** shall mean the study performed by the System Operator under Section III.13.1.1.2.3A of the Tariff and Section 5.1.1.3 of this SGIP.

**Transitional Cluster Study** shall mean an Interconnection Study evaluating a Cluster of Interconnection Requests during the transition to the Cluster Study Process, as set forth in Section 5.1.1.2 of this SGIP.

**Transitional Cluster Study Agreement** shall mean the agreement contained in Appendix 5 to this LGIP that is made between System Operator and Interconnection Customer to conduct a Transitional Cluster Study pursuant to Section 5.1.1.2 of this SGIP.

**Transitional Cluster Study Report** shall mean the report issued following completion of a Transitional Cluster Study pursuant to Section 5.1.1.2 of this SGIP.

**Transitional Serial Interconnection Facilities Study** shall mean an Interconnection Facilities Study evaluating an Interconnection Request on a serial basis during the transition to the Cluster Study Process, as set forth in Section 5.1.1.1 of this SGIP.

**Transitional Serial Interconnection Facilities Study Agreement** shall mean the agreement contained in Appendix 6 to this LGIP that is made between System Operator and Interconnection Customer to conduct a Transitional Serial Interconnection Facilities Study pursuant to Section 5.1.1.1 of this SGIP.

**Transitional Serial Interconnection Facilities Study Report** shall mean the report issued following completion of a Transitional Interconnection Facilities Study pursuant to Section 5.1.1.1 of this SGIP.

**Transitional Withdrawal Penalty** shall mean the penalty assessed by System Operator to Interconnection Customer that has entered the Transitional Cluster Study or Transitional Serial Interconnection Facilities Study and chooses to withdraw or is deemed withdrawn from System Operator’s interconnection queue or whose Generating Facility does not otherwise reach Commercial

Operation. The calculation of the Transitional Withdrawal Penalty is set forth in Sections 5.1.1.1 and 5.1.1.2 of this SGIP.

**Trial Operation** shall mean the period during which Interconnection Customer is engaged in on-site test operations and commissioning of the Generating Facility prior to Commercial Operation.

**Unused Capability** shall mean: (i) in the case of NR Interconnection Service at a Generating Facility with an executed Interconnection Agreement, the MW quantity as determined by the Original Interconnection Customer (as defined in Section 3.3 of the SGIP), not to exceed the Generating Facility's NR Interconnection Service as specified in its Interconnection Agreement; and (ii) in the case of CNR Interconnection Service at an existing, commercial Generating Facility, for Summer, the Summer CNR Capability as specified in its Interconnection Agreement minus the latest Summer Qualified Capacity, and for Winter, the Winter CNR Capability as specified in its Interconnection Agreement minus the latest Winter Qualified Capacity.

**Withdrawal Penalty** shall mean the penalty assessed by System Operator to an Interconnection Customer that chooses to withdraw or is deemed withdrawn from System Operator's interconnection queue or whose Generating Facility does not otherwise reach Commercial Operation. The calculation of the Withdrawal Penalty is set forth in Section 3.7.1 of this SGIP.

## **SECTION 2. SCOPE, APPLICATION AND TIME REQUIREMENTS.**

### **2.1 Application of Standard Small Generator Interconnection Procedures.**

The SGIP and SGIA shall apply to Interconnection Requests pertaining to Small Generating Facilities. Except as expressly provided in the SGIP and SGIA, nothing in the SGIP or SGIA shall be construed to limit the authority or obligations that the Interconnecting Transmission Owner or System Operator, as applicable, has with regard to ISO New England Operating Documents. Infrastructure security of the New England Transmission System equipment and operations and control hardware and software is essential to ensure day-to-day reliability and operational security. The Commission expects the System Operator, Interconnecting Transmission Owners, market participants, and Interconnection Customers interconnected to the New England Transmission System to comply with the recommendations offered by the President's Critical Infrastructure Protection Board and, eventually, best practice recommendations from the electric reliability authority. All public utilities are expected to meet basic standards for system infrastructure and operational security, including physical, operational, and cyber-security practices.

### **2.2. Comparability.**

The System Operator shall receive, process and analyze all Interconnection Requests in a timely manner as set forth in this SGIP. The System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall process and analyze Interconnection Requests from all Interconnection Customers, regardless of whether the Generating Facilities are owned by the Interconnecting Transmission Owner, its subsidiaries or Affiliates, or others.

### **2.3 Base Case Data.**

System Operator shall maintain Base Case power flow, short circuit and stability databases, including all underlying assumptions, and contingency lists on a secured location on the System Operator's website. For the purposes of this provision, Base Case Data may include the electromagnetic transient network model that does not include proprietary electromagnetic transient equipment models. System Operator shall provide access to such information located on a secured location on the System Operator's website, subject to the confidentiality provisions of Section 13.1 and the ISO New England Information Policy as well as any other applicable requirement under Applicable Laws and Regulations regulating disclosure or confidentiality of such information. System Operator shall maintain network models and underlying assumptions on a secured location on the System Operator's website. Such network models and underlying assumptions should reasonably represent those used during the most recent Interconnection Study and be representative of current system conditions as of the most recent Interconnection Study. The databases and lists addressed in this Section 2.3, hereinafter referred to as Base Cases, shall include all generation projects and transmission projects that are proposed for the New England Transmission System and any Affected System or Internal Affected System and for which a transmission expansion plan has been submitted and approved by the applicable authority and which, in the sole judgment of the System Operator, may have an impact on the Interconnection Request. The Base Cases shall also include generation projects that are not participating in the System Operator's interconnection process, but are expected to achieve approval pursuant to Section I.3.9 of the Tariff within ninety (90) days from the date of the creation of the Base Cases and for which steady state, short circuit, stability and electromagnetic transient network models for the generation projects and any associated system upgrades have been provided to the System Operator. Interconnection Customer, where applicable, shall provide Base Case Data to the Interconnecting Transmission Owner and System Operator to facilitate required Interconnection Studies.

System Operator shall provide a link to the secured location on its website that contains the information required under this Section 2.3 on System Operator's OASIS site. System Operator is permitted to require that Interconnection Customers or their third party consultants, OASIS site users, and users of the



secured location on System Operator's website sign a confidentiality agreement before the release of information governed by Section 13.1 or the ISO New England Information Policy, or the release of any other information that is commercially sensitive or Critical Energy Infrastructure Information.

#### **2.4 No Applicability to Transmission Service.**

Nothing in this SGIP shall constitute a request for, nor the provision of, any service except for Interconnection Service, including, but not limited to, transmission delivery service, local delivery service, distribution service, capacity service, energy service or Ancillary Services under any applicable tariff, and does not convey any right to deliver electricity to any specific customer or Point of Delivery.

#### **2.5 Time Requirements.**

Parties that must perform a specific obligation under a provision of the SGIP or Standard Small Generator Interconnection Agreement within a specified time period shall use Reasonable Efforts to complete such obligation within the applicable time period. A Party may, in the exercise of reasonable discretion and within the time period set forth by the applicable procedure or agreement, request that the relevant Party consent to a mutually agreeable alternative time schedule, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld.

### **SECTION 3. INTERCONNECTION REQUESTS.**

#### **3.1 General.**

To initiate an Interconnection Request, an Interconnection Customer must comply with all of the requirements set forth in Section 3.4.1. Interconnection Customer shall submit a separate Interconnection Request for each site. Where multiple Generating Facilities share a site, Interconnection Customer(s) may submit separate Interconnection Requests or a single Interconnection Request. Within three (3) Business Days after the close of the Cluster Request Window, System Operator shall submit a copy of all valid Interconnection Requests received to Interconnecting Transmission Owner(s).

At Interconnection Customer's option, System Operator, Interconnection Customer, Interconnecting Transmission Owner, and any Internal Affected Party as deemed appropriate by the System Operator in accordance with applicable codes of conduct and confidentiality requirements, will identify alternative Point(s) of Interconnection and configurations at a Scoping Meeting within the Customer Engagement Window to evaluate in this process and attempt to eliminate alternatives in a reasonable fashion given resources and information available. Interconnection Customer will select the definitive Point of Interconnection to be studied no later than the execution of the Cluster Study Agreement. For purposes of Clustering of Interconnection Requests, System Operator may propose changes to the requested Point of

Interconnection to facilitate efficient interconnection of Interconnection Customers at common Point(s) of Interconnection. System Operator shall notify Interconnection Customers in writing of any intended changes to the requested Point of Interconnection within the Customer Engagement Window, and the Point of Interconnection shall only change upon mutual agreement of the involved parties.

System Operator shall consider requests for Interconnection Service below the Small Generating Facility capability. An Interconnection Customer that submits an Interconnection Request for Interconnection Service below the Small Generating Facility capability shall include in the Interconnection Request the proposed control technologies to restrict the Small Generating Facility's output to the requested Interconnection Service levels. These requests for Interconnection Service shall be studied based on the nameplate capability of the Small Generating Facility at the level of Interconnection Service requested for purposes of determining necessary Interconnection Facilities, Network Upgrades, and associated costs, and the requests shall be studied at the full Generating Facility capability to ensure the acceptability of the proposed control technology to restrict the facility's output and the safety and reliability of the system, with the study costs borne by Interconnection Customer. Interconnection Customers may be subject to additional control technologies as well as testing and validation of those technologies consistent with Article 2 of the SGIA. The necessary control technologies and protection systems shall be established in Attachment 2 of the executed, or requested to be filed unexecuted, SGIA.

System Operator shall study Generating Facilities that include at least one electric storage resource, when studying the charging mode of the electric storage resource(s), using net shoulder system load as defined in ISO New England Planning Procedures.

Unless otherwise stated, all Commercial Readiness Deposits that must be submitted to the System Operator under this SGIP must be (a) delivered to the System Operator's bank account by electronic transfer, (b) through the provision and maintenance of an irrevocable letter of credit in a form and from a financial institution acceptable to System Operator, and included on the List of Eligible Commercial Readiness Deposit Letter of Credit Issuers, as described on the System Operator's public website, (c) a surety bond in a form and from an institution acceptable to System Operator and included on the List of Eligible Commercial Readiness Deposit Surety Bond Issuers, as described on the System Operator's public website or (d) a combination thereof. Each letter of credit or surety bond must specify the Interconnection Request to which it corresponds. Further, notwithstanding Section 5 of this

SGIP to the contrary, an Interconnection Customer may replace the acceptable forms of Commercial Readiness Deposits provided therein with a surety bond any time after such form is deemed acceptable by the System Operator. All costs associated with obtaining a letter of credit shall be borne by Interconnection Customer. In the event that System Operator identifies an administrative deficiency with a submitted letter of credit, or surety bond, Interconnection Customer shall have ten (10) Business Days to cure the deficiency.

If the System Operator removes the financial institution from the list, Interconnection Customer shall have ten (10) Business Days from the date on which System Operator provides notice of such removal to replace the letter of credit, or surety bond with a letter of credit, or surety bond from a financial institution on the list. The System Operator may extend this cure period in its sole discretion. Failure to cure a deficiency within the periods prescribed in this Section 3.1 shall result in the withdrawal of the Interconnection Request pursuant to Section 3.7 of the SGIP without further opportunity to cure. System Operator shall only provide refunds and/or distribute funds held as part of a Commercial Readiness Deposit to the extent that there are sufficient funds available from the applicable form of financial security.

All other deposits that must be submitted to the System Operator under this SGIP must be paid in cash and delivered to the System Operator's bank account by electronic transfer within the period specified in the respective provision.

A deposit will not be considered received until it is in the System Operator's bank account or, in the case of a letter of credit, or surety bond provided as a Commercial Readiness Deposit, the letter of credit or surety bond is accepted by System Operator. Deposits that must be submitted to the Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall be submitted in a form acceptable to the Interconnecting Transmission Owner.

### **3.2 Type of Interconnection Services**

At the time the Interconnection Request is submitted, Interconnection Customer must request either CNR Interconnection Service or NR Interconnection Service, as described in Sections 3.2.1 and 3.2.2 below. An Interconnection Customer that meets the requirements to obtain CNR Interconnection Service shall obtain NR Interconnection Service up to the NR Capability upon completion of all requirements for NR Interconnection Service, including all necessary upgrades. Upon completion of all requirements for the CNR Interconnection Service, Interconnection Customer shall also receive CNR Interconnection Service for CNR Capability. An Interconnection Customer that meets the requirements to obtain NR

Interconnection Service shall receive NR Interconnection Service for Interconnection Customer's NR Capability.

### **3.2.1 Capacity Network Resource Interconnection Service**

#### **3.2.1.1 The Product.**

The System Operator must conduct the necessary studies in conjunction with the Interconnecting Transmission Owner, and with other Affected Parties as appropriate and in accordance with applicable codes of conduct and confidentiality requirements, and the Interconnecting Transmission Owner and other Affected Parties as appropriate must construct the Network Upgrades needed to interconnect the Small Generating Facility in a manner comparable to that in which CNRs are interconnected under the CC Interconnection Standard. CNR Interconnection Service allows Interconnection Customer's Small Generating Facility to be designated as a CNR, and to participate in the New England Markets, in accordance with Market Rule 1, Section III of the Tariff, up to the CNR Capability or as otherwise provided in the Tariff, on the same basis as existing CNRs, and to be studied as a CNR on the assumption that such a designation will occur.

#### **3.2.1.2 The Studies.**

All Interconnection Studies for CNR Interconnection Service shall assure that Interconnection Customer's Small Generating Facility satisfies the minimum characteristics required to interconnect in a manner that avoids any significant adverse effect on the reliability, stability, and operability of the New England Transmission System, including protecting against the degradation of transfer capability for interfaces affected by the unit. For Interconnection Requests seeking to achieve CNR Capability by obtaining a Capacity Supply Obligation through an auction in the Forward Capacity Market prior to September 4, 2025, the CNR Group Study shall assure that Interconnection Customer's Small Generating Facility can be interconnected in a manner that ensures intra-zonal deliverability by avoidance of the redispatch of other CNRs and Elective Transmission Upgrades with CNI Interconnection Service, in accordance with the CC Interconnection Standard and as detailed in the ISO New England Planning Procedures. For all other Interconnection Requests, the intra-zonal deliverability analysis shall be performed as part of the Transitional Cluster Study or Cluster Study. The System Operator, in coordination with the Interconnecting Transmission Owner, may also study the New England Transmission System under non-peak load conditions. However, upon request by Interconnection Customer, the System Operator and as appropriate the Interconnecting Transmission Owner must explain in writing to Interconnection Customer why the study of non-peak load conditions is required for reliability purposes.

### **3.2.1.3 Milestones for CNR Interconnection Service.**

In addition to the requirements set forth in this SGIP, an Interconnection Customer with an Interconnection Request for CNR Interconnection Service that seeks to achieve CNR Capability by obtaining a Capacity Supply Obligation through an auction in the Forward Capacity Market prior to September 4, 2025 shall complete the following milestones prior to receiving CNR Interconnection Service for the CNR Capability, such milestones to be specified in Attachment 4 of the SGIA, as either completed or to be completed: (i) submit the necessary requests for participation in the Forward Capacity Auction associated with the Generating Facility's requested Commercial Operation Date (except as modified pursuant to Sections 3.2.3 or 4.4 of this SGIP), in accordance with the provisions of Section III.13 of the Tariff; (ii) participate in a CNR Group Study for the Forward Capacity Auction associated with the requested Generating Facility's Commercial Operation Date; (iii) qualify and receive a Capacity Supply Obligation in accordance with Section III.13 of the Tariff; and (iv) complete a re-study of the applicable Interconnection Study and CNR Group Study after the Forward Capacity Auction, Reconfiguration Auction, or bilateral transaction through which Interconnection Customer received a Capacity Supply Obligation to determine the cost responsibility for facilities and upgrades necessary to accommodate the Interconnection Request. The re-study shall include those CNR Interconnection Service or CNI Interconnection Service Interconnection Requests with a higher Queue Position that cleared and shall exclude any upgrades that are no longer necessary as a result of existing capacity that will be retired as of the start of the Capacity Commitment Period for which the resource has received a Capacity Supply Obligation. With respect to (iv) above, if an Interconnection Study Agreement has been executed, the Interconnection Study associated with the Interconnection Study Agreement shall include the necessary analysis that would otherwise have been performed in a re-study. If the original Interconnection Study is complete and the final invoice has been issued, the re-study shall be performed under a new Interconnection Study Agreement. If an SGIA has been either executed or filed with the Commission in unexecuted form then the last Interconnection Study completed for Interconnection Customer under this SGIP shall be subject to re-study. The Appendices to the SGIA shall be amended (pursuant to Article 12.2 of the SGIA) to reflect CNR Capability and the results of the re-study.

After September 4, 2025, an Interconnection Customer with an Interconnection Request for CNR Interconnection Service shall complete the requirements in this SGIP prior to receiving CNR Interconnection Service. Interconnection Customer shall complete the intra-zonal deliverability assessment by electing to participate in the Transitional Cluster Study or submit a new Interconnection Request for CNR Interconnection Service during the applicable Cluster Entry Window to participate and

complete a Cluster Study. Any Interconnection Customer with a valid Interconnection Request for CNR Interconnection Service that has a completed Interconnection System Impact Study on or before April 4, 2025, but that has not received a Capacity Supply Obligation through the eighteenth Forward Capacity Auction or an earlier auction may: 1) seek to complete the process for obtaining CNR Interconnection Service through the process described in Section III.13.1.1.2A of the Tariff or 2) seek to complete the process for obtaining CNR Interconnection Service through the Transitional Cluster Study.

Notwithstanding any other provision of the Tariff, an Interconnection Customer may seek to participate in both the process described in Section III.13.1.1.2A of the Tariff and the Transitional Cluster Study simultaneously. If Interconnection Customer achieves CNR Interconnection Service through Section III.13.1.1.2A, it may withdraw from the Transitional Cluster Study without penalty and be refunded any remaining study deposits associated with the Transitional Cluster Study. If Interconnection Customer does not enter, or complete, the process described in either Section III.13.1.1.2A or the Transitional Cluster Study, the System Operator shall reduce Interconnection Customer's Interconnection Request to NR Interconnection Service.

### **3.2.2 Network Resource Interconnection Service**

#### **3.2.2.1 The Product.**

The System Operator must conduct the necessary studies in conjunction with the Interconnecting Transmission Owner, and with other Affected Parties as appropriate and in accordance with applicable codes of conduct and confidentiality requirements, and the Interconnecting Transmission Owner and other Affected Parties as appropriate must construct the Network Upgrades needed to interconnect the Small Generating Facility in a manner comparable to that in which Network Resources are interconnected under the NC Interconnection Standard. NR Interconnection Service allows Interconnection Customer's Small Generating Facility to participate in the New England Markets, in accordance with the provisions of Market Rule 1, Section III of the Tariff, up to the net NR Capability or as otherwise provided in Market Rule 1, Section III of the Tariff, on the same basis as other Network Resources. Notwithstanding the above, the portion of a Small Generating Facility that has been designated as a Network Resource interconnected under the NC Interconnection Standard cannot be a capacity resource under Section III.13 of the Tariff, except pursuant to a new Interconnection Request for CNR Interconnection Service.

#### **3.2.2.2 The Studies.**

The Interconnection Studies for an Network Resource shall assure that Interconnection Customer's Small Generating Facility satisfies the minimum characteristics required to interconnect in a manner that avoids

any significant adverse effect on reliability, stability, and operability of the New England Transmission System, including protecting against the degradation of transfer capability for interfaces affected by the unit, in accordance with the NC Interconnection Standard and as detailed in the ISO New England Planning Procedures. The System Operator, in coordination with the Interconnecting Transmission Owner, may also study the New England Transmission System under non-peak load conditions. However, upon request by Interconnection Customer, the System Operator and as appropriate the Interconnecting Transmission Owner must explain in writing to Interconnection Customer why the study of non-peak load conditions is required for reliability purposes.

#### **3.2.2.3 Milestones for NR Interconnection Service.**

An Interconnection Customer with an Interconnection Request for NR Interconnection Service shall complete the requirements in this SGIP prior to receiving NR Interconnection Service.

### **3.3 Utilization of Surplus Interconnection Service.**

Surplus Interconnection Service allows an existing Interconnection Customer to utilize or transfer Surplus Interconnection Service at the Generating Facility's Point of Interconnection once Interconnection Customer has an executed Interconnection Agreement or requested that the Interconnection Agreement be filed unexecuted. For purposes of Surplus Interconnection Service, the existing Interconnection Customer is referred to as the "Original Interconnection Customer," and the entity requesting Surplus Interconnection Service is referred to as the "Surplus Interconnection Customer." The Original Interconnection Customer or, with written consent of the Original Interconnection Customer, one of its affiliates shall have priority to utilize Surplus Interconnection Service. If the Original Interconnection Customer or one of its affiliates does not exercise this priority, then the Surplus Interconnection Service may be utilized by a third party of the Original Interconnection Customer's choosing and with the Original Interconnection Customer's written consent.

Surplus Interconnection Service may be available for any Unused Capability of Interconnection Service established in the Interconnection Agreement for the Original Interconnection Customer's Generating Facility. If the Interconnection Agreement for the Original Interconnection Customer's Generating Facility is for CNR Interconnection Service, any Surplus Interconnection Service may be for existing CNR Interconnection Service or NR Interconnection Service. If the Interconnection Agreement for the Original Interconnection Customer's Generating Facility is for

NR Interconnection Service, any Surplus Interconnection Service shall be for NR Interconnection Service. Surplus Interconnection Service is not applicable when a new Interconnection Request for Interconnection Service or Network Upgrades would be required to implement the proposed change to the Original Interconnection Customer's Generating Facility. Surplus Interconnection Service cannot be used to replace a retiring or to repower an existing Generating Facility.

The Original Interconnection Customer shall specify the amount of Unused Capability that is available for use by the Surplus Interconnection Customer's Generating Facility. The total output of the Original Interconnection Customer's Generating Facility plus the Surplus Interconnection Customer's Generating Facility behind the same Point of Interconnection shall be limited to the maximum total amount of Interconnection Service granted to the Original Interconnection Customer as established in the Interconnection Agreement for the Original Interconnection Customer's Generating Facility. Control technology to restrict the total output of the Original Interconnection Customer's and Surplus Interconnection Customer's Generating Facilities shall be required in the case where the sum of the maximum output of the Original Interconnection Customer's Generating Facility plus the maximum output of the Surplus Interconnection Customer's Generating Facility exceeds the total amount of Interconnection Service established in the Original Interconnection Customer's Interconnection Agreement. Surplus Interconnection Service shall only be available at the existing Point of Interconnection of the Original Interconnection Customer's Generating Facility.

### **3.3.1 Surplus Interconnection Service Request**

An Original Interconnection Customer or, with the consent of the Original Interconnection Customer, its affiliate or a third party of the Original Interconnection Customer's choosing may request Surplus Interconnection Service by submitting to the System Operator a completed Surplus Interconnection Service Request Application in the form contained in Attachment C to Appendix 1 of the SGIP. The Surplus Interconnection Service Request Application shall be accompanied by the Original Interconnection Customer's written consent for the Surplus Interconnection Customer's use of Unused Capability for Surplus Interconnection Service, and the technical data called for in the form.

Studies for Surplus Interconnection Service may consist of reactive power, short circuit/fault duty, stability analyses, and/or other appropriate studies. Steady-state (thermal/voltage) analyses may be performed as necessary to ensure that all required reliability conditions are studied. The



study shall consider the full Generating Facility capability to ensure the acceptability of the proposed control technology to restrict the total output of the Original Interconnection Customer's and Surplus Interconnection Customer's Generating Facilities. If the Surplus Interconnection Service was not studied under off-peak conditions, off-peak steady state analyses shall be performed to the required level necessary to demonstrate reliable operation of the Surplus Interconnection Service. If the original system impact study report or Cluster Study Report is not available for Surplus Interconnection Service, both off-peak and peak analysis may need to be performed for the existing Generating Facility associated with the request for Surplus Interconnection Service. The reactive power, short circuit/fault duty, stability, and steady-state analyses for Surplus Interconnection Service will identify any additional Interconnection Facilities and/or Network Upgrades necessary. Any analyses shall be performed at the Surplus Interconnection Customer's expense.

System Operator shall study Generating Facilities that include at least one electric storage resource, when studying the charging mode of the electric storage resource(s), using net shoulder system load as defined in the ISO New England Planning Procedures.

The Interconnection Agreement for the Original Interconnection Customer's Generating Facility shall be replaced by a new agreement among the System Operator, Interconnecting Transmission Owner, Original Interconnection Customer, and Surplus Interconnection Customer. The agreement shall be in the form of the most currently effective SGIA, modified to reflect the Surplus Interconnection Customer's Generating Facility and the amount of, and the terms for the use of, the Surplus Interconnection Service. The agreement shall be developed and negotiated in accordance with Section 11 of the SGIP, at the Surplus Interconnection Customer's expense.

### **3.4 Valid Interconnection Request.**

#### **3.4.1 Cluster Request Window.**

System Operator shall accept Interconnection Requests during a forty-five (45) Calendar Day period (the Cluster Request Window). The initial Cluster Request Window shall open for Interconnection Requests sixty (60) Calendar Days after the conclusion of the three hundred sixty (360) Day transition process set out in Section 5.1 of this SGIP. All subsequent Cluster Request Windows shall open sixty (60) Calendar Days after the Cluster Study Results Meeting or Cluster Restudy Results Meeting (as appropriate). System Operator shall provide notice via posting on its public website at least thirty (30) Calendar Days prior to each respective Cluster Request Window opening.

#### **3.4.1.1 Study Deposits.**

Interconnection Customer shall submit to System Operator, during a Cluster Request Window, an Interconnection Request in the form of Appendix 1 to this SGIP, a potentially non-refundable initial deposit of \$15,000, and a refundable study deposit of \$100,000 (for new requests for NR Interconnection Service or CNR Interconnection Service) or \$50,000 (for Interconnection Requests for which Interconnection Studies for NR Interconnection Service have been completed but have not achieved CNR Interconnection Service or for Interconnection Requests seeking to change from existing NR Interconnection Service to CNR Interconnection Service). System Operator shall apply the initial deposit toward the costs incurred by the System Operator associated with the Interconnection Request, the cost of developing the study agreements and their attachments, and the cost of developing the SGIA. The study deposit shall be applied toward the cost of the Cluster Study.

#### **3.4.2 Initiating an Interconnection Request.**

An Interconnection Customer seeking to join a Cluster shall submit its Interconnection Request to System Operator within, and no later than the close of, the Cluster Request Window. Interconnection Requests submitted outside of the Cluster Request Window will not be considered. To initiate and establish a valid Interconnection Request, Interconnection Customer must submit all of the following to the System Operator in the manner specified in Appendix 1 Interconnection Request to this SGIP:

- (i) A potentially non-refundable initial deposit of \$15,000.
- (ii) A completed application in the form of Appendix 1 and all information required under its Attachments,
- (iii) All information and deposits required under this Section 3.4 and
- (iv) In the case of a request for CNR Interconnection Service a demonstration of one-hundred percent (100%) site control and, in the case of NR Interconnection Service, a demonstration of no less than one-hundred percent (100%) Site Control or (1) a signed affidavit from an officer of Interconnection Customer indicating that Site Control is unobtainable due to regulatory limitations as such term is defined by the System Operator; and (2) documentation sufficiently describing and explaining the source and effects of such regulatory limitations, including a description of any conditions that must be met to satisfy the regulatory limitations and the anticipated time by which Interconnection Customer expects to satisfy the regulatory requirements and (3) a cash deposit in lieu of Site Control of \$10,000 per MW, subject to a minimum of \$50,000 and a maximum of \$200,000. Interconnection Requests from multiple

Interconnection Customers for multiple Generating Facilities that share a site must include a contract or other agreement that allows for shared land use;

- (v) Generating Facility capability (MW) (and requested Interconnection Service level if the requested Interconnection Service is less than the Generating Facility capability),
- (vi) A Commercial Readiness Deposit equal to two times the study deposit described in Section 3.4.1.1 of this SGIP in the form of an irrevocable letter of credit, cash, or a surety bond where cash deposits shall be treated according to Section 3.7 of this SGIP. This Commercial Readiness Deposit is refunded to Interconnection Customer according to Section 3.7 of this SGIP,
- (vii) A Point of Interconnection, and;
- (viii) Whether the Interconnection Request shall be studied for NR Interconnection Service or for CNR Interconnection Service, consistent with Section 3.2 of this SGIP. Upon making this selection, an Interconnection Customer requesting CNR Interconnection Service may request that System Operator reduce the Interconnection Request from CNR Interconnection Service to NR Interconnection Service if the System Operator identifies thermal violations in the analysis associated with CNR Interconnection Service testing conditions that are not identified in the analysis associated with the NR Interconnection Service testing conditions for the Interconnection Request. System Operator will notify Interconnection Customer that its Interconnection Request has been reduced to NR Interconnection Service, and list the thermal violations identified in the analysis associated with CNR Interconnection Service testing conditions in the Cluster Study Report.

An Interconnection Customer that submits a deposit in lieu of Site Control due to demonstrated regulatory limitations must demonstrate that it is taking identifiable steps to secure the necessary regulatory approvals from the applicable federal, state, and/or tribal entities before execution of the Cluster Study Agreement. Such deposit will be held by System Operator until Interconnection Customer provides the required Site Control demonstration for its Generating Facility in the Cluster Study Process.

Interconnection Customers facing qualifying regulatory limitations must demonstrate one-hundred percent (100%) Site Control within one-hundred eighty (180) Calendar Days of the effective date of the SGIA.

Interconnection Customer shall promptly inform System Operator of any material change to Interconnection Customer's demonstration of Site Control under Section 3.4.2(iv-v) of this SGIP. If System Operator determines, based on Interconnection Customer's information, that Interconnection

Customer no longer satisfies the Site Control requirement, System Operator shall give Interconnection Customer ten (10) Business Days to demonstrate satisfaction with the applicable requirement subject to Transmission Provider's approval. Absent such, System Operator shall deem the Interconnection Request withdrawn pursuant to Section 3.7 of this SGIP without further opportunity to cure.

Interconnection Customer does not need to demonstrate Site Control where the Interconnection Request is for a modification to Interconnection Customer's existing Small Generating Facility and Interconnection Customer has certified in the Interconnection Request that it has Site Control and that the modification proposed in the Interconnection Request does not require additional real property.

The portions of the deposit of \$15,000 that have not been applied as provided in this Section 3.4.1 shall be refundable if Interconnection Customer executes an SGIA or where the Interconnection Request is withdrawn by Interconnection Customer within ten (10) Business Days of the Cluster Scoping Meeting. Otherwise, any unused balance of the deposit of \$15,000 shall be non-refundable and applied on a pro-rata basis to offset costs incurred by Interconnection Customers that are subject to re-study, as determined by the System Operator in accordance with the provisions of this SGIP, as a result of the withdrawal of an Interconnection Request within the same Cluster.

The expected Initial Synchronization Date of the new Small Generating Facility, of the increase in capacity of the existing Generating Facility, or of the implementation of the Material Modification to the existing Generating Facility shall not exceed seven (7) years from the date the Interconnection Request is received by the System Operator, unless Interconnection Customer demonstrates that such time required to actively engineer, permit and construct the new Small Generating Facility or increase in capacity of the existing Generating Facility or implement the Material Modification to the existing Generating Facility will take longer than the seven year period. Upon such demonstration, the Initial Synchronization Date may succeed the date the Interconnection Request is received by the System Operator by a period of greater than seven (7) years so long as Interconnection Customer, System Operator, and Interconnecting Transmission Owner agree, such agreement shall not be unreasonably withheld.

### **3.4.3 Acknowledgment of Interconnection Request.**

System Operator shall acknowledge receipt of the Interconnection Request within five (5) Business Days of receipt of the request and attach a copy of the received Interconnection Request to the acknowledgement.

### **3.4.4 Deficiencies in Interconnection Request.**

An Interconnection Request will not be considered to be a valid Interconnection Request until all items in Section 3.4.2 of this SGIP have been received by the System Operator during the Cluster Request Window. If an Interconnection Request fails to meet the requirements set forth in Section 3.4.2 of this SGIP, the System Operator shall notify Interconnection Customer within five (5) Business Days of receipt of the initial Interconnection Request of the reasons for such failure and that the Interconnection Request does not constitute a valid request. Interconnection Customer shall provide the System Operator the additional requested information needed to constitute a valid request within ten (10) Business Days after receipt of such notice but no later than the close of the Cluster Request Window. In the event that Interconnection Customer fails to comply with this Section 3.4.4 of this LGIP, System Operator shall deem the Interconnection Request withdrawn (without the cure period provided under Section 3.7 of this SGIP), \$5,000 of the application fee is forfeited to System Operator, and any unspent portion of the application fee, the study deposit, and Commercial Readiness Deposit shall be returned to Interconnection Customer.

#### **3.4.5 Customer Engagement Window.**

Upon the close of each Cluster Request Window, System Operator shall open a sixty (60) Calendar Day period (Customer Engagement Window). During the Customer Engagement Window, System Operator shall hold a Scoping Meeting with all Interconnecting Transmission Owners, Interconnection Customers whose valid Interconnection Requests were received in that Cluster Request Window, and any identified Affected Parties, or Internal Affected Parties as deemed appropriate by the System Operator in accordance with applicable codes of conduct and confidentiality requirements. Notwithstanding the preceding requirements and upon written consent of all Interconnection Customers within the Cluster, System Operator may shorten the Customer Engagement Window and begin the Cluster Study. Within ten (10) Business Days of the opening of the Customer Engagement Window, System Operator shall post on its OASIS a list of Interconnection Requests for that Cluster. The list shall identify, for each anonymized Interconnection Request: (1) the requested amount of Interconnection Service; (2) the location by county and state; (3) the station or transmission line or lines where the interconnection will be made; (4) the projected In-Service Date; (5) the type of Interconnection Service requested; and (6) the type of Generating Facility or Facilities to be constructed, including fuel types, such as coal, natural gas, solar, or wind. The System Operator must ensure that project information is anonymized and does not reveal the identity or commercial information of Interconnection Customers with submitted requests. During the Customer Engagement Window, System Operator shall provide to Interconnection Customer a non-binding, updated good faith estimate of the cost and timeframe for completing the Cluster Study and a Cluster Study Agreement to be executed prior to the close of the Customer Engagement Window.

At the end of the Customer Engagement Window, all Interconnection Requests deemed valid that have executed a Cluster Study Agreement in the form of Appendix 2 to this SGIP shall be included in the Cluster Study. Any Interconnection Requests for which Interconnection Customer has not executed a Cluster Study Agreement shall be deemed withdrawn (without the cure period provided under Section 3.7 of this SGIP) by System Operator, the initial deposit shall be forfeited to the System Operator, and the System Operator shall return the study deposit and Commercial Readiness Deposit to Interconnection Customer. Immediately following the Customer Engagement Window, System Operator shall initiate the Cluster Study described in Section 7 of this SGIP.

#### **3.4.6 Cluster Study Scoping Meetings.**

During the Customer Engagement Window, System Operator shall hold a Scoping Meeting with all Interconnecting Transmission Owners, Interconnection Customers whose valid Interconnection Requests were received in that Cluster Request Window, and any identified Affected Parties, or Internal Affected Parties as deemed appropriate by the System Operator in accordance with applicable codes of conduct and confidentiality requirements.

The purpose of the Scoping Meeting shall be (i) to discuss alternative interconnection options, (ii) to exchange pertinent information including any transmission data and earlier study evaluations that would reasonably be expected to impact such interconnection options, (iii) to discuss Cluster Study materials posted to OASIS pursuant to Section 3.5 of this SGIP, as applicable; (iv) to analyze such information, and (v) to discuss any other information necessary to facilitate the administration of the Interconnection Procedures.

The Parties will bring to the meeting such technical data, including, but not limited to: (i) general facility loadings, (ii) general instability issues, (iii) information regarding general short circuit issues, (iv) general voltage issues, and (v) general reliability issues as may be reasonably required to accomplish the purpose of the meeting. The Parties will also bring to the meeting personnel and other resources as may be reasonably required to accomplish the purpose of the meeting in the time allocated for the meeting. On the basis of the meeting, Interconnection Customer(s) shall designate its Point of. The duration of the meeting shall be sufficient to accomplish its purpose.

If the Cluster Study Scoping Meeting consists of more than one Interconnection Customer, System Operator shall issue, no later than fifteen (15) Business Days after the commencement of the Customer

Engagement Window, and Interconnection Customer shall execute a non-disclosure agreement in the form specified by System Operator prior to a group Cluster Study Scoping Meeting, which will provide for confidentiality of identifying information or commercially sensitive information pertaining to any other Interconnection Customers.

### **3.5 OASIS Posting.**

#### **3.5.1 OASIS Posting.**

The System Operator will maintain on its OASIS a list of all Interconnection Requests in its Control Area. The list will identify, for each Interconnection Request: (i) the maximum summer and winter megawatt electrical output; (ii) the location by county and state; (iii) the station or transmission line or lines where the interconnection will be made; (iv) the projected Initial Synchronization Date; (v) the status of the Interconnection Request, including Queue Position; (vi) the type of Interconnection Service being requested (i.e., CNR Interconnection Service or NR Interconnection Service); and (vii) the availability of any studies related to the Interconnection Request; (viii) the date of the Interconnection Request; (ix) the type of Generating Facility to be constructed; and (x) for Interconnection Requests that have not resulted in a completed interconnection, an explanation as to why it was not completed. Except in the case of an Affiliate, the list will not disclose the identity of Interconnection Customer until Interconnection Customer executes an SGIA or requests that the System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner jointly file an unexecuted SGIA with the Commission. Before participating in a Scoping Meeting with an Interconnection Customer that is also an Affiliate, the Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall post on OASIS an advance notice of its intent to do so. The System Operator shall post to its OASIS site any deviations from the study timelines set forth herein. Interconnection Study reports and Optional Interconnection Study reports shall be posted to the System Operator's OASIS site subsequent to the meeting between the System Operator, Interconnecting Transmission Owner, and Interconnection Customer to discuss the applicable study results. The System Operator shall also post any known deviations in the Small Generating Facility's Initial Synchronization Date.

#### **3.5.2 Requirements to Post Interconnection Study Metrics**

The System Operator will maintain on its website summary statistics related to processing Interconnection Studies pursuant to Interconnection Requests, updated quarterly. If the System Operator posts this information on its website, a link to the information must be provided on the System Operator's OASIS site. For each calendar quarter, the System Operator must calculate and post the information detailed in Sections 3.5.2.1 through 3.5.2.4 of this SGIP.

### **3.5.2.1 Interconnection Cluster Study Processing Time.**

(A) Number of Interconnection Requests that had Cluster Studies completed for the System Operator's Administered Transmission System during the reporting quarter,

(B) Number of Interconnection Requests that had Cluster Studies completed for the System Operator's Administered Transmission System during the reporting quarter that were completed more than two hundred and seventy (270) Calendar Days after the close of the Customer Engagement Window,

(C) At the end of the reporting quarter, the number of active valid Interconnection Requests with ongoing incomplete Cluster Studies where such Interconnection Requests had executed a Cluster Study Agreement received by System Operator more than two hundred and seventy (270) Calendar Days before the reporting quarter end,

(D) Mean time (in days), Cluster Studies completed for the System Operator's Administered Transmission System during the reporting quarter, from the commencement of the Cluster Study to the date when System Operator provided the completed Cluster Study Report to Interconnection Customer,

(E) Mean time (in days), Cluster Studies were completed for the System Operator's Administered Transmission System during the reporting quarter, from the close of the Cluster Request Window to the date when System Operator provided the completed Cluster Study Report to Interconnection Customer,

(F) Percentage of Cluster Studies exceeding two hundred and seventy (270) Calendar Days to complete this reporting quarter, calculated as the sum of Section 3.5.2.1(B) plus Section 3.5.2.1(C) divided by the sum of Section 3.5.2.1(A) plus Section 3.5.2.1(C) of this SGIP.

### **3.5.2.2 Cluster Restudies Processing Time.**

(A) Number of Interconnection Requests that had Cluster Restudies completed for the System Operator's Administered Transmission System during the reporting quarter,



(B) Number of Interconnection Requests that had Cluster Restudies completed for the System Operator's Administered Transmission System during the reporting quarter that were completed more than ninety (90) Calendar Days after System Operator notifies Interconnection Customers in the Cluster that a Cluster Restudy is required pursuant to Section 7.5(4) of this SGIP,

(C) At the end of the reporting quarter, the number of active valid Interconnection Requests with ongoing incomplete Cluster Restudies where such System Operator notified Interconnection Customers in the Cluster that a Cluster Restudy is required pursuant to Section 7.5(4) of this SGIP more than ninety (90) Calendar Days before the reporting quarter end,

(D) Mean time (in days), Cluster Restudies completed for the System Operator's Administered Transmission System during the reporting quarter, from the date when System Operator notifies Interconnection Customers in the Cluster that a Cluster Restudy is required pursuant to Section 7.5(4) of this SGIP to the date when System Operator provided the completed Cluster Restudy to Interconnection Customer,

(E) Mean time (in days), Cluster Restudies completed for the System Operator's Administered Transmission System during the reporting quarter, from the close of the Cluster Request Window to the date when System Operator provided the completed Cluster Restudy Report to Interconnection Customer.

(F) Percentage of Cluster Restudies exceeding ninety (90) Calendar Days to complete this reporting quarter, calculated as the sum of Section 3.5.2.2(B) plus Section 3.5.2.2(C) divided by the sum of Section 3.5.2.2(A) plus Section 3.5.2.2(C) of this SGIP.

### **3.5.2.3 Interconnection Facilities Studies Processing Time.**

(A) Number of Interconnection Requests that had Interconnection Facilities Studies that are completed for the System Operator's Administered Transmission System during the reporting quarter,

(B) Number of Interconnection Requests that had Interconnection Facilities Studies that are completed for the System Operator's Administered Transmission System during the reporting

quarter that were completed more than ninety (90) Calendar Days for no more than +/- 20 percent cost estimate or one hundred eighty (180) Calendar Days for +/- 10 percent cost estimate after receipt by System Operator of Interconnection Customer's executed Interconnection Facilities Study Agreement,

(C) At the end of the reporting quarter, the number of active valid Interconnection Requests with ongoing incomplete Interconnection Facilities Studies where such Interconnection Requests had executed Interconnection Facilities Studies Agreement received by System Operator more than ninety (90) Calendar Days for no more than +/- 20 percent cost estimate or one hundred eighty (180) Calendar Days for +/- 10 percent cost estimate before the reporting quarter end,

(D) Mean time (in days), for Interconnection Facilities Studies completed for the System Operator's Administered Transmission System during the reporting quarter, calculated from the date when System Operator received the executed Interconnection Facilities Study Agreement to the date when System Operator provided the completed Interconnection Facilities Study to Interconnection Customer,

(E) Mean time (in days), Interconnection Facilities Study completed for the System Operator's Administered Transmission System during the reporting quarter, from the close of the Cluster Request Window to the date when System Operator provided the completed Interconnection Facilities Study to Interconnection Customer.

(F) Percentage of delayed Interconnection Facilities Studies this reporting quarter, calculated as the sum of Section 3.5.2.3(B) plus Section 3.5.2.3(C) divided by the sum of Section 3.5.2.3(A) plus Section 3.5.2.3(C) of this SGIP.

#### **3.5.2.4 Interconnection Requests Withdrawn from Interconnection Queue.**

(A) Number of Interconnection Requests withdrawn from System Operator's interconnection queue during the reporting quarter,

(B) Number of Interconnection Requests withdrawn from System Operator's interconnection queue during the reporting quarter before completion of any Interconnection Studies or execution of any Interconnection Study Agreements,

(C) Number of Interconnection Requests withdrawn from System Operator's interconnection queue during the reporting quarter before completion of a Cluster Study,

(D) Number of Interconnection Requests withdrawn from System Operator's interconnection queue during the reporting quarter before completion of an Interconnection Facility Study,

(E) Number of Interconnection Requests withdrawn from System Operator's interconnection queue after completion of an Interconnection Facilities Study or after completion of the Cluster Study if the Facilities Study was waived but before execution of an SGIA or Interconnection Customer requests the filing of an unexecuted SGIA,

(F) Number of Interconnection Requests withdrawn from System Operator's interconnection queue after execution of an LGIA or Interconnection Customer requests the filing of an unexecuted, new LGIA,

(G) Mean time (in days), for all withdrawn Interconnection Requests, from the date when the request was determined to be valid to when System Operator received the request to withdraw from the queue.

**3.5.3** System Operator is required to post on its website the measures in Section 3.5.2.1(A) through Section 3.5.2.4(F) for each calendar quarter within thirty (30) Calendar days of the end of the calendar quarter. System Operator will keep the quarterly measures posted on its website for three (3) calendar years with the first required report to be the first quarter of 2020. If System Operator retains this information on its website, a link to the information must be provided on System Operator's OASIS site.

**3.5.4** In the event that any of the values calculated in Sections 3.5.2.1(E), 3.5.2.2(E) or 3.5.2.3(E) exceeds twenty-five percent (25%) for two (2) consecutive calendar quarters, System Operator will have to comply with the measures below for the next four (4) consecutive calendar quarters and must continue reporting this information until System Operator reports four consecutive calendar quarters without the values calculated in Sections 3.5.2.1(E), 3.5.2.2(E) or 3.5.2.3(E) exceeding twenty-five percent (25%) for two (2) consecutive calendar quarters:

(i) System Operator must submit a report to the Commission describing the reason for each Cluster Study, Cluster Restudy, or individual Interconnection Facilities Study pursuant to one or more Interconnection Request(s) that exceeded its deadline (*i.e.*, 270, 90 or 180 Calendar Days) for completion. System Operator must describe the reasons for each study delay and any steps taken to remedy these specific issues and, if applicable, prevent such delays in the future. The report must be filed at the Commission within forty-five (45) Calendar Days of the end of the calendar quarter.

(ii) System Operator shall aggregate the total number of employee hours and third party consultant hours expended towards Interconnection Studies for its Administered Transmission System that quarter and post on its website. If System Operator posts this information on its website, a link to the information must be provided on System Operator's OASIS site. This information is to be posted within thirty (30) Calendar Days of the end of the calendar quarter.

### **3.5.5 Record Retention.**

The System Operator shall maintain for three years records, subject to audit, of all Interconnection Requests received under these procedures, the times required to complete Interconnection Request approvals and disapprovals, and justification for the actions taken on the Interconnection Requests

### **3.6 Coordination with Internal Affected Systems.**

The System Operator will coordinate the conduct of any studies required to determine the impact of the Interconnection Request on Internal Affected Systems with Internal Affected Parties and, if possible, include those results (if available) in its applicable Interconnection Study within the time frame specified in this SGIP. The System Operator will include such Internal Affected Parties in all meetings held with Interconnection Customer as required by this SGIP. Interconnection Customer will cooperate with the System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner in all matters related to the conduct of studies and the determination of modifications to Internal Affected Systems. Interconnection Customer shall be responsible for the costs associated with the studies or portions of studies associated with the Internal Affected Systems, including costs associated with the requirements of Section I.3.9 of the Tariff. Payment and refunds associated with the costs of such studies will be coordinated between Interconnection Customer and the Internal Affected Party(ies) unless such costs are included in the costs of the Interconnection Study, in which case, the Internal Affected Party(ies) shall provide System Operator on a monthly basis, and in the form and format specified by the System Operator, invoices for

the work conducted on the respective Interconnection Study each month and shall include in such invoices all employee hours and third party consultant hours, including subcontractor hours, expended toward the Interconnection Studies.

The System Operator shall seek the cooperation of all Internal Affected Parties in all matters related to the conduct of studies and the determination of modifications to Internal Affected Systems. Nothing in the foregoing is intended to authorize Interconnection Customer to receive interconnection, related facilities or other services on an Affected System, and provision of such services must be handled through separate arrangements with Internal Affected Party(ies).

### **3.6A Coordination with Affected Systems Outside New England Control Area.**

System Operator will coordinate the conduct of any studies required to determine the impact of the Interconnection Request on Affected Systems with Affected System Operators. Interconnection Customer will cooperate with System Operator and Affected System Operator in all matters related to the conduct of studies and the determination of modifications to Affected Systems.

An Interconnecting Transmission Owner in the New England Control Area whose system may be impacted by a proposed interconnection on an Affected System shall cooperate with the System Operator and Affected System to transmission whom a proposed interconnection has been requested in all matters related to the conduct of studies and the determination of modifications to Interconnecting Transmission Owner's portion of the New England Transmission System.

#### **3.6A.1 Initial Notification.**

System Operator must notify Affected System Operator of a potential Affected System impact caused by an Interconnection Request within ten (10) Business Days of the completion of the Cluster Study.

At the time of initial notification, System Operator must provide Interconnection Customer with a list of potential Affected Systems, along with relevant contact information.

#### **3.6A.2 Notification of Cluster Restudy.**

System Operator must notify Affected System Operator of a Cluster Restudy concurrently with its notification of such Cluster Restudy to Interconnection Customers.

### **3.6A.3 Notification of Cluster Restudy Completion.**

Upon the completion of System Operator's Cluster Restudy, System Operator will notify Affected System Operator of a potential Affected System impact caused by an Interconnection Request within ten (10) Business Days of the completion of the Cluster Restudy, regardless of whether that potential Affected System impact was previously identified. At the time of the notification of the completion of the Cluster Restudy to the Affected System Operator, System Operator must provide Interconnection Customer with a list of potential Affected System Operators, along with relevant contact information

### **3.7 Withdrawal.**

Interconnection Customer may withdraw its Interconnection Request at any time by written notice of such withdrawal to System Operator, which System Operator will transmit to Interconnecting Transmission Owner and any Affected Parties. In addition, if Interconnection Customer fails to adhere to all requirements of this SGIP, except as provided in Section 13.5 (Disputes), the System Operator shall deem the Interconnection Request to be withdrawn and shall provide written notice to Interconnection Customer of the deemed withdrawal and an explanation of the reasons for such deemed withdrawal. Except as otherwise provided elsewhere in this SGIP, upon receipt of such written notice, Interconnection Customer shall have fifteen (15) Business Days in which to either respond with information or actions that cure the deficiency or to notify the System Operator of its intent to pursue Dispute Resolution, and System Operator shall notify Interconnecting Transmission Owner and any Affected Parties of the same.

Withdrawal shall result in the loss of Interconnection Customer's Queue Position. If an Interconnection Customer disputes the withdrawal and loss of its Queue Position, then during Dispute Resolution, the System Operator may eliminate Interconnection Customer's Interconnection Request from the queue until such time that the outcome of Dispute Resolution would restore its Queue Position. An Interconnection Customer that withdraws or is deemed to have withdrawn its Interconnection Request shall pay to System Operator, Interconnecting Transmission Owner, and any Affected Parties all costs prudently incurred with respect to that Interconnection Request prior to System Operator's receipt of notice described above. Interconnection Customer must pay all monies due before it is allowed to obtain any Interconnection Study data or results.

If Interconnection Customer withdraws its Interconnection Request or is deemed withdrawn by System Operator under Section 3.7 of this SGIP, System Operator shall (i) update the OASIS Queue Position posting; and (ii) impose the Withdrawal Penalty described in Section 3.7.1 of this SGIP. Except as

otherwise provided elsewhere in this SGIP, the System Operator and the Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall refund to Interconnection Customer any refundable portion of Interconnection Customer's study deposit or study payments that exceeds the costs incurred, including interest calculated in accordance with section 35.19a(a)(2) of the Commission's regulations, or arrange to charge to Interconnection Customer any amount of such costs incurred that exceed Interconnection Customer's deposit or study payments, including interest calculated in accordance with section 35.19a(a)(2) of the Commission's regulations. The System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall refund any portion of the Commercial Readiness Deposit not applied to the Withdrawal Penalty and, if applicable, the deposit in lieu of Site Control. In the event of such withdrawal, System Operator, subject to the confidentiality provisions of Section 13.1 of this SGIP and the ISO New England Information Policy, as well as any other applicable requirement under Applicable Laws and Regulations regulating the disclosure or confidentiality of such information, shall provide, at Interconnection Customer's request, all information developed for any completed study conducted up to the date of withdrawal of the Interconnection Request.

### **3.7.1 Withdrawal Penalty.**

Interconnection Customer shall be subject to a Withdrawal Penalty if it withdraws its Interconnection Request or is deemed withdrawn, or the Generating Facility does not otherwise reach Commercial Operation unless: (1) the withdrawal does not have a material impact on the cost or timing of any Interconnection Request in the same Cluster; (2) Interconnection Customer withdraws after receiving Interconnection Customer's most recent Cluster Restudy Report and the Network Upgrade costs assigned to the Interconnection Request identified in that report have increased by more than twenty-five percent (25%) compared to costs identified in Interconnection Customer's preceding Cluster Study Report or Cluster Restudy Report; or (3) Interconnection Customer withdraws after receiving Interconnection Customer's Interconnection Facilities Study Report and the Network Upgrade costs assigned to the Interconnection Request identified in that report have increased by more than one hundred percent (100%) compared to costs identified in the Cluster Study Report or Cluster Restudy Report.

#### **3.7.1.1 Calculation of the Withdrawal Penalty.**

If Interconnection Customer withdraws its Interconnection Request or is deemed withdrawn prior to the commencement of the initial Cluster Study, Interconnection Customer shall not be subject to a Withdrawal Penalty. If Interconnection Customer withdraws, is deemed withdrawn, or otherwise does

not reach Commercial Operation at any point after the commencement of the initial Cluster Study, that Interconnection Customer's Withdrawal Penalty will be the greater of: (1) Interconnection Customer's study deposit required under Section 3.4.1.1 of this SGIP; or (2) as follows in (a)–(d):

(a) If Interconnection Customer withdraws or is deemed withdrawn during the Cluster Study or after receipt of a Cluster Study Report, but prior to commencement of the Cluster Restudy or Interconnection Facilities Study, Interconnection Customer shall be charged two (2) times its actual allocated cost of all studies performed for Interconnection Customers in the Cluster up until that point in the Interconnection Study process.

(b) If Interconnection Customer withdraws or is deemed withdrawn during the Cluster Restudy or after receipt of any applicable restudy reports issued pursuant to Section 7.5 of this SGIP, but prior to commencement of the Interconnection Facilities Study, Interconnection Customer shall be charged five percent (5%) its estimated Network Upgrade costs.

(c) If Interconnection Customer withdraws or is deemed withdrawn during the Interconnection Facilities Study, after receipt of the Interconnection Facilities Study Report issued pursuant to Section 8.3 of this SGIP, or after receipt of the draft SGIA but before Interconnection Customer has executed an SGIA or has requested that its SGIA be filed unexecuted, and has satisfied the other requirements described in Section 11.3 of this SGIP (i.e., Site Control demonstration, SGIA Deposit, reasonable evidence of one or more milestones in the development of the Generating Facility), Interconnection Customer shall be charged ten percent (10%) its estimated Network Upgrade costs.

(d) If Interconnection Customer has executed an SGIA or has requested that its SGIA be filed unexecuted and has satisfied the other requirements described in Section 11.3 of this SGIP (i.e., Site Control demonstration, SGIA Deposit, reasonable evidence of one or more milestones in the development of the Generating Facility) and subsequently withdraws its Interconnection Request or if Interconnection Customer's Generating Facility otherwise does not reach Commercial Operation, that Interconnection Customer's Withdrawal Penalty shall be twenty percent (20%) its estimated Network Upgrade costs.

### **3.7.1.2 Distribution of the Withdrawal Penalty.**



### **3.7.1.2.1 Initial Distribution of Withdrawal Penalties Prior to Assessment of Network Upgrade Costs Previously Shared with Withdrawn Interconnection Customers in the Same Cluster**

For a single Cluster, System Operator shall hold all Withdrawal Penalty funds until all Interconnection Customers in that Cluster have either: (1) withdrawn or been deemed withdrawn; (2) executed an SGIA; or (3) requested an SGIA to be filed unexecuted. Any Withdrawal Penalty funds collected from the Cluster shall first be used to fund studies conducted under the Cluster Study Process for Interconnection Customers in the same Cluster that have executed the SGIA or requested the SGIA to be filed unexecuted. Next, after the Withdrawal Penalty funds are applied to relevant study costs in the same Cluster, System Operator will apply the remaining Withdrawal Penalty funds to reduce net increases, for Interconnection Customers in the same Cluster, in Interconnection Customers' Network Upgrade cost assignment and associated financial security requirements under Article 6.3 of the pro forma SGIA attributable to the impacts of withdrawn Interconnection Customers that shared an obligation with the remaining Interconnection Customers to fund a Network Upgrade, as described in more detail in Sections 3.7.1.2.3 and 3.7.1.2.4. The total amount of funds used to fund these studies under the Cluster Study Process or those applied to any net increases in Network Upgrade costs for Interconnection Customers in the same Cluster shall not exceed the total amount of Withdrawal Penalty funds collected from the Cluster.

Withdrawal Penalty funds shall first be applied as a refund to invoiced study costs for Interconnection Customers in the same Cluster that did not withdraw within thirty (30) Calendar Days of such Interconnection Customers executing their SGIA or requesting to have their SGIA filed unexecuted. Distribution of Withdrawal Penalty funds within one specific Cluster for study costs shall not exceed the total actual Cluster Study Process costs for the Cluster. Withdrawal Penalty funds applied to study costs shall be allocated within the same Cluster to Interconnection Customers in a manner consistent with the System Operator's method in Section 13.3 of this SGIP for allocating the costs of Interconnection Studies conducted on a clustered basis. System Operator shall post the balance of Withdrawal Penalty funds held by System Operator but not yet dispersed on its OASIS site and update this posting on a quarterly basis.

If an Interconnection Customer withdraws after it executes, or requests the unexecuted filing of, its SGIA, System Operator shall first apply such Interconnection Customer's Withdrawal Penalty funds to any restudy costs required due to Interconnection Customer's withdrawal as a credit to as-yet-to be invoiced study costs to be charged to the remaining Interconnection Customers in the same Cluster in a manner consistent with the System Operator's method in Section 13.3 of this SGIP for allocating the costs of

interconnection studies conducted on a clustered basis. Distribution of the Withdrawal Penalty funds for such restudy costs shall not exceed the total actual restudy costs.

#### **3.7.1.2.2 Assessment of Network Upgrade Costs Previously Shared with Withdrawn Interconnection Customers in the Same Cluster**

If Withdrawal Penalty funds remain for the same Cluster after the Withdrawal Penalty funds are applied to relevant study costs, System Operator will determine if the withdrawn Interconnection Customers, at any point in the Cluster Study Process, shared cost assignment for one or more Network Upgrades with any remaining Interconnection Customers in the same Cluster based on the Cluster Study Report, Cluster Restudy Report(s), Interconnection Facilities Study Report, and any subsequent issued restudy report issued for the Cluster.

In Section 3.7.1.2 of this SGIP, shared cost assignments for Network Upgrades refers to the cost of Network Upgrades still needed for the same Cluster for which an Interconnection Customer, prior to withdrawing its Interconnection Request, shared the obligation to fund along with Interconnection Customers that have executed an SGIA, or requested the SGIA to be filed unexecuted.

If System Operator's assessment determines that there are no shared cost assignments for any Network Upgrades in the same Cluster for the withdrawn Interconnection Customer, or determines that the withdrawn Interconnection Customer's withdrawal did not cause a net increase in the shared cost assignment for any remaining Interconnection Customers' Network Upgrade(s) in the same Cluster, System Operator will return any remaining Withdrawal Penalty funds to the withdrawn Interconnection Customer(s). Such remaining Withdrawal Penalty funds will be returned to withdrawn Interconnection Customers based on the proportion of each withdrawn Interconnection Customer's contribution to the total amount of Withdrawal Penalty funds collected for the Cluster (i.e., the total amount before the initial disbursement required under Section 3.7.1.2.1 of this SGIP). System Operator must make such disbursement within sixty (60) Calendar Days of the date on which all Interconnection Customers in the same Cluster have either: (1) withdrawn or been deemed withdrawn; (2) executed an SGIA; or (3) requested an SGIA to be filed unexecuted. For the withdrawn Interconnection Customers that System Operator determines have caused a net increase in the shared cost assignment for one or more Network Upgrade(s) in the same Cluster under Section 3.7.1.2.3(a) of this SGIP, System Operator will determine each such withdrawn Interconnection Customers' Withdrawal Penalty funds remaining balance that will be applied toward net increases in Network Upgrade shared costs calculated under Sections 3.7.1.2.3(a)

and 3.7.1.2.3(b) of this SGIP based on each such withdrawn Interconnection Customer's proportional contribution to the total amount of Withdrawal Penalty funds collected for the same Cluster (i.e., the total amount before the initial disbursement requirement under Section 3.7.1.2.1 of this SGIP).

If the System Operator's assessment determines that there are shared cost assignments for Network Upgrades in the same Cluster, System Operator will calculate the remaining Interconnection Customers' net increase in cost assignment for Network Upgrades due to a shared cost assignment for Network Upgrades with the withdrawn Interconnection Customer and distribute Withdrawal Penalty funds as described in Section 3.7.1.2.3, depending on whether the withdrawal occurred before the withdrawing Interconnection Customer executed the SGIA (or filed unexecuted), as described in Section 3.7.1.2.3(a) of this SGIP, or after such execution (or filing unexecuted) of an SGIA, as described in Section 3.7.1.2.3(b) of this SGIP.

As discussed in Section 3.7.1.2.4, System Operator will amend executed (or filed unexecuted) SGIA's of the remaining Interconnection Customers in the same Cluster to apply the remaining Withdrawal Penalty funds to reduce net increases in Interconnection Customers' Network Upgrade cost assignment and associated financial security requirements under Article 6.3 of the pro forma SGIA attributable to the impacts of withdrawn Interconnection Customers on Interconnection Customers remaining in the same Cluster that had a shared cost assignment for Network Upgrades with the withdrawn Interconnection Customers.

### **3.7.1.2.3 Impact Calculations**

#### **3.7.1.2.3(a) Impact Calculation for Withdrawals During the Cluster Study Process**

If an Interconnection Customer withdraws before it executes, or requests the unexecuted filing of, its SGIA, the System Operator will distribute in the following manner the Withdrawal Penalty funds to reduce the Network Upgrade cost impact on the remaining Interconnection Customers in the same Cluster who had a shared cost assignment for a Network Upgrade with the withdrawn Interconnection Customer.

To calculate the reduction in the remaining Interconnection Customers' net increase in Network Upgrade costs and associated financial security requirements under Article 6.3 of the pro forma SGIA, the System Operator will determine the financial impact of a withdrawing Interconnection Customer on other

Interconnection Customers in the same Cluster that shared an obligation to fund the same Network Upgrade(s). System Operator shall calculate this financial impact once all Interconnection Customers in the same Cluster either: (1) have withdrawn or have been deemed withdrawn; (2) executed an SGIA; or (3) request an SGIA to be filed unexecuted. System Operator will perform the financial impact calculation using the following steps.

First, System Operator must determine which withdrawn Interconnection Customers shared an obligation to fund Network Upgrades with Interconnection Customers from the same Cluster that have SGIA's that are executed or have been requested to be filed unexecuted. Next, System Operator shall perform the calculation of the financial impact of a withdrawal on another Interconnection Request in the same Cluster by performing a comparison of the Network Upgrade cost estimates between each of the following:

- (1) Cluster Study phase to Cluster Restudy phase (if Cluster Restudy was necessary);
- (2) Cluster Restudy phase to Interconnection Facilities Study phase (if a Cluster Restudy was necessary);
- (3) Cluster Study phase to Interconnection Facilities Study phase (if no Cluster Restudy was performed);
- (4) Interconnection Facilities Study phase to any subsequent restudy that was performed before the execution or filing of an unexecuted SGIA;
- (5) the restudy to the executed, or filed unexecuted, SGIA (if a restudy was performed after the Facilities Study phase and before the execution or filing of an unexecuted SGIA).

If, based on the above calculations, System Operator determines:

- (i) that the costs assigned to an Interconnection Customer in the same Cluster for Network Upgrades that a withdrawn Interconnection Customer shared cost assignment for increased between any two studies, and

(ii) after the impacted Interconnection Customer's SGIA was executed or filed unexecuted, Interconnection Customer's cost assignment for the relevant Network Upgrade is greater than it was prior to the withdrawal of Interconnection Customer in the same Cluster that shared cost assignment for the Network Upgrade,

then System Operator shall apply the withdrawn Interconnection Customer's Withdrawal Penalty funds that has not already been applied to study costs in the amount of the financial impact by reducing, in the same Cluster, the remaining Interconnection Customer's Network Upgrade costs and associated financial security requirements under Article 6.3 of the pro forma SGIA.

If System Operator determines that more than one Interconnection Customer in the same Cluster was financially impacted by the same withdrawn Interconnection Customer, System Operator will apply the relevant withdrawn Interconnection Customer's Withdrawal Penalty funds that has not already been applied to study costs to reduce the financial impact to each Interconnection Customer based on each Interconnection Customer's proportional share of the financial impact, as determined by either the Proportional Impact Method if it is a System Network Upgrade or on a per capita basis if it is a Substation Network Upgrade, as described under Section 4.2.1 of this SGIP.

#### **3.7.1.2.3(b) Impact Calculation for Withdrawals in the Same Cluster After the Cluster Study Process**

If an Interconnection Customer withdraws after it executes, or requests the unexecuted filing of, its SGIA, System Operator will distribute in the following manner the remaining Withdrawal Penalty funds to reduce the Network Upgrade cost impact on the remaining Interconnection Customers in the same Cluster who had a shared cost assignment with the withdrawn Interconnection Customer for one or more Network Upgrades.

System Operator will determine the financial impact on the remaining Interconnection Customers in the same Cluster within thirty (30) Calendar Days after the withdrawal occurs. The System Operator will determine that financial impact by comparing the Network Upgrade cost funding obligations Interconnection Customers shared with the withdrawn Interconnection Customer before the withdrawal of Interconnection Customer and after the withdrawal of Interconnection Customer. If that comparison indicates an increase in Network Upgrade costs for an Interconnection Customer, System Operator shall

apply the withdrawn Interconnection Customer's Withdrawal Penalty funds to the increased costs each impacted Interconnection Customer in the same Cluster experienced associated with such Network Upgrade(s) in proportion to each Interconnection Customer's increased cost assignment, as determined by System Operator.

#### **3.7.1.2.4 Amending SGIA to Apply Reductions to Interconnection Customer's Assigned Network Upgrade Costs and Associated Financial Security Requirement with Respect to Withdrawals in the Same Cluster**

Within thirty (30) Calendar Days of all Interconnection Customers in the same Cluster having: (1) withdrawn or been deemed withdrawn; (2) executed an SGIA; or (3) requested an SGIA to be filed unexecuted, System Operator must perform the calculations described in Section 3.7.1.2.3(a) of this SGIP and provide such Interconnection Customers with an amended SGIA that provides the reduction in Network Upgrade cost assignment and associated reduction to Interconnection Customer's financial security requirements, under Article 6.3 of the pro forma SGIA, due from Interconnection Customer to the Interconnecting Transmission Owner.

Where an Interconnection Customer executes the SGIA (or requests the filing of an unexecuted SGIA) and is later withdrawn or its SGIA is terminated, System Operator must, within thirty (30) Calendar Days of such withdrawal or termination, perform the calculations described in Section 3.7.1.2.3(b) of this SGIP and provide such Interconnection Customers in the same Cluster with an amended SGIA that provides the reduction in Network Upgrade cost assignment and associated reduction to Interconnection Customer's financial security requirements, under Article 6.3 of the pro forma SGIA, due from Interconnection Customer to Interconnecting Transmission Owner.

Any repayment by Interconnecting Transmission Owner to Interconnection Customer under Article 6.1 of the pro forma SGIA of amounts advanced for Network Upgrades after the Generating Facility achieves Commercial Operation shall be limited to Interconnection Customer's total amount of Network Upgrade costs paid and associated financial security provided to Interconnecting Transmission Owner under Article 6.3 of the pro forma SGIA.

#### **3.7.1.2.5 Final Distribution of Withdrawal Penalty Funds**

If Withdrawal Penalty funds remain for the Cluster after the Withdrawal Penalty funds are applied to relevant study costs and net increases in shared cost assignments for Network Upgrades to remaining

Interconnection Customers, System Operator or Interconnecting Transmission Owner, as appropriate, will return any remaining Withdrawal Penalty funds to the withdrawn Interconnection Customers in the same Cluster net of the amount of each withdrawn Interconnection Customer's Withdrawal Penalty funds applied to study costs and net increases in shared cost assignments for Network Upgrades to remaining Interconnection Customers.

### **3.8 Identification of Contingent Facilities.**

System Operator shall identify Contingent Facilities before the execution of the SGIA by reviewing the Interconnection Facilities and Network Upgrades associated with an Interconnection Request with a higher Queue Position or the list of transmission projects planned or proposed for the New England Transmission System to identify those upgrades that are not yet in service but upon which the Interconnection Request's costs, timing, and study findings are dependent, and if delayed or not built, could cause a need for restudies of the Interconnection Request or a reassessment of the Interconnection Facilities and/or Network Upgrades and/or costs and timing. Planned or proposed upgrades will be identified as Contingent Facilities for an Interconnection Request if the absence of those upgrades would cause additional Adverse System Impacts to be identified in the Cluster Study, using the same conditions as those used in the Cluster Study. The thresholds for identification of Adverse System Impact for the purpose of identifying Contingent Facilities will be as follows: (i) an increase in the flow in an element by at least two percent of the element's rating and that causes that flow to exceed that element's appropriate thermal rating by more than two percent where the appropriate thermal rating is the normal rating with all lines in service and the long time emergency or short time emergency rating after a contingency; (ii) a change of at least one percent in a voltage that causes a voltage level that is higher or lower than the appropriate high or low rating by more than one percent; (iii) an increase of at least a one percent change in the short circuit current experienced by an element and that causes a short circuit stress that is higher than an element's interrupting or withstand capability; or (iv) the introduction of a violation of stability criteria. Contingent Facilities that are identified during the evaluation of the Interconnection Request shall be documented in the Cluster Study report or the SGIA for the Small Generating Facility. System Operator shall also provide, upon request of Interconnection Customer, the estimated Interconnection Facility and/or Network Upgrade costs and estimated in-service completion time for each identified Contingent Facilities when this information is readily available and not commercially sensitive.

### **3.9 Penalties for Failure to Meet Study Deadlines.**

(1) System Operator or Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall be subject to a penalty if it fails to complete a Cluster Study, Cluster Restudy, Interconnection Facilities Study, or Affected Systems Study

by the applicable deadline set forth in this SGIP. The responsibilities of System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner in the conduct of such studies are set forth in the Transmission Operating Agreement and ISO New England Planning Procedures. System Operator or Interconnecting Transmission Owner must pay the penalty for each late Cluster Study, Cluster Restudy, and Interconnection Facilities Study on a pro rata basis per Interconnection Request to all Interconnection Customer(s) included in the relevant study that did not withdraw, or were not deemed withdrawn, from System Operator's interconnection queue before the missed study deadline in proportion to each Interconnection Customer's final study cost. System Operator or Interconnecting Transmission Owner must pay the penalty for a late Affected Systems Study on a pro rata basis per interconnection request to all Affected System Interconnection Customer(s) included in the relevant Affected System Study that did not withdraw, or were not deemed withdrawn, from the host transmission provider's interconnection queue before the missed study deadline in proportion to each Interconnection Customer's final study cost. Except as provided below, the study delay penalty for each late study shall be distributed no later than forty-five (45) Calendar Days after the late study has been completed.

(2) For penalties assessed in accordance with this Section, the penalty amount will be equal to: \$1,000 per Business Day for delays of Cluster Studies beyond the applicable deadline set forth in this SGIP; \$2,000 per Business Day for delays of Cluster Re-Studies beyond the applicable deadline set forth in this SGIP; \$2,000 per Business Day for delays of Affected System Studies beyond the applicable deadline set forth in this SGIP; and \$2,500 per Business Day for delays of Interconnection Facilities Studies beyond the applicable deadline set forth in this SGIP. The total amount of a penalty assessed under this Section shall not exceed: (a) one hundred percent (100%) of the initial study deposit(s) received for all of the Interconnection Requests in the Cluster for Cluster Studies and Cluster Restudies; (b) one hundred percent (100%) of the initial study deposit received for the single Interconnection Request in the study for Interconnection Facilities Studies; and (c) one hundred percent (100%) of the study deposit(s) that System Operator or Interconnecting Transmission Owner collects for conducting the Affected System Study.

(3) System Operator or Interconnecting Transmission Owner may appeal to the Commission any penalties imposed under this Section. Any such appeal must be filed no later than forty-five (45) Calendar Days after the late study has been completed. While an appeal to the Commission is pending, System Operator or Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall remain liable for the penalty, but need not distribute the penalty until forty-five (45) Calendar Days after (1) the deadline for filing a rehearing request has ended, if no requests for rehearing of the appeal have been filed, or (2) the date that any requests for rehearing of the Commission's decision on the appeal are no longer pending before the Commission. The



Commission may excuse System Operator or Interconnecting Transmission Owner from penalties under this Section for good cause.

(4) No penalty will be assessed under this Section where a study is delayed by ten (10) Business Days or less. If the study is delayed by more than ten (10) Business Days, the penalty amount will be calculated from the first Business Day the System Operator or Interconnecting Transmission Owner misses the applicable study deadline.

(5) If (a) System Operator or Interconnecting Transmission Owner needs to extend the deadline for a particular study subject to penalties under this Section and (b) all Interconnection Customers or Affected System Interconnection Customers included in the relevant study mutually agree to such an extension, the deadline for that study shall be extended thirty (30) Business Days from the original deadline. In such a scenario, no penalty will be assessed for System Operator or Interconnecting Transmission Owner missing the original deadline.

(6) No penalties shall be assessed until the third Cluster Study cycle (including any Transitional Cluster Study cycle, but not Transitional Serial Interconnection Facilities Studies) after the Commission-approved effective date of this SGIP.

(7) System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner must maintain on its OASIS or its public website summary statistics related to penalties assessed under this Section, updated quarterly. For each calendar quarter, System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner must calculate and post (1) the total amount of penalties assessed under this Section during the previous reporting quarter and (2) the highest penalty assessed under this Section paid to a single Interconnection Customer or Affected System Interconnection Customer during the previous reporting quarter. System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner must post on their respective OASIS or website these penalty amounts for each calendar quarter within thirty (30) Calendar Days of the end of the calendar quarter. System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner must maintain the quarterly measures posted on their respective OASIS or website for three (3) calendar years with the first required posting to be the third Cluster Study cycle (including any Transitional Cluster Study cycle, but not Transitional Serial Interconnection Facilities Studies) after System Operator transitions to the Cluster Study Process.

#### **SECTION 4. INTERCONNECTION REQUEST EVALUATION PROCESS.**

## **4.1 Queue Position.**

### **4.1.1 Assignment of Queue Position.**

System Operator shall assign a Queue Position based upon the date and time of receipt of the valid Interconnection Request provided all items required pursuant to the provisions of Section 3.4.2 of this SGIP are received. A higher Queue Position assigned to an Interconnection Request is one that has been placed “earlier” in the queue in relation to another Interconnection Request that is assigned a lower Queue Position. All requests studied in a single Cluster shall be considered equally queued. Interconnection Customers that are part of a Cluster initiated earlier in time than an instant Cluster Study shall be considered to have a higher Queue Position than Interconnection Customers that are part of Clusters initiated later than an instant Cluster.

Any ongoing CSIS or CFACs as of June 13, 2024 shall include the Interconnection Requests that were identified as eligible to participate in the CSIS and CFAC and met the associated requirements for inclusion in said studies in accordance with Section 4.2 of this SGIP. Interconnection Requests included in such a CSIS or CFAC shall consider a higher queued Interconnection Request not included in the cluster. A lower queued Interconnection Request that is not included in such a CSIS or CFAC shall consider all of the higher queued Interconnection Requests that are part of such a CSIS or CFAC.

### **4.1.1 Considerations Related to Achieving CNR Interconnection Service.**

Participation in a CNR Group Study was required to achieve CNR Interconnection Service and CNI Interconnection Service prior to September 4, 2025.

After September 4, 2025 CNR the Transitional Cluster Study, Transitional CNR Group Study or Cluster Study processes shall be the only means for Generating Facilities subject to the Interconnection Procedures to achieve CNR Interconnection Service.

Interconnection Requests submitted to Interconnecting Transmission Owners or their distribution company affiliates pursuant to the applicable state tariff, rules or procedures that have obtained Proposed Plan Application approval from the System Operator pursuant to Section I.3.9 of the Tariff shall be included in Base Case for the Transitional CNR Group Study or a Cluster Study in order of submission/approval (the dates of Proposed Plan Application approval shall be used for interconnection requests submitted to Interconnecting Transmission Owners or their distribution company affiliates)

provided that such Section I.3.9 approval was received at least ninety (90) Calendar days after the formation of the Base Case consistent with Section 2.3 of this SGIP.

## **4.2 General Study Process.**

Interconnection Studies performed using clustering shall be conducted in such a manner to ensure the efficient implementation of the applicable Regional System Plan in light of the New England Transmission System's capabilities for the time period under study and consistent with Good Utility Practice.

The System Operator may use subgroups in the Cluster Study Process. If the System Operator elects to use subgroups in the Cluster Study Process, System Operator must publish the criteria used to define and determine subgroups on its OASIS or public website prior to the opening of a Cluster Request Window.

### **4.2.1 Triggers for CRPS.**

The System Operator, at its discretion, may initiate a CRPS pursuant to Section 15 of Attachment K, Section II of the Tariff, when it identifies any of the following interconnection circumstances:

- (1) the withdrawal from the Cluster Study Process of two (2) or more Interconnection Requests for resources in the same electrical part of the New England Control Area; or
- (2) where procurements are underway for resources in the same electrical part of the New England Control Area;

and, none of the resources described in (1) or (2) above will be able to interconnect to the Administered Transmission System without the use of common significant new transmission line infrastructure rated at or above 115 kV AC or HVDC.

System Operator may also initiate a CRPS in an electrical part of the New England Control Area where System Operator previously identified the need for a CETU to interconnect new resources.

### **4.2.2 Notice of Initiation of CRPS.**

When the System Operator identifies the interconnection circumstances in Section 4.2.1 of this SGIP, the System Operator will provide notice to the Planning Advisory Committee of the initiation of a CRPS in accordance with Section 15.1 of Attachment K, Section II of the Tariff. The System Operator will

perform a CRPS to identify the CETU and associated system upgrades to enable the interconnection of potentially all of the resources for which the interconnection circumstances described in Section 4.2.1 of this SGIP were identified, consistent with Section 15.2 of Attachment K. The results of the CRPS performed under Attachment K will inform the Cluster entry process and requirements for Interconnection Requests for Generating Facilities that need the CETU to meet the interconnection standards in Schedules 22, 23, or 25 of the OATT. The System Operator will provide notice to Interconnection Customers with Interconnection Request identified as needing the CETU to meet the interconnection standards prior to or at the Cluster Scoping Meeting.

#### **4.2.3 Requirements for CETU-Eligible Interconnection Requests.**

##### **4.2.3.1 Cluster Entry Requirements for CETU-Eligible Interconnection Requests.**

**4.2.3.1.1 CRPS Completed Prior to Transitional Cluster Study** For a CRPS that was completed prior to the start of the Transitional Cluster Study, and for which a CSIS has not commenced, all Interconnection Requests identified in the final CRPS report, by Queue Position as assigned in accordance with Section 4.1 of this SGIP, shall be eligible to elect to enter the Transitional Cluster Study under Section 5.1.1.2 of this SGIP. By the deadline to return the Transitional Cluster Study Agreement, an Interconnection Customer with an Interconnection Request identified in the final CRPS report as eligible to elect to enter the Transitional Cluster Study must, in writing:

1. withdraw the Interconnection Request, pursuant to Section 3.7; or
2. request to be included in the Transitional Cluster Study, meet the requirements specified in Section 5.1.1.2, (except for the Commercial Readiness Deposit) and submit to the System Operator the CETU Participation Deposit specified in Section 4.2.3.2 of this SGIP. Such deposit shall be in cash.

If, by the deadline to submit the Transitional Cluster Study Agreement, Interconnection Customer fails to withdraw its Interconnection Request or request to be included in the Transitional Cluster Study and meet the requirements specified in this Section 4.2.3.1.1, then the Interconnection Request will be automatically withdrawn from the interconnection queue without further opportunity to cure. If Interconnection Customer elects option (2) above and does not meet all of the CSIS entry requirements specified in this Section 4.2.3.1.1 by the deadline to submit the Transitional Cluster Study Agreement, the

Interconnection Request will be automatically withdrawn from the interconnection queue as of that date without further opportunity to cure. If an initial CETU Participation Deposit had been submitted as part of an otherwise incomplete Transitional Cluster Study entry requirements submission, the initial CETU Participation Deposit will be refunded at the time the Interconnection Request is withdrawn.

**4.2.3.1.2 CRPS Initiated After the Transition Cluster Study** All Interconnection Requests that, based on a final CRPS report that the System Operator has completed pursuant to Attachment K, reasonably expect to, or have been notified by System Operator that they need, the CETU and associated system upgrades identified in that final CRPS report must request to be included in the Cluster Study, meet the requirements specified in Section 5.1.1.2 (with the exception of the Commercial Readiness Deposit), and submit to the System Operator the CETU Participation Deposit specified in Section 4.2.3.2 of this SGIP. Such deposit shall be required to be in cash. If Interconnection Customer does not meet all of the entry requirements specified in this Section 4.2.3.1.2 by close of the Cluster Request Window, the Interconnection Request will be automatically withdrawn from the interconnection queue as of the Cluster Entry Deadline without further opportunity to cure. If an initial CETU Participation Deposit had been submitted as part of the incomplete Interconnection Request, the initial CETU Participation Deposit will be refunded at the time the Interconnection Request is withdrawn.

Where a CRPS under Attachment K has not been completed prior to the opening of a Cluster Entry Window, Interconnection Requests in the electrical part of the system subject to the CRPS will be eligible to participate in the next Cluster Study following completion of the CRPS.

**4.2.3.2. CETU Participation Deposit for CETU Eligible Interconnection Requests.** By the close of the Cluster Request Window, Interconnection Customer also must submit to the System Operator an initial CETU Participation Deposit equal to five (5) percent of Interconnection Customer's cost allocation responsibility for the CETU and associated system upgrades to be determined based on the cost estimates provided in the final CRPS report. If the System Operator subsequently identifies that an Internal ETU has met the requirements to take the place of a CETU, or portion thereof, pursuant to Section 5.1.1.2 and 7.3 of this ETU IP, the initial CETU Participation Deposit will be reduced to exclude the costs associated with the CETU, or portion thereof, that is being replaced by the Internal ETU, and Interconnection Customer shall be refunded the corresponding amount. Cost allocation of the CETU and associated system upgrades shall be in accordance with Schedule 11, Section II of this Tariff.

The initial CETU Participation Deposit will be fully refunded (with interest to be calculated in accordance with Section 3.7 of this SGIP) to Interconnection Customer with an Interconnection Request that met the cluster entry requirements: (i) if the CETU is initially undersubscribed by more than ten (10) percent of the quantity of megawatts that the CETU developed through the CRPS was designed to enable and Interconnection Customer withdraws the Interconnection Request, pursuant to Section 3.7, before the Cluster Study starts, (ii) if the CETU is initially oversubscribed as described in Section 4.2.3.3.2 of this SGIP (e.g., the CETU developed through the CRPS is designed to enable 1,000 MW and more than 1,000 MW meet the Cluster Study or Transitional Cluster Study entry requirements), in which case the CETU Participation Deposit will be refunded to Interconnection Customers with Interconnection Requests corresponding to the oversubscribed megawatt quantities, (iii) if the cost estimates for the CETU and the associated system upgrades provided in the final CRPS report for the entire cluster have increased by twenty-five (25) percent or more when compared to the cost estimates provided in the draft Cluster Study report or the draft Transitional Cluster Study Report, draft Cluster Study or the draft Facilities Study Report and Interconnection Customer withdraws the Interconnection Request, pursuant to Section 3.7, within thirty (30) Calendar Days after receipt of the draft Transitional Cluster Study Report, draft Cluster Study Report or the draft Facilities Study Report in accordance with Sections 7.5 and 8.3 of this SGIP, respectively, (iv) if at the time Interconnection Customer with an Interconnection Request included in the CSIS provides to the Interconnecting Transmission Owner the deposit specified in Section 11.3.1.2 of this SGIP or (v) if all Interconnection Requests included in the cluster withdraw from the interconnection queue.

Otherwise, the CETU Participation Deposit shall be non-refundable if Interconnection Customer withdraws its Interconnection Request or the Interconnection Request is withdrawn from the interconnection queue at any time after the Customer Engagement Window. The non-refundable CETU Participation Deposit shall be re-allocated, according to the cost allocation methodology contained in Schedule 11, to Interconnection Customers with Interconnection Requests included in a cluster at the time the facilities proposed in the Interconnection Requests achieve Commercial Operation.

#### **4.2.3.3 CETU Filling and Oversubscription.**

For purposes of the Transitional Cluster Study, the CETU shall be filled with all Interconnection Requests in the same electrical part of the New England Control Area that the System Operator previously identified as needing the CETU identified in the final CRPS report and that met the Transitional Cluster Study entry requirements by the Cluster Request Window up to the approximate megawatt quantity identified in the final CRPS report as potentially enabled by the CETU. The Interconnection Requests

will be included Transitional Cluster Study in queue order, based on the Queue Positions assigned in accordance with Section 4.1 of this SGIP, relative to other eligible Interconnection Requests. In the event that the CETU is filled and lower queued Interconnection Requests remain, such requests shall be withdrawn by System Operator, all remaining deposits will be refunded, and System Operator may initiate a new CRPS under Attachment K in the same electrical area of the system.

For Cluster Studies, the CETU shall be filled with all Interconnection Requests in the same electrical part of the New England Control Area submitted during the next Cluster Request Window following the publication of the final CRPS report that the System Operator determines need the CETU identified in the final CRPS report and meet the Cluster Study entry requirements by close of the Cluster Entry Window up to the approximate megawatt quantity identified in the final CRPS as potentially enabled by the CETU.

If the Interconnection Requests identified by the System Operator as needing the CETU identified in the final CRPS report that elect to enter the Cluster Study exceed the quantity of megawatts identified as potentially enabled by the CETU in the final CRPS report, the System Operator shall fill the CETU first with Interconnection Requests that have been selected in, or are contractually bound by, a state-sponsored request for proposals. In the event that the CETU is filled and additional Interconnection Requests are not able to be included, such requests will not proceed into the Cluster Study, all deposits will be refunded, System Operator may initiate a new CRPS under Attachment K in the same electrical area of the system.

#### **4.2.4. Cluster Interconnection Facilities Study.**

The following provisions shall only apply to Interconnection Customers that executed a CFAC prior to the effective date of this SGIP.

Notwithstanding any other provision in this SGIP, an Interconnection Customer with an Interconnection Request included in a completed CSIS will not be eligible to waive the, or request a separate, CFAC. All Interconnection Customers with an Interconnection Request included in a completed CSIS shall be studied together in the CFAC for the purpose of implementing the conclusions of the CSIS with respect to non-sole use facilities.

**4.2.4.1 Cluster Interconnection Facilities Study Entry Requirements.** An Interconnection Customer with an Interconnection Request that was included in a completed CSIS shall execute an Interconnection Facilities Study Agreement and deliver the executed Interconnection Facilities Study Agreement to the

System Operator, together with the required technical data and refundable deposit for the Interconnection Facilities Study as specified in Section 8.1 of this SGIP.

**4.2.4.2. Scope of Interconnection Facilities Study.** The CFAC will be conducted in accordance with Sections 8.2 and 8.3 of this SGIP based on a +/- 20 percent good faith cost estimate.

**4.2.4.3 Re-study of the Interconnection Facilities Study.** In addition to the circumstances specified in Section 8.5 of this SGIP, a re-study of the CFAC is required due to the withdrawal of an Interconnection Request that had been included in the CFAC. A re-study of the CSIS and CFAC will be conducted to determine if there are any changes in the upgrades identified during the CSIS and CFAC with the exception of the CETU identified in the final CRPS report, which shall remain configured consistent with the megawatt quantity(ies) considered in the final CRPS report.

**4.2.4.4 Additional CETU Participation Deposit.** Within thirty (30) Calendar Days after receipt of the final CFAC report in accordance with Section 8.3 of this SGIP, an Interconnection Customer with an Interconnection Request included in the CFAC shall submit to the System Operator an additional CETU Participation Deposit equal to five (5) percent of Interconnection Customer's cost allocation responsibility for the CETU and associated system upgrades to be determined based on the cost estimates provided in the final CFAC report. Cost allocation of the CETU and associated system upgrades shall be in accordance with Schedule 11, Section II of this Tariff.

The additional CETU Participation Deposit provided under this Section 4.2.4 will be fully refunded (with interest to be calculated in accordance with Section 3.7 of this SGIP) to Interconnection Customer that submitted the additional CETU Participation Deposit (i) at the time Interconnection Customer with an Interconnection Request included in this CSIS provides to the Interconnecting Transmission Owner the deposit specified in Section 11.3.1.2 of this SGIP or (ii) if all Interconnection Requests included in the cluster withdraw from the interconnect queue.

Otherwise, the additional CETU Participation Deposit shall be non-refundable if Interconnection Customer withdraws its Interconnection Request or the Interconnection Request is withdrawn from the interconnection queue. The non-refundable additional CETU Participation Deposits shall be re-allocated, according to the cost allocation methodology contained in Schedule 11, to Interconnection Customers with Interconnection Requests included in a cluster at the time the facilities proposed in the Interconnection Requests achieve Commercial Operation.



#### **4.3 Transferability of Queue Position.**

An Interconnection Customer may transfer its Queue Position to another entity only if such entity acquires the specific Generating Facility identified in the Interconnection Request and the Point of Interconnection does not change. Interconnection Customer must notify the System Operator, in writing, of any transfers of Queue Position and must provide the System Operator with the transferee's contact information, and System Operator shall notify Interconnecting Transmission Owner and any Affected Parties of the same.

#### **4.4 Modifications.**

Interconnection Customer shall submit to System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner, in writing, modifications to any information provided in the Interconnection Request, including its attachments. Interconnection Customer shall retain its Queue Position if the modifications are in accordance with Sections 4.4.1, ~~or~~ 4.4.4, or 7.5 of this SGIP or the predecessor rules under the SGIP, or are determined not to be Material Modifications pursuant to Section 4.4.2 of this SGIP. The System Operator will notify the Interconnecting Transmission Owner, and, when System Operator deems it appropriate in accordance with applicable codes of conduct and confidentiality requirements, it will notify any Affected Party or Internal Affected Party of such modifications.

A new Interconnection Request shall be required to: (1) increase the energy capability or capacity output of a Generating Facility above that specified in an Interconnection Request, an existing Interconnection Agreement (whether executed or filed in unexecuted form with the Commission), or as established pursuant to Section 5.2 of this SGIP; or (2) change from NR Interconnection Service to CNR Interconnection Service, at any time.

During the course of the Interconnection Studies, the System Operator, Interconnection Customer, Interconnecting Transmission Owner, or any Affected Party or Internal Affected Party as deemed appropriate by the System Operator in accordance with applicable codes of conduct and confidentiality requirements, may identify changes to the planned interconnection that may improve the costs and benefits (including reliability) of the interconnection, and the ability of the proposed change to accommodate the Interconnection Request. To the extent the identified changes do not constitute a Material Modification and are acceptable to the Parties, such acceptance not to be unreasonably withheld, System Operator and the Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall modify the Point of Interconnection prior to the completion of a Cluster Study and Interconnection Customer shall retain its Queue Position.

**4.4.1** Prior to the return of the Cluster Study Agreement or Transitional Cluster Study Agreement, modifications permitted under this Section shall include specifically: (a) a decrease of up to 60 percent of electrical output (MW) of the proposed Small Generating Facility, through either (1) a decrease in facility size or (2) a decrease in Interconnection Service level (consistent with the process described in Section 3.1 of this SGIP) accomplished by applying System Operator-approved injection-limiting equipment proposed by Interconnection Customer and subject to review in the Interconnection System Impact Study; (b) modifying the technical parameters associated with the Small Generating Facility technology or the Small Generating Facility step-up transformer impedance characteristics; and (c) modifying the interconnection configuration.

**4.4.2** Prior to making any modification other than those specifically permitted by Sections 4.4.1, 4.4.4, or 7.5 of this SGIP, Interconnection Customer may first request that the System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner evaluate whether such modification is a Material Modification. In response to Interconnection Customer's request, the System Operator in consultation with the Interconnecting Transmission Owner, and in consultation with any Affected Party or Internal Affected Party as deemed appropriate by the System Operator in accordance with applicable codes of conduct and confidentiality requirements, shall evaluate, at Interconnection Customer's cost, the proposed modifications prior to making them and the System Operator will inform Interconnection Customer in writing of whether the modifications would constitute a Material Modification. Any change to the Point of Interconnection, except those deemed acceptable under Sections 3.1.2 or 4.4.1 of this SGIP or so allowed elsewhere, shall constitute a Material Modification. Interconnection Customer may then withdraw the proposed modification or proceed with a new Interconnection Request for such modification.

**4.4.3** Interconnection Customer may request, and System Operator shall evaluate, the addition to the Interconnection Request of a Generating Facility with the same Point of Interconnection indicated in the initial Interconnection Request, if the addition of the Generating Facility does not increase the requested Interconnection Service level. System Operator must evaluate such modifications prior to deeming them a Material Modification, but only if Interconnection Customer submits them prior to the return of the executed Interconnection Facilities Study Agreement by Interconnection Customer to System Operator. Interconnection Customers requesting that such a modification be evaluated must demonstrate the required Site Control at the time such request is made.

**4.4.4** Upon receipt of Interconnection Customer's request for modification that does not constitute a Material Modification and therefore is permitted under this Section 4.4 of this SGIP, the System Operator in consultation with the Interconnecting Transmission Owner and in consultation with any Affected Party or Internal Affected Party as deemed appropriate by the System Operator in accordance with applicable codes of conduct and confidentiality requirements, shall commence and perform any necessary additional studies as soon as practicable, but in no event shall the System Operator, Interconnecting Transmission Owner, or Affected Party or Internal Affected Party commence such studies later than thirty (30) Calendar Days after receiving notice of Interconnection Customer's request. Any additional studies resulting from such modification shall be done at Interconnection Customer's cost.- Any such request for modification of the Interconnection Request must be accompanied by any resulting updates to the models described in Attachment A to the Appendix 1 of this SGIP.

**4.4.5** Extensions of less than three (3) cumulative years in the Commercial Operation Date, In-Service Date or Initial Synchronization Date of the Small Generating Facility to which the Interconnection Request relates are not material and should be handled through construction sequencing, provided that the extension(s) do not exceed seven (7) years from the date the Interconnection Request was received by the System Operator. For purposes of this section, the Commercial Operation Date reflected in the initial Interconnection Request shall be used to calculate the permissible extension prior to Interconnection Customer executing an SGIA or requesting that the SGIA be filed unexecuted. After an SGIA is executed or requested to be filed unexecuted, the Commercial Operation Date reflected in the SGIA shall be used to calculate the permissible extension. Each cumulative extensions may not exceed three years including both extensions requested after execution of the SGIA by Interconnection Customer or the filing of an unexecuted SGIA by System Operator and those requested prior to execution of the SGIA by Interconnection Customer or the filing of an unexecuted SGIA by System Operator.

**4.4.6** Extensions of three (3) or more cumulative years in the Commercial Operation Date, In-Service Date or Initial Synchronization Date of the Small Generating Facility to which the Interconnection Request relates or any extension of a duration that results in the Initial Synchronization Date exceeding the date the Interconnection Request was received by the System Operator by seven (7) or more years is a Material Modification unless Interconnection Customer demonstrates to the System Operator due diligence, including At-Risk Expenditures, in pursuit of permitting, licensing and construction of the Small Generating Facility to meet the Commercial Operation Date, In-Service Date or Initial Synchronization Date provided in the Interconnection Request. Such demonstration shall be based on evidence to be provided by Interconnection Customer of accomplishments in permitting, licensing, and

construction in an effort to meet the Commercial Operation Date, In-Service Date or Initial Synchronization Date provided in this Interconnection Request. Such evidence may include filed documents, records of public hearings, governmental agency findings, documentation of actual construction progress or documentation acceptable to the System Operator showing At-Risk Expenditure made previously, including the previous four (4) months. If the evidence demonstrates that Interconnection Customer did not undertake reasonable efforts to meet the Commercial Operation Date, In-Service Date or Initial Synchronization Date specified in the Interconnection Request, or demonstrates that reasonable efforts were not undertaken until four (4) months prior to the request for extension, the request for extension shall constitute a Material Modification. Interconnection Customer may then withdraw the proposed Material Modification or proceed with a new Interconnection Request for such modification.

## **SECTION 5. PROCEDURES FOR TRANSITION.**

### **5.1 Procedures for Transitioning to the Cluster Study Process**

**5.1.1** Any Interconnection Customer assigned a Queue Position as of thirty (30) Calendar Days after May 14, 2024 (the filing date of this SGIP) shall retain that Queue Position subject to the requirements in Sections 5.1.1.1 and 5.1.1.2 of this SGIP. Any Interconnection Customer that fails to meet these entry requirements shall have its Interconnection Request deemed withdrawn by System Operator pursuant to Section 3.7 of this SGIP without further opportunity to cure. In such case, System Operator shall not assess Interconnection Customer any Withdrawal Penalty.

Any Interconnection Customer that has received a final Interconnection Facilities Study Report before the commencement of the studies under the transition process set forth in this section shall be tendered an SGIA pursuant to Section 11 of this SGIP, and shall not be required to enter this transition process.

System Operator shall not accept Interconnection Requests submitted after the thirty (30) Calendar Day period described in this section until the first Cluster Request Window opens.

**5.1.1.1 Transitional Serial Study.** An Interconnection Customer that has been tendered an Interconnection Facilities Study (Agreement (other than a CFAC Agreement) as of thirty (30) Calendar Days after May 14, 2024 (the filing date of this SGIP) may opt to proceed with an Interconnection Facilities Study or proceed directly to SGIA negotiations. System Operator shall tender each eligible

Interconnection Customer a Transitional Serial Interconnection Facilities Study Agreement, in the form of Appendix 6 to this SGIP, on August 11, 2025. System Operator shall proceed with the Interconnection Facilities Study, provided that Interconnection Customer: (1) meets each of the following requirements; and (2) executes the Transitional Serial Interconnection Facilities Study Agreement within sixty (60) Calendar Days of August 11, 2025. If an eligible Interconnection Customer does not meet these requirements, its Interconnection Request shall be deemed withdrawn without further opportunity to cure and without penalty. System Operator must commence the Transitional Serial Interconnection Facilities Study at the conclusion of this sixty (60) Calendar Day period. Transitional Serial Interconnection Facilities Study costs shall be allocated according to the method described in Section 13.3 of this SGIP.

All of the following must be included when an Interconnection Customer returns the Transitional Serial Interconnection Facilities Study Agreement:

- (1) A deposit equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the costs identified for Interconnecting Transmission Owner's Interconnection Facilities and Network Upgrades in Interconnection Customer's system impact study report. If Interconnection Customer does not withdraw, the deposit shall be trued up to actual costs once they are known and applied to future construction costs described in Interconnection Customer's eventual SGIA. Any amounts in excess of the actual construction costs shall be returned to Interconnection Customer within thirty (30) Calendar Days of the issuance of a final invoice for construction costs, in accordance with Article 6.1 of the pro forma SGIA. If Interconnection Customer withdraws or otherwise does not reach Commercial Operation, System Operator shall refund the remaining deposit after the final invoice for study costs and Transitional Withdrawal Penalty is settled. The deposit shall be in the form of an irrevocable letter of credit, or cash where cash deposits shall be treated according to Section 3.7 of this SGIP.
- (2) Exclusive Site Control for 100% of the proposed Generating Facility.
- (3) A study deposit in the amount of the greater of \$100,000 (for new NR Interconnection Service or CNR Interconnection Service requests), \$50,000 (for Interconnection Requests for which Interconnection Studies for NR Interconnection Service have been completed but have not achieved CNR Interconnection Service or for Interconnection Requests seeking to change from existing NR Interconnection Service to CNR Interconnection Service or changes from existing NR Interconnection Service to CNR Interconnection Service) or estimated study costs

Interconnecting Transmission Owner or System Operator shall conduct each Transitional Serial Interconnection Facilities Study and issue the associated Transitional Serial Interconnection Facilities Study Report within one hundred fifty (150) Calendar Days of August 11, 2025.

After System Operator issues each Transitional Interconnection Facilities Study Report, Interconnection Customer shall proceed pursuant to Section 11 of this SGIP. If Interconnection Customer withdraws its Interconnection Request or if Interconnection Customer's Generating Facility otherwise does not reach Commercial Operation, a Withdrawal Penalty shall be imposed on Interconnection Customer equal to nine (9) times Interconnection Customer's total study cost incurred since entering the System Operator's interconnection queue (including the cost of studies conducted under Section 5 of this SGIP).

#### **5.1.1.2 Transitional Cluster Study**

An Interconnection Customer with an assigned Queue Position as of thirty (30) Calendar Days after May 14, 2024 (the filing date of this SGIP) may opt to proceed with a Transitional Cluster Study. System Operator shall tender each eligible Interconnection Customer a Transitional Cluster Study Agreement, in the form of Appendix 5 to this SGIP, on August 11, 2025. System Operator shall proceed with the Transitional Cluster Study that includes each Interconnection Customer that: (1) meets each of the following requirements listed as (1) – (4) in this section; and (2) executes the Transitional Cluster Study Agreement within sixty (60) Calendar Days of August 11, 2025. All Interconnection Requests that enter the Transitional Cluster Study shall be considered to have an equal Queue Position that is lower than Interconnection Customer(s) proceeding with Transitional Serial Interconnection Facilities Study. If an eligible Interconnection Customer does not meet these requirements, its Interconnection Request shall be deemed withdrawn without penalty and with no further opportunity to cure. System Operator must commence the Transitional Cluster Study at the conclusion of this sixty (60) Calendar Day period. All identified Interconnecting Transmission Owner's Interconnection Facilities and Network Upgrade costs shall be allocated in the manner described in Schedule 11 to the OATT. Transitional Cluster Study costs shall be allocated according to the method described in Section 13.3 of this SGIP. If an Interconnection Customer accepted the results of its system impact study on or before April 4, 2025, the System Operator shall not include the Interconnection Request in the Transitional Cluster Study and instead tender a Small Generator Interconnection Agreement pursuant to Section 11 of this SGIP, and refund any deposits associated with participation in the Transitional Cluster Study.

Notwithstanding any other provision, an Interconnection Customer with a valid Queue Position prior to June 13, 2024 that includes a Commercial Operation Date earlier than April 28, 2028, may make a one-time extension to its requested Commercial Operation Date upon entry into the Transitional Cluster Study, where any such extension shall not result in a Commercial Operation Date later than April 28, 2028.

All of the following must be included when an Interconnection Customer returns the Transitional Cluster Study Agreement:

- (1) A selection of either Network Resource Interconnection Service or Capacity Network Resource Interconnection Service. Upon making this selection, an Interconnection Customer requesting CNR Interconnection Service may request that System Operator reduce the Interconnection Request from CNR Interconnection Service to NR Interconnection Service if the System Operator identifies thermal violations in the analysis associated with CNR Interconnection Service testing conditions that are not identified in the analysis associated with the NR Interconnection Service testing conditions for the Interconnection Request. System Operator will notify Interconnection Customer that its Interconnection Request has been reduced to NR Interconnection Service, and list the thermal violations identified in the analysis associated with CNR Interconnection Service testing conditions in the Cluster Study Report.
- (2) A deposit of five hundred thousand (\$500,000) for Interconnection Requests seeking NR Interconnection Service or CNR Interconnection Service, and two hundred-fifty thousand (\$250,000) for Interconnection Requests for which Interconnection Studies for NR Interconnection Service have been completed but have not achieved CNR Interconnection Service or for Interconnection Requests seeking to change from existing NR Interconnection Service to CNR Interconnection Service. The deposit shall be, in the form of an irrevocable letter of credit, or cash where cash deposits shall be treated according to Section 3.7 of this SGIP. If Interconnection Customer does not withdraw, the deposit shall be reconciled with and applied towards future construction costs described in the SGIA. Any amounts in excess of the actual construction costs shall be returned to Interconnection Customer within thirty (30) Calendar Days of the issuance of a final invoice for construction costs, in accordance with Article 6.1 of the pro forma SGIA. If Interconnection Customer withdraws or otherwise does not reach Commercial Operation, System Operator must refund the remaining deposit once the final invoice for study costs and Transitional Withdrawal Penalty is settled.

- (3) Exclusive Site Control for 100% of the proposed Generating Facility.
- (4) A study deposit in the amount of one-hundred thousand (\$100,000) for Interconnection Requests seeking NR Interconnection Service or CNR Interconnection Service, and fifty-thousand (\$50,000) for Interconnection Requests for which Interconnection Studies for NR Interconnection Service have been completed but have not achieved CNR Interconnection Service or for Interconnection Requests seeking to change from existing NR Interconnection Service to CNR Interconnection Service-Any unused balance of the study deposit associated with the Interconnection Request shall be applied toward the study deposit associated with the Transitional Cluster Study Agreement.
- (5) All technical data required under Appendix 1, Attachment A and Attachment A-1 (if applicable) of this SGIP to the extent Interconnection Customer has not already provided such data.

System Operator shall conduct the Transitional Cluster Study and issue both an associated interim Transitional Cluster Study Report and an associated final Transitional Cluster Study Report. The Study Case for the Transitional Cluster Study shall include any CETU and associated system upgrades identified in a final CRPS Report prior to the opening of the Transitional Cluster Study, provided that System Operator receives Interconnection Requests that require such CETU. Consistent with the NC Interconnection Standard, the evaluation will include conditions where the projects proposed in the Interconnection Requests that are included in the CSIS are not dispatched against each other if they do not share a system constraint that would provide the basis for a redispatch condition. The CETU shall remain configured consistent with the megawatt quantity(ies) specified in the final CRPS report. In the event that all CETU-eligible Interconnection Requests withdraw from the Transitional Cluster Study, the CETU shall be removed from the Study Case. An Internal ETU can be considered, and included in the Transitional Cluster Study, in place of a CETU, or portion thereof, if all of Interconnection Customers with Interconnection Requests included in the cluster that the ISO has determined need to use the Internal ETU have indicated by the end of the deadline to submit the Transitional Cluster Study Agreement that they have a contractual commitment in place providing for Interconnection Customers to fund and the right to use the Internal ETU.

The interim Transitional Cluster Study Report shall provide the following information:



- identification of any circuit breaker short circuit capability limits exceeded as a result of the interconnection;
- identification of any thermal overload or voltage limit violations resulting from the interconnection;
- identification of Contingent Facilities
- identification of any instability or inadequately damped response to system disturbances resulting from the interconnection; and
- Interconnecting Transmission Owner's Interconnection Facilities and Network Upgrades that are expected to be required as a result of the Interconnection Request(s) and a non-binding, good faith estimate of cost responsibility and a non-binding, good faith estimated time to construct.

In addition to the information provided in the interim Transitional Cluster Study Report, the final Transitional Cluster Study Report shall provide a description of, estimated cost of, and schedule for construction of the Interconnecting Transmission Owner's Interconnection Facilities and Network Upgrades required to interconnect the Generating Facility to the Administered Transmission System that resolve issues identified in the interim Transitional Cluster Study Report.

The interim and final Transitional Cluster Study Reports shall be issued within three hundred (300) and three hundred sixty (360) Calendar Days of August 11, 2025, respectively, and shall be posted on System Operator's OASIS consistent with the posting of other study results pursuant to Section 3.5.1 of this SGIP. Interconnection Customer shall have thirty (30) Calendar Days to comment on the interim Transitional Cluster Study Report, once it has been received.

After System Operator issues the final Transitional Cluster Study Report, Interconnection Customer shall proceed pursuant to Section 11 of this SGIP. If Interconnection Customer withdraws its Interconnection Request or if Interconnection Customer's Generating Facility otherwise does not reach Commercial Operation, a Transitional Withdrawal Penalty will be imposed on Interconnection Customer equal to nine (9) times Interconnection Customer's total study cost incurred since entering the System Operator's interconnection queue (including the cost of studies conducted under Section 5 of this SGIP).

#### **5.1.1.3 Transitional CNR Group Study.**

In accordance with Section III.13.1.1.2.3A, System Operator shall conduct a Transitional CNR Group Study following the effective date of this SGIP. An Interconnection Customer with an assigned Queue Position as of June 13, 2024 may participate in the Transitional CNR Group Study, and consistent with

Section II.48 of the Tariff, achieve CNR Interconnection Service. Any Interconnection Customer seeking to establish CNR Interconnection Service through this study must (1) have a valid Interconnection Request seeking CNR Interconnection Service, (2) submit a New Capacity Show of Interest Form to participate in the interim reconfiguration auction qualification process, (3) have not secured a Capacity Supply Obligation prior to September 4, 2025, (4) have a completed System Impact Study or Interconnection Agreement establishing NR Interconnection Service on or before April 4, 2025, and 5) have a Commercial Operation Date prior to June 1, 2028.

System Operator shall conduct the study by performing an overlapping impacts analysis in the manner used for CNR Group Studies conducted prior to the effective date of this SGIP and as described in ISO Section III.13.1.1.2.3A and the ISO New England Planning Procedures. The Transitional CNR Group Study shall assure that Interconnection Customer's Small Generating Facility can be interconnected in a manner that ensures intra-zonal deliverability by avoidance of the redispatch of other Capacity Network Resources and Elective Transmission Upgrades with CNI Interconnection Service, in accordance with the CC Interconnection Standard and as detailed in the ISO New England Planning Procedures.

Interconnection Requests for CNR Interconnection Service and CNI Interconnection Service submitted to the System Operator pursuant to Schedules 22, 23, or 25 of Section II of the Tariff and interconnection requests submitted to Interconnecting Transmission Owners or their distribution company affiliates pursuant to the applicable state tariff, rules or procedures that have obtained Proposed Plan Application approval from the System Operator pursuant to Section I.3.9 of the Tariff shall be included in the Transitional CNR Group Study in order of submission/approval (the dates of submission shall be used for Interconnection Requests submitted to the System Operator and the dates of Proposed Plan Application approval shall be used for interconnection requests submitted to Interconnecting Transmission Owners or their distribution company affiliates). Interconnection requests submitted to Interconnecting Transmission Owners or their distribution company affiliates that have not yet received the System Operator's approval for their Proposed Plan Applications under Section I.3.9 of the Tariff at the commencement of the Transitional CNR Group Study shall be included in the Transitional CNR Group Study after all Interconnection Requests submitted to the System Operator pursuant to Schedules 22, 23, or 25 of Section II of the Tariff and all interconnection requests submitted to Interconnecting Transmission Owners or their distribution company affiliates pursuant to the applicable state tariff, rules or procedures that have obtained Proposed Plan Application approval from the System Operator pursuant to Section I.3.9 of the Tariff have been included in the Transitional CNR Group Study in order of submission to the Interconnecting Transmission Owners or their distribution company affiliates.

Where an Interconnection Customer with a CNR or CNI Interconnection Service Interconnection Request submits a Show of Interest Form to participate in the Transitional CNR Group Study, and identifies in that Show of Interest Form that one or more Elective Transmission Upgrade Interconnection Request(s) for an Internal ETU (with a completed Interconnection System Impact Study), that is not already included in the network model pursuant to Section III.12 of the Tariff supports its deliverability, the CNR or CNI Interconnection Request will be included in the Transitional CNR Group Study at the lowest of the CNR or CNI Interconnection Request's or its associated Elective Transmission Upgrade Interconnection Request(s) for the Internal ETU's Queue Position. Where multiple Interconnection Customers' CNR or CNI Interconnection Service Interconnection Requests are associated with the same lower Queue Position for an Elective Transmission Upgrade Interconnection Request for an Internal ETU in the CNR Group Study, the CNR Interconnection Request's Queue Position will be used as the tie breaker to dictate the relative order in which the CNR Interconnection Service Interconnection Request will be included in the CNR Group Study.

Any Interconnection Customer seeking to participate in the Transitional CNR Group Study that receives a qualification determination notification under Section III.13.1.1.2.8 of the Tariff, must provide, a Commercial Readiness Deposit of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) in the form of an irrevocable letter of credit, cash, or a combination thereof prior to the opening of the window to elect critical path schedule monitoring. Such deposit shall be refunded to Interconnection Customer: (a) upon the Generating Facility achieving Commercial Operation. If Interconnection Customer does not achieve Commercial Operation, System Operator shall refund the deposit to Interconnection Customer in accordance with Section 3.7 of this SGIP.

## **5.2 Grandfathering.**

**5.2.1** An Interconnection Customer's Generating Facility that is interconnected pursuant to an Interconnection Agreement executed or submitted to the Commission for approval prior to February 1, 2009, will maintain its status as a Network Resource with Network Resource Interconnection Service eligible to participate in the New England Markets, in accordance with the requirements of Market Rule 1, Section III of the Tariff, up to the megawatt amount specified in the Interconnection Agreement, subject to Interconnection Customer satisfying all requirements set forth in the Interconnection Agreement and this SGIP or the predecessor rules under the SGIP. If the Generating Facility does not

meet the criteria set forth in Section 5.2.3 of this SGIP, Interconnection Customer will be eligible to make a one-time election, pursuant to Section 5.1.3, for Capacity Network Resource treatment without submitting a new Interconnection Request; however, Interconnection Customer will be required to comply with the requirements for CNR Interconnection Service set forth in Section 3.2.1. Upon completion of the requirements to obtain CNR Interconnection Service, Interconnection Customer's Interconnection Agreement shall be amended to conform to the SGIA in Appendix 11 of this SGIP.

**5.2.2** An Interconnection Customer's Generating Facility governed by an Interconnection Agreement either executed or filed with the Commission in unexecuted form prior to August 1, 2008, shall maintain the Queue Position assigned as of August 1, 2008, and be eligible to participate in the New England Markets, in accordance with the requirements in Market Rule 1, Section III of the Tariff, as in effect as of August 1, 2008, so long as Interconnection Customer complies with all of the requirements specified in the Interconnection Agreement, including achieving the milestones associated with At-Risk Expenditures, subject to Section 4.4 of this SGIP.

**5.2.3** All resources that are treated as Existing Generating Capacity Resources in the fourth Forward Capacity Auction pursuant to Section III.13 of the Tariff shall receive treatment as a CNR and obtain CNR Interconnection Service, in accordance with this SGIP, up to the CNR Capability of the resource. The grandfathered CNR Capability for these resources shall be equal to the megawatt amount established pursuant to the following hierarchy:

- (a) First, the megawatt amount specified in an Interconnection Agreement (whether executed or filed in unexecuted form with the Commission).
- (b) Second, in the absence of an Interconnection Agreement with a specified megawatt amount, the megawatt amount specified in an approval pursuant to Section I.3.9 of the Tariff (or its predecessor provision).
- (c) Third, in the absence of an Interconnection Agreement and an approval pursuant to Section I.3.9 of the Tariff (or its predecessor provision) with a specified megawatt amount, as determined by the System Operator based on documented historic capability of the Generating Facility.

Where a resource has both an Interconnection Agreement and an approval pursuant to Section I.3.9 of the Tariff (or its predecessor provision), the lower megawatt amount will govern until the resource completes

the applicable process(es) under the Tariff for obtaining the higher megawatt amount. The absence of an Interconnection Agreement or an approval pursuant to Section I.3.9 of the Tariff (or its predecessor provision) specifying a megawatt amount shall be confirmed by an affidavit executed by a corporate officer of the resource attesting that the resource does not have an Interconnection Agreement and/or an approval pursuant to Section I.3.9 of the Tariff (or its predecessor provision) that specifies a megawatt amount.

Where the governing document (as determined by the hierarchy set forth in Section 5.2.3) specifies a megawatt amount at an ambient temperature consistent with the definition of CNR Capability, the grandfathered CNR Capability shall be equal to that amount.

Where the governing document (as determined by the hierarchy set forth in Section 5.2.3) does not specify an ambient temperature, the megawatt amount will be deemed to be at the value consistent with the definition of CNR Capability.

Where the implementation of this Section 5.2.3 results in a CNR Capability that is different than previously had been identified, the revised CNR Capability will be applied commencing with the next Forward Capacity Auction qualification process (after the revised CNR Capability value is identified), which is initiated by the closing deadline of the Show of Interest Submission Window in accordance with Section III.13 of the Tariff. The revised CNR Capability will continue to govern until the resource completes the applicable process(es) for obtaining the higher megawatt amount.

**5.2.4** All resources that are treated as Existing Generating Capacity Resources in the fourth Forward Capacity Auction pursuant to Section III.13 of the Tariff shall receive treatment as a NR and obtain NR Interconnection Service, in accordance with this SGIP, up to the NR Capability of the resource. The grandfathered NR Capability shall be determined pursuant to the hierarchy set forth in Section 5.2.3.

Where the governing document (as determined by the hierarchy set forth in Section 5.2.3) of a resource for which a temperature-adjustment curve is used for the claimed capability verification, as set forth in the ISO New England Manuals, specifies a megawatt amount at an ambient temperature, the grandfathered NR Capability shall be equal to a temperature-adjusted value consistent with the definition of NR Capability.

Where the governing document (as determined by the hierarchy set forth in Section 5.2.3) does not specify an ambient temperature, the megawatt amount will be deemed to be at the value consistent with the definition of NR Capability.

### **5.3 New System Operator or Interconnecting Transmission Owner.**

If the System Operator transfers operational control of the New England Transmission System to a successor System Operator during the period when an Interconnection Request is pending, the System Operator shall transfer to the successor System Operator any amount of the deposit or payment with interest thereon that exceeds the cost that it incurred to evaluate the request for interconnection. Any difference between such net amount and the deposit or payment required by this SGIP shall be paid by or refunded to Interconnection Customer, as appropriate. The System Operator shall coordinate with the successor System Operator to complete any Interconnection Study, as appropriate, that the System Operator has begun but has not completed.

If the Interconnecting Transmission Owner transfers ownership of its transmission facilities to a successor transmission owner during the period when an Interconnection Request is pending, and System Operator in conjunction with Interconnecting Transmission Owner has tendered a draft SGIA to Interconnection Customer but Interconnection Customer has not either executed the SGIA or requested the filing of an unexecuted SGIA with the Commission, unless otherwise provided, Interconnection Customer must complete negotiations with the successor transmission owner.

## **SECTION 6. INTERCONNECTION INFORMATION ACCESS.**

### **6.1 Publicly Posted Interconnection Information.**

System Operator shall maintain and make publicly available: (1) an interactive visual representation of the estimated incremental injection capacity (in megawatts) available at each point of interconnection on the Administered Transmission System under N-1 conditions, and (2) a table of metrics concerning the estimated impact of a potential Generating Facility on the Administered Transmission System based on a user-specified addition of a particular number of megawatts at a particular voltage level at a particular point of interconnection. At a minimum, for each transmission facility impacted by the user-specified megawatt addition, the following information will be provided in the table: (1) the distribution factor; (2) the megawatt impact (based on the megawatt values of the proposed Generating Facility and the distribution factor); (3) the percentage impact on each impacted transmission facility (based on the

megawatt values of the proposed Generating Facility and the facility rating); (4) the percentage of power flow on each impacted transmission facility before the injection of the proposed project; (5) the percentage power flow on each impacted transmission facility after the injection of the proposed Generating Facility. These metrics must be calculated based on the power flow model of the Administered Transmission System with the transfer simulated from each point of interconnection to the whole Administered Transmission System footprint (to approximate Capacity Network Resource Interconnection Service), and with the incremental capacity at each point of interconnection decremented by the existing and queued Generating Facilities (based on the existing or requested interconnection service limit of the generation). These metrics must be updated within thirty (30) Calendar Days after the completion of each Cluster Study and Cluster Restudy. This information must be publicly posted, without a password or a fee. The website will define all underlying assumptions, including the name of the most recent Cluster Study or Restudy used in the Base Case.

For Interconnection Requests that were identified for inclusion in a CRPS performed under Section 15 of Attachment K, Section II of the Tariff, prior to the effective date of this SGIP, the deposit also shall be applied toward the costs incurred by the Interconnecting Transmission Owner in developing the cost estimates in support of the CRPS. Any difference between the study deposit and the actual cost of the Interconnection Feasibility Study or the actual costs incurred by the Interconnecting Transmission Owner in developing the costs estimates in support of the CRPS shall be paid by or refunded to Interconnection Customer, except as otherwise provided in Section 13.3.

## **6.2 Pre-Application for Small Generators**

6.2.1 The System Operator shall designate an employee or office from which information on the application process and on an Affected System can be obtained through informal requests from Interconnection Customer presenting a proposed project for a specific site. The names, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses of the System Operator's contact employees or offices shall be made available on the System Operator's public web site. Electric system information provided to Interconnection Customer should include relevant system studies, interconnection studies, and other materials useful to an understanding of an interconnection at a particular point on the Administered Transmission System, to the extent such provision does not violate confidentiality provisions of prior agreements or critical infrastructure requirements. The System Operator shall comply with reasonable requests for such information.

6.2.2 In addition to the information described in Section 6.2.1, which may be provided in response to an informal request, an Interconnection Customer may submit a formal written request form to the System Operator along with a non-refundable fee of \$500 for a pre-application report on a proposed project at a specific site. Within two (2) Business Days of receiving the pre-application report request form, the System Operator shall provide a copy of the pre-application request form to the Interconnecting Transmission Owner. The System Operator in conjunction with the Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall provide the pre-application data described in Section 6.2.3 to Interconnection Customer within twenty (20) Business Days of receipt of the completed request form and payment of the \$500 fee. The pre-application report produced by the System Operator in conjunction with the Interconnecting Transmission Owner is non-binding, does not confer any rights, and Interconnection Customer must still successfully apply to interconnect to the Administered Transmission System. The written pre-application report request form shall include the information in Sections 6.2.2.1 through 6.2.2.8 below to clearly and sufficiently identify the location of the proposed Point of Interconnection.

6.2.2.1 Project contact information, including name, address, phone number, and email address.

6.2.2.2 Project location (street address with nearby cross streets and town)

6.2.2.3 Meter number, pole number, or other equivalent information identifying proposed Point of Interconnection, if available.

6.2.2.4 Generator Type (e.g., solar, wind, combined heat and power, etc.)

6.2.2.5 Size (alternating current kW)

6.2.2.6 Single or three phase generator configuration

6.2.2.7 Stand-alone generator (no onsite load, not including station service – Yes or No?)

6.2.2.8 Is new service requested? Yes or No? If there is existing service, include the customer account number, site minimum and maximum current or proposed electric loads in kW (if available) and specify if the load is expected to change.

6.2.3 Using the information provided in the pre-application report request form in Section 6.2.2., the System Operator in conjunction with the Interconnecting Transmission Owner will identify the substation/area bus, bank or circuit likely to serve the proposed Point of Interconnection. The selection by the System Operator in conjunction with the Interconnecting Transmission Owner does not necessarily indicate, after application of the screens and/or study, that this would be the circuit the project ultimately connects to. Interconnection Customer must request additional pre-application reports if information about multiple Points of Interconnection is requested. If the pre-application report request form seeks information about a Point of Interconnection that is on a distribution facility, Interconnection Customer



shall follow the applicable state tariff, rules or procedures regarding generator interconnections. Subject to Section 6.2.4, the pre-application report will include the following information:

6.2.3.1 Total capacity (in MW) of substation/area bus, bank or circuit based on normal or operating ratings likely to serve the proposed Point of Interconnection.

6.2.3.2 Existing aggregate generation capacity (in MW) interconnected to a substation/area bus, bank or circuit (i.e., amount of generation online) likely to serve the proposed Point of Interconnection.

6.2.3.3 Aggregate queued generation capacity (in MW) for a substation/area bus, bank or circuit (i.e., amount of generation in the queue) likely to serve the proposed Point of Interconnection.

6.2.3.4 Available capacity (in MW) of substation/area bus or bank and circuit likely to serve the proposed Point of Interconnection (i.e., total capacity less the sum of existing aggregate generation capacity and aggregate queued generation capacity).

6.2.3.5 Substation nominal distribution voltage and/or transmission nominal voltage if applicable.

6.2.3.6 Nominal distribution circuit voltage at the proposed Point of Interconnection.

6.2.3.7 Approximate circuit distance between the proposed Point of Interconnection and the substation.

6.2.3.8 Relevant line section(s) actual or estimated peak load and minimum load data, including daytime minimum load and absolute minimum load, when available.

6.2.3.9 Number and rating of protective devices and number and type (standard, bi-directional) of voltage regulating devices between the proposed Point of Interconnection and the substation/area. Identify whether the substation has a load tap changer.

6.2.3.10 Number of phases available at the proposed Point of Interconnection. If a single phase, distance from the three-phase circuit.

6.2.3.11 Limiting conductor ratings from the proposed Point of Interconnection to the distribution substation.

6.2.3.12 Whether the Point of Interconnection is located on a spot network, grid network, or radial supply.

6.2.3.13 Based on the proposed Point of Interconnection, existing or known constraints such as, but not limited to, electrical dependencies at that location, short circuit interrupting capacity issues, power quality or stability issues on the circuit, capacity constraints, or secondary networks.

6.2.4 The pre-application report need only include existing data. A pre-application report request does not obligate the System Operator or the Interconnecting Transmission Owner to conduct a study or other analysis of the proposed generator in the event that data is not readily available. If the System Operator in conjunction with the Interconnecting Transmission Owner cannot complete all or some of a pre-application report due to lack of available data, the System Operator in conjunction with the Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall provide Interconnection Customer with a pre-application report that includes the data that is available. The provision of information on “available capacity” pursuant to Section 6.2.3.4 does not imply that an interconnection up to this level may be completed without impacts since there are many variables studied as part of the interconnection review process, and data provided in the pre-application report may become outdated at the time of the submission of the complete Interconnection Request. Notwithstanding any of the provisions of this section, the System Operator in conjunction with the Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall, in good faith, include data in the pre-application report that represents the best available information at the time of reporting.

## **SECTION 7. CLUSTER STUDY.**

### **7.1 Cluster Study Agreement.**

No later than five (5) Business Days after the close of a Cluster Request Window, System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall tender to each Interconnection Customer that submitted a valid Interconnection Request a Cluster Study Agreement in the form of Appendix 2 of this SGIP. The Cluster Study Agreement shall require Interconnection Customer to compensate the System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner for the actual cost of the Cluster Study, including the cost of developing the study agreement and its attachment(s) and the cost of developing the SGIA, pursuant to Section 13.3 of this SGIP. The specifications, assumptions, or other provisions in the appendices of the Cluster Study Agreement provided pursuant to Section 7.1 of this SGIP shall be subject to change by System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner following the conclusion of the Scoping Meeting.

### **7.2 Execution of the Cluster Study Agreement.**

Interconnection Customer shall execute the Cluster Study Agreement and deliver the executed Cluster Study Agreement to the System Operator no later than the close of the Customer Engagement Window.

In accordance with Section 13.3, the System Operator and/or the Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall issue to Interconnection Customer an invoice for the estimated costs of the Cluster Study that are

expected to be incurred by the System Operator and/or the Interconnecting Transmission Owner for the Cluster Study, including the study agreement and its attachment(s) and the SGIA. Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall provide System Operator on a monthly basis, and in the form and format specified by the System Operator, invoices for the work conducted on the Cluster Study each month and shall include in such invoices all employee hours and third party consultant hours, including subcontractor hours, expended toward the Interconnection System Impact Study. Costs of Cluster Studies shall be allocated to all Interconnection Customers on a 50% per capita, and 50% per MW basis.

Interconnection Customer shall pay the invoiced amounts, to the extent such amounts are greater than the initial deposit, within thirty (30) Calendar Days of receipt of invoice. The System Operator shall continue to hold the amounts on deposit until settlement of the final invoice with Interconnection Customer and the Interconnecting Transmission Owner.

If at any time during the Cluster Study, including during the Customer Engagement Window, System Operator determines that Interconnection Customer is required to provide additional technical data, or that the data provided is incomplete or contains errors, including during the Customer Engagement Window that Interconnection Customer is required to provide additional technical data, or that the data provided is incomplete or contains errors, System Operator shall notify Interconnection Customer and Interconnection Customer shall cure the deficiency within ten (10) Business Days of receipt of the notice, provided, however, such deficiency does not include failure to deliver the executed Cluster Study Agreement or required deposits. Failure to provide all required information within this period will result in automatic withdrawal of Interconnection Request from queue without the cure period provided under Section 3.7 of this SGIP).

### **7.3 Scope of Cluster Study.**

The Cluster Study shall evaluate the impact of the proposed interconnection on the reliability and operation of the New England Transmission System. The Cluster Study will consider the Base Case as well as all generating facilities and Elective Transmission Upgrades (and with respect to (iii) below, any identified Network Upgrades associated with such higher queued interconnection) that, on the date the Cluster Study is commenced: (i) are directly interconnected to the New England Transmission System; (ii) are interconnected to Affected Systems or Internal Affected Systems and may have an impact on the Interconnection Request; (iii) have a pending higher queued Interconnection Request to interconnect to the New England Transmission System and may have an impact on the Interconnection Request; and (iv) have no Queue Position but have executed an Interconnection Agreement or requested that an unexecuted Interconnection Agreement be filed with the Commission (the “Study Case” for the Cluster Study). The

Study Case shall also include any CETU and associated system upgrades identified in a final CRPS report prior to the opening of the Cluster Request Window, provided that System Operator receives Interconnection Requests that require such CETU. Consistent with the NC Interconnection Standard, the evaluation will include conditions where the projects proposed in the Interconnection Requests that are included in the CSIS are not dispatched against each other if they do not share a system constraint that would provide the basis for a redispatch condition. The CETU shall remain configured consistent with the megawatt quantity(ies) specified in the final CRPS report. In the event that all CETU-eligible Interconnection Requests withdraw from a Cluster Study, the CETU shall be removed from the Study Case. An Internal ETU can be considered, and included in the Cluster Study, in place of a CETU, or portion thereof, if all of Interconnection Customers with Interconnection Requests included in the cluster that the ISO has determined need to use the Internal ETU have indicated by the end of the Customer Engagement Window that they have a contractual commitment in place providing for Interconnection Customers to fund and the right to use the Internal ETU.

For purposes of determining necessary Interconnection Facilities and Network Upgrades, the Cluster Study shall consider the level of Interconnection Service requested by Interconnection Customers in the Cluster. However, the Cluster Study shall consider the full Generating Facility capability to ensure the acceptability of the proposed control technology to restrict the facility's output and the safety and reliability of the system.

The Cluster Study will consist of a short circuit analysis, a stability analysis, a power flow analysis, such as electromagnetic transient analysis, including thermal analysis and voltage analysis, a system protection analysis and any other analyses that are deemed necessary by the System Operator in consultation with the Interconnecting Transmission Owner, the results of which are documented in a single Cluster Study Report, as applicable. Interconnecting Transmission Owner(s) and Internal Affected Systems (if applicable) shall provide to System Operator, within thirty (30) days of a request, and for purposes of inclusion in the Cluster Study Report, non-binding good faith estimates of cost responsibility for required upgrades, and a non-binding good faith estimated times to construct such upgrades.

At the conclusion of the Cluster Study, System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall issue a Cluster Study Report. The Cluster Study Report will state the assumptions upon which it is based, state the results of the analyses, and provide the requirements or potential impediments to providing the requested interconnection service, including a preliminary indication of the cost and length of time that would be necessary to correct any problems identified in those analyses and implement the

interconnection. The Cluster Study report will provide (i) a list of Interconnection Facilities and Network Upgrades that are required to reliably interconnect the Generating Facilities in that Cluster Study and a non-binding good faith estimate of cost responsibility; (ii) a non-binding good faith estimated time to construct; (iii) a protection assessment to determine the required protection upgrades; and may provide (iv) an evaluation of the siting of the Interconnection Facilities and Network Upgrades; and (v) identification of the likely permitting and siting process including easements and environment work. The Cluster Report shall identify each Interconnection Customer's estimated allocated costs for Interconnection Facilities and Network Upgrades pursuant to the method described in Schedule 11, Section II of the Tariff. System Operator shall hold an open stakeholder meeting pursuant to Section 7.4 of this SGIP.

For purposes of determining necessary Interconnection Facilities and Network Upgrades, the Cluster Study shall study Generating Facilities that include at least one electric storage resource, when studying the charging mode of the electric storage resource(s), using net shoulder system load as defined in the ISO New England Planning Procedures. These requests for Interconnection Service also may be subject to other studies at the full Generating Facility Capacity to ensure safety and reliability of the system, with the study costs borne by Interconnection Customer.

The Cluster Study shall evaluate the use of static synchronous compensators, static VAR compensators, advanced power flow control devices, transmission switching, synchronous condensers, voltage source converters, advanced conductors, and tower lifting. System Operator shall evaluate each identified alternative transmission technology and determine, in the manner described in the ISO New England Planning Procedures, whether the above technologies should be used, consistent with Good Utility Practice, Applicable Reliability Standards, and Applicable Laws and Regulations. System Operator shall include an explanation of the results of the System Operator's evaluation for each technology in the Cluster Study Report.

The Cluster Study Report will provide a list of facilities that are required as a result of the Interconnection Requests within the Cluster and a non-binding good faith estimate of cost responsibility and a non-binding good faith estimated time to construct.

#### **7.4 Cluster Study Procedures.**

The System Operator shall coordinate the Cluster Study with the Interconnecting Transmission Owner, and with any Affected Party or Internal Affected Party as deemed appropriate by the System Operator in

accordance with applicable codes of conduct and confidentiality requirements, that is affected by the Interconnection Request pursuant to Section 3.6 of this SGIP. The System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall utilize existing studies to the extent practicable when it performs the Cluster Study. Interconnection Requests for a Cluster Study may be submitted only within the Cluster Request Window and System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall initiate the Cluster Study process pursuant to Section 7 of this SGIP.

The System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall complete the Cluster Study within two hundred and seventy (270) Calendar Days of the close of the Customer Engagement Window. Within ten (10) Business Days of simultaneously issuing a Cluster Study Report to each Interconnection Customer within the Cluster and posting such report on OASIS, the System Operator shall convene a Cluster Study Report Meeting.

At the request of Interconnection Customer or at any time the System Operator or Interconnecting Transmission Owner determines that it will not meet the required time frame for completing the Cluster Study, the System Operator shall notify Interconnection Customer as to the schedule status of the Cluster Study. If the System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner are unable to complete the Cluster Study within the time period, the System Operator shall notify Interconnection Customers and provide an estimated start date if the study has not commenced and completion date with an explanation of the reasons why additional time is required. In such circumstances, upon request, the System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall provide to Interconnection Customers all supporting documentation, workpapers and relevant Study Case power flow, short circuit and stability databases that have been developed for the Cluster Study to any third party consultant retained by Interconnection Customers. The recipient(s) of such information shall be subject to the confidentiality provisions of Section 13.1 and the ISO New England Information Policy, as well as any other applicable requirement under Applicable Laws and Regulations regulating the disclosure or confidentiality of such information. To the extent that any applicable information is not covered by any applicable confidentiality/ disclosure requirements, such information may be provided directly to Interconnection Customers.

#### **7.5 Cluster Study Restudies.**

(1) Within twenty (20) Calendar Days after the Cluster Study Report Meeting, Interconnection Customer must provide the following:

- (a) Demonstration of continued Site Control pursuant to Section 3.4.2(iii) of this SGIP; and

- (b) An additional deposit that brings the total Commercial Readiness Deposit submitted to System Operator five percent (5%) of Interconnection Customer's Network Upgrade cost assignment identified in the Cluster Study, in the form of an irrevocable letter of credit, a surety bond, or cash where cash deposits shall be treated according to Section 3.7 of this SGIP. System Operator shall refund the deposit to Interconnection Customer upon withdrawal in accordance with Section 3.7 of this SGIP.

Interconnection Customer shall promptly inform System Operator of any material change to Interconnection Customer's demonstration of Site Control under Section 3.4.2(iii) of this SGIP. Upon System Operator determining that Interconnection Customer no longer satisfies the Site Control requirement, System Operator shall notify Interconnection Customer. Within ten (10) Business Days of such notification, Interconnection Customer must demonstrate compliance with the applicable requirement subject to System Operator's approval, not to be unreasonably withheld. Absent such demonstration, System Operator shall deem the subject Interconnection Request withdrawn pursuant to Section 3.7 of this SGIP (without the cure period provided under Section 3.7 of this SGIP).

At the same time that Interconnection Customer submits the information required under this Section 7.5(1)(a) and (b), an Interconnection Customer may also request a decrease in the size of the Small Generating Facility, provided that the Cluster Study identified that the Small Generating Facility proposed in Interconnection Customer's Interconnection Request does not share any Network Upgrades with a Generating Facility or Elective Transmission Upgrade proposed in a separate Interconnection Request. If System Operator determines that a Cluster Restudy is required under this Section 7.5 of this SGIP, within ten (10) Business Days of that determination Interconnection Customer shall provide all required updated modeling and data associated with the requested decrease in the size of the Small Generating Facility for use in the Cluster Restudy. If the System Operator determines that a Cluster Restudy is not required, Interconnection Customer's request to decrease the size of the Small Generating Facility shall constitute a Material Modification pursuant to Section 4 of this SGIP.

(2) If no Interconnection Customer withdraws from the Cluster after completion of the Cluster Study or Cluster Restudy or is deemed withdrawn pursuant to Section 3.7 of this SGIP after completion of the Cluster Study or Cluster Restudy, System Operator shall notify Interconnection Customers in the Cluster that a Cluster Restudy is not required.

(3) If one or more Interconnection Customers withdraw from the Cluster or are deemed withdrawn pursuant to Section 3.7 of this SGIP, [System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner] shall determine if a Cluster Restudy is necessary within thirty (30) Calendar Days after the Cluster Study Report Meeting. If [System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner] determine a Cluster Restudy is not necessary, System Operator shall notify Interconnection Customers in the Cluster that a Cluster Restudy is not required and System Operator shall provide an updated Cluster Study Report within thirty (30) Calendar Days of such determination.

(4) If one or more Interconnection Customers withdraws from the Cluster or is deemed withdrawn pursuant to Section 3.7 of this SGIP, and [System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner] determine a Cluster Restudy is necessary as a result, System Operator shall notify Interconnection Customers in the Cluster and post on OASIS that a Cluster Restudy is required within thirty (30) Calendar Days after the Cluster Study Report Meeting. System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall continue with such restudies until System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner determine that no further restudies are required. If an Interconnection Customer withdraws or is deemed withdrawn pursuant to Section 3.7 of this SGIP during the Interconnection Facilities Study, or after other Interconnection Customers in the same Cluster have executed SGIAs, or requested that unexecuted SGIAs be filed, and System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner determines a Cluster Restudy is necessary, the Cluster shall be restudied. If a Cluster Restudy is required due to a higher queued project withdrawing from the queue, or a modification of a higher or equally queued project subject to Section 4.4 of this SGIP, System Operator shall so notify affected Interconnection Customers in writing. Except as provided in Section 3.7 of this SGIP in the case of withdrawing Interconnection Customers, any cost of Restudy shall be borne by Interconnection Customers being restudied.

(5) The scope of any Cluster Restudy shall be consistent with the scope of an initial Cluster Study pursuant to Section 7.3 of this SGIP. System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall complete the Cluster Restudy within ninety (90) Calendar Days of the System Operator informing Interconnection Customers in the cluster that restudy is needed. The results of the Cluster Restudy shall be combined into a single report (Cluster Restudy Report). System Operator shall hold a meeting with Interconnection Customers in the Cluster, Interconnecting Transmission Owners, and any Affected Party or Internal Affected party as deemed appropriate by the System Operator (Cluster Restudy Report Meeting) within ten (10) Business Days of simultaneously furnishing the Cluster Restudy Report to each Interconnection Customer in the Cluster Restudy and publishing the Cluster Restudy Report on OASIS.



If additional restudies are required, Interconnection Customer and System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall follow the procedures of this Section 7.5 of this SGIP until such time that System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner determine that no further restudies are required. System Operator shall notify each Interconnection Customer within the Cluster when no further restudies are required.

Within twenty (20) Calendar Days following the Cluster Study Results Meeting, or Cluster Restudy Results Meeting (as appropriate) study results meeting, Interconnection Customer shall provide to the System Operator written notice that it will either pursue the Interconnection Facilities Study or waive the Interconnection Facilities Study and elect an expedited interconnection. Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, the option to waive the Interconnection Facilities Study is not available for Interconnection Customers that share responsibility for the same Network Upgrades identified in a Cluster Study or Cluster Restudy unless each Interconnection Customers agrees in writing to waiver the Interconnection Facilities Study. In a case where Interconnection Customers share responsibility for the same Network Upgrades identified in a Cluster Study or Cluster Restudy and do not agree to waive the Interconnection Facilities Study, such study shall be performed at a level of +/- 20 percent. Once Interconnection Customer notifies the System Operator of its election, such election is not subject to change. If Interconnection Customer elects to pursue the Facilities Study it must proceed with the study. If Interconnection Customer waives the Facilities Study, it shall commit to the following milestones in the SGIA: (i) Siting approval for the Generating Facility and Interconnection Facilities; (ii) Engineering of Interconnection Facilities approved by Interconnecting Transmission Owner; (iii) Ordering of long lead time material for Interconnection Facilities and system upgrades; (iv) Initial Synchronization Date; and (v) Commercial Operation Date.

## **7.6 Operational Readiness.**

The System Operator shall, as close to Interconnection Customer's actual Synchronization Date as reasonably possible, ensure that operational analysis, including current stability analyses, power flow analyses, and any other analyses deemed necessary by the System Operator, are performed, and that procedures are developed or updated to address the operation of the New England Transmission System with the addition of Interconnection Customer's Generating Facility. The operational analysis will also include tests of system performance with selected facilities out of service. Such studies shall be performed at the expense of Interconnection Customer.

The System Operator is not obligated to perform the operational analyses described in this Section 7.7 if, in the exercise of reasonable discretion, the System Operator in consultation with Interconnecting Transmission Owner determines that interconnection of Interconnection Customer's Generating Facility to the Administered Transmission System is remote and speculative.

Commissioning tests of Interconnection Customer's installed equipment shall be performed pursuant to applicable codes and standards. The System Operator and the Interconnecting Transmission Owner must be given at least five (5) Business Days written notice, or as otherwise mutually agreed to by the Parties, of the tests and may be present to witness the commissioning tests.

## **SECTION 8. INTERCONNECTION FACILITIES STUDY.**

### **8.1 Interconnection Facilities Study Agreement.**

Except as otherwise provided in Section 4.2.4 and 7.5 of this SGIP, Interconnection Customer may waive the Interconnection Facilities Study and instead elect expedited interconnection, which means that Interconnection Customer may enter into E&P Agreements under Section 13.7 if it had not already done so, and shall enter into an SGIA in accordance with the requirements specified in Section 11.

If Interconnection Customer waives the Interconnection Facilities Study, Interconnection Customer, subject to the specific terms of the E&P Agreements, assumes all risks and shall pay all costs associated with equipment, engineering, procurement and construction work covered by the Cluster Study as described in Section 8.2 below.

Within five (5) Business Days following System Operator notifying each Interconnection Customer within the Cluster that no further Cluster Restudy is required (per Section 7.5 of this LGIP), the System Operator shall provide to Interconnection Customer an Interconnection Facilities Study Agreement in the form of Appendix 3 to this SGIP.

Interconnection Customer shall compensate the System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner for the actual cost of the Interconnection Facilities Study, including the cost of developing the study agreement and its attachment(s) and the cost of developing the SGIA. Within five (5) Business Days following the Cluster Report Meeting or Cluster Restudy Report Meeting if applicable, the System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall provide to Interconnection Customer a non-binding good faith estimate of the cost for completing the Interconnection Facilities Study in accordance

with requirements specified in Section 8.3 of this SGIP. Interconnection Customer shall execute the Interconnection Facilities Study Agreement and deliver the executed Interconnection Facilities Study Agreement to the System Operator within thirty (30) Calendar Days after its receipt, together with:

- (1) any required technical data;
- (2) demonstration of one-hundred percent (100%) Site Control or demonstration of a regulatory limitation and applicable deposit in lieu of Site Control provided to the System Operator in accordance with Section 3.4.2 of this SGIP;
- (3) an additional deposit that brings the total Commercial Readiness Deposit submitted to the System Operator to ten percent (10%) of Interconnection Customer's Network Upgrade cost assignment identified in the Cluster Study or Cluster Restudy, if applicable, in the form of an irrevocable letter of credit, a surety bond, or cash where cash deposits shall be treated according to Section 3.7 of this SGIP. In the case of a CETU-enabled Interconnection Request such deposit shall be made in cash.

System Operator/Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall refund the Commercial Readiness Deposit to Interconnection Customer upon withdrawal in accordance with Section 3.7 of this SGIP.

In accordance with Section 8.3, Interconnection Customer shall specify in Attachment A to the Interconnection Facilities Study Agreement whether it wants no more than a +/- 20 percent or a +/- 10 percent good faith cost estimate contained in the report. The deposit for the study shall be either: (i) the greater of twenty-five percent of the estimated cost of the study or \$100,000;

Any difference between the study deposit and the actual cost of the Interconnection Facilities Study shall be paid by or refunded to Interconnection Customer, except as otherwise provided in Section 13.3. In accordance with Section 13.3, the System Operator and/or the Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall issue to Interconnection Customer an invoice for the cost of the Interconnection Facilities Studies that will be, or have been incurred by the System Operator and/or the Interconnecting Transmission Owner for the Interconnection Facilities Study, the study agreement and its attachment(s) and the SGIA. Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall provide System Operator on a monthly basis, and in the form and format specified by the System Operator, invoices for the work conducted on the Interconnection Facilities Study each month and shall include in such invoices all employee hours and third party consultant hours, including subcontractor hours, expended toward the Interconnection Facilities Study.

For a CFAC that began before May 31, 2024, costs that are associated with an individual Interconnection Request assessed within the CFAC will be charged directly to that Interconnection Customer. CFAC costs that are associated with the CFAC as a whole will be divided equally, on a per-project basis, among Interconnection Customers in the cluster. The System Operator and the Interconnecting Transmission Owner may, in the exercise of reasonable discretion, invoice Interconnection Customer on a monthly basis for the work to be conducted on the Interconnection Facilities Study each month. Interconnection Customer shall pay the invoiced amounts, to the extent such amounts are greater than the initial deposit, within thirty (30) Calendar Days of receipt of invoice. The System Operator shall continue to hold the amounts on deposit until settlement of the final invoice with Interconnection Customer and the Interconnecting Transmission Owner.

## **8.2 Scope of Interconnection Facilities Study.**

The Interconnection Facilities Study shall be specific to each Interconnection Request and performed on an individual, i.e., non-clustered basis. The Interconnection Facilities Study shall specify and provide a non-binding estimate of the cost of the equipment, engineering, procurement and construction work needed to implement the conclusions of the Cluster Study Report (and any associated restudies) in accordance with Good Utility Practice to physically and electrically connect the Interconnection Facilities to the Administered Transmission System. The Interconnection Facilities Study shall also identify the electrical switching configuration of the connection equipment, including, without limitation: the transformer, switchgear, meters, and other station equipment; the nature and estimated cost of any Interconnecting Transmission Owner's Interconnection Facilities and Network Upgrades necessary to accomplish the interconnection; and an estimate of the time required to complete the construction and installation of such facilities. The Interconnection Facilities Study shall also identify any potential control technology for (1) requests for Interconnection Service at a level that is lower than the nameplate capability of the facility, and/or (2) or for Generating Facilities that include at least one electric storage resource, where study of the charging mode of the electric storage resource(s), was done using net shoulder system load as defined in the ISO New England Planning Procedures. The scope and cost of the Interconnection Facilities Study shall include completion of any engineering work limited to what is reasonably required to (i) estimate such aforementioned cost to the accuracy specified by Interconnection Customer pursuant to Section 8.3, (ii) identify, configurations of required facilities and (iii) identify time requirements for construction and installation of required facilities.

## **8.3 Interconnection Facilities Study Procedures.**

The System Operator shall coordinate the Interconnection Facilities Study with Interconnecting Transmission Owner, and any Affected Party or Internal Affected Party as deemed appropriate by the System Operator in accordance with applicable codes of conduct and confidentiality requirements, pursuant to Section 3.6 of this SGIP. The System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall utilize existing studies to the extent practicable in performing the Interconnection Facilities Study. The System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall complete the study and the System Operator shall issue a draft Interconnection Facilities Study report to Interconnection Customer, Interconnecting Transmission Owner, and any Affected Party or Internal Affected Party as deemed appropriate by the System Operator in accordance with applicable codes of conduct and confidentiality requirements, within the following number of days after receipt of an executed Interconnection Facilities Study Agreement: ninety (90) Calendar Days, with no more than a +/- twenty percent (20%) good faith cost estimate contained in the report; or one hundred eighty (180) Calendar Days, if Interconnection Customer requests a +/- ten percent (10%) good faith cost estimate. Such cost estimates either individually or in the aggregate will be provided in the final study report.

At the request of Interconnection Customer or at any time the System Operator or Interconnecting Transmission Owner determines that it will not meet the required time frame for completing the Interconnection Facilities Study, System Operator shall notify Interconnection Customer, and any Affected Party or Internal Affected Party as deemed appropriate by the System Operator in accordance with applicable codes of conduct and confidentiality requirements, as to the schedule status of the Interconnection Facilities Study. If the System Operator is unable to complete the Interconnection Facilities Study and issue a draft Interconnection Facilities Study Report within the time required, the System Operator shall notify Interconnection Customer, Interconnecting Transmission Owner and any Affected Party or Internal Affected Party as deemed appropriate by the System Operator in accordance with applicable codes of conduct and confidentiality requirements, and provide an estimated completion date and an explanation of the reasons why additional time is required.

Interconnection Customer and appropriate Affected Parties or Internal Affected Parties may, within thirty (30) Calendar Days after receipt of the draft Interconnection Facilities Study Report, provide written comments to the System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner, which the System Operator shall include in the final Interconnection Facilities Study Report. The System Operator shall issue the final Interconnection Facilities Study Report within fifteen (15) Business Days of receiving Interconnection Customer's comments or promptly upon receiving Interconnection Customer's statement that it will not provide comments. The System Operator may reasonably extend such fifteen-day period

upon notice to Interconnection Customer if Interconnection Customer's comments require the System Operator or Interconnecting Transmission Owner to perform additional analyses or make other significant modifications prior to the issuance of the final Interconnection Facilities Report. Upon request, the System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall provide Interconnection Customer and any Affected Party or Internal Affected Party as deemed appropriate by the System Operator in accordance with applicable codes of conduct and confidentiality requirements, or any third party consultant retained by Interconnection Customer supporting documentation, with workpapers, and databases or data developed in the preparation of the Interconnection Facilities Study. The recipient(s) of such information shall be subject to the confidentiality provisions of Section 13.1 of this SGIP and the ISO New England Information Policy, as well as any other applicable requirement under Applicable Laws and Regulations regulating the disclosure or confidentiality of such information. To the extent that any applicable information is not covered by any applicable confidentiality/ disclosure requirements, such information may be provided directly to Interconnection Customer.

#### **8.4 Meeting with Parties.**

Within ten (10) Business Days of providing a draft Interconnection Facilities Study Report to Interconnection Customer, the System Operator will convene a meeting of the Interconnecting Transmission Owner, Interconnection Customer, and any Affected Party or Internal Affected Party as deemed appropriate by the System Operator in accordance with applicable codes of conduct and confidentiality requirements to discuss the results of the Interconnection Facilities Study.

#### **8.5 Restudy.**

If Restudy of the Interconnection Facilities Study is required due to (i) a higher or equally queued project withdrawing from the queue, (ii) a modification of a higher or equally queued project subject to Section 4.4 of this SGIP, or (iv) a modification to a transmission project included in the Base Case, the System Operator shall notify Interconnection Customer and Interconnecting Transmission Owner in writing. Each Restudy shall be conducted serially based on the Queue Position of each Interconnection Customer, and each Restudy shall take no longer than sixty (60) Calendar Days from the date of notice. Except as provided in Section 3.7 of this SGIP in the case of withdrawing Interconnection Customer, any cost of Restudy shall be borne by Interconnection Customer being restudied. If the original Interconnection Facilities Study is complete and the final invoice has been issued, the Restudy shall be performed under a new Interconnection Facilities Study Agreement.

### **Section 9 Affected System Study.**

## **9.1 Applicability.**

This Section 9 outlines the duties of System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner when they receive notification that an Affected System Interconnection Customer's proposed interconnection to its host transmission provider may impact the New England Transmission System.

## **9.2 Response to Notifications**

### **9.2.1 Response to Initial Notification**

When System Operator receives initial notification either following the Cluster Study or a Cluster Restudy notification that an Affected System Interconnection Customer's proposed interconnection to its host transmission provider may impact the New England Transmission System, System Operator must respond in writing within twenty (20) Business Days whether it intends to conduct an Affected System Study.

By fifteen (15) Business Days after the System Operator responds with its affirmative intent to conduct an Affected System Study, System Operator shall share with Affected System Interconnection Customer(s) and the Affected System Interconnection Customer's host transmission provider a non-binding good faith estimate of the cost and the schedule to complete the Affected System Study.

### **9.2.2 Response to Notification of Cluster Restudy.**

Within five (5) Business Days of receipt of notification of Cluster Restudy System Operator will send written notification to Affected System Interconnection Customer(s) involved in the Cluster Restudy and the host transmission provider that System Operator intends to delay a planned or in-progress Affected System Study until after completion of the Cluster Restudy. If System Operator decides to delay the Affected System Study, it is not required to meet its obligations under Section 9 of this SGIP until the time that it receives notification from the host transmission provider that the Cluster Restudy is complete. If System Operator decides to move forward with its Affected System Study

despite the Cluster Restudy, then it must meet all requirements under Section 9 of this SGIP.

### **9.3 Affected System Queue Position.**

System Operator must assign an Affected System Queue Position to Affected System Interconnection Customer(s) that require(s) an Affected System Study. Such Affected System Queue Position shall be assigned based upon the date of execution of the Affected System Study Agreement. Relative to the System Operator's Interconnection Customers, this Affected System Queue Position shall be higher-queued than any Cluster that has not yet received its Cluster Study Report and shall be lower-queued than any Cluster that has already received its Cluster Study Report. Consistent with Section 9.7 of this SGIP, System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall study the Affected System Interconnection Customer(s) via Clustering, and all Affected System Interconnection Customers studied in the same Cluster under Section 9.7 of this SGIP shall be equally queued. For Affected System Interconnection Customers that are equally queued, the Affected System Queue Position shall have no bearing on the assignment of Affected System Network Upgrades identified in the applicable Affected System Study. The costs of the Affected System Network Upgrades shall be allocated among the Affected System Interconnection Customers in accordance with Section 9.9 of this SGIP.

### **9.4 Affected System Study Agreement/Multiparty Affected System Study Agreement.**

Unless otherwise agreed, System Operator shall provide to Affected System Interconnection Customer(s) an Affected System Study Agreement/Multiparty Affected System Study Agreement, in the form of Appendix 7 or Appendix 8 to this SGIP, as applicable, within ten (10) Business Days of System Operator sharing the schedule for the Affected System Study per Section 9.2.1 of this SGIP.

Upon Affected System Interconnection Customer(s)' receipt of the Affected System Study Report, Affected System Interconnection Customer(s) shall compensate System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner for the actual cost of the Affected System Study. Any difference between the study deposit and the actual cost of the Affected System Study shall be paid by or refunded to the Affected System Interconnection Customer(s). Any invoices for the Affected System Study shall include a detailed and itemized accounting of the cost of the study. Affected System Interconnection Customer(s) shall pay any excess costs beyond the already-paid Affected System Study deposit or be reimbursed for



any costs collected over the actual cost of the Affected System Study within thirty (30) Calendar Days of receipt of an invoice thereof. If Affected System Interconnection Customer(s) fail to pay such undisputed costs within the time allotted, it shall lose its Affected System Queue Position. System Operator shall notify Affected System Interconnection Customer's host transmission provider of such failure to pay.

#### **9.5 Execution of Affected System Study Agreement/Multiparty Affected System Study Agreement.**

Affected System Interconnection Customer(s) shall execute the Affected System Study Agreement/Multiparty Affected System Study Agreement, deliver the executed Affected System Study Agreement/Multiparty Affected System Study Agreement to System Operator, and provide the Affected System Study deposit within ten (10) Business Days of receipt. If System Operator notifies Affected System Interconnection Customer(s) that it will delay the Affected System Study pursuant to Section 9.2.2 of this SGIP, Affected System Interconnection Customer(s) are neither required to execute and return the previously tendered Affected System Study/Multiparty Affected System Study Agreement nor provide the Affected System Study deposit for the previously tendered Affected System Study/Multiparty Affected System Study Agreement.

If Affected System Interconnection Customer does not provide all required technical data when it delivers the Affected System Study Agreement/Multiparty Affected System Study Agreement, System Operator shall notify the deficient Affected System Interconnection Customer, as well as the host transmission provider with which Affected System Interconnection Customer seeks to interconnect, of the technical data deficiency within five (5) Business Days of the receipt of the executed Affected System Study Agreement/Multiparty Affected System Study Agreement and the deficient Affected System Interconnection Customer shall cure the technical deficiency within ten (10) Business Days of receipt of the notice: provided, however, that such deficiency does not include failure to deliver the executed Affected System Study Agreement/Multiparty Affected System Study Agreement or deposit for the Affected System Study Agreement/Multiparty Affected System Study Agreement. If Affected System Interconnection Customer does not cure the technical data deficiency within the cure period or fails to execute the Affected System Study Agreement/Multiparty Affected System Study Agreement or provide the deposit, the Affected System Interconnection Customer shall lose its Affected System Queue Position.

#### **9.6 Scope of Affected System Study.**

The Affected System Study shall evaluate the impact that any Affected System Interconnection Customer's proposed interconnection to another transmission provider's transmission system will have on the reliability of the New England Transmission System. The Affected System Study shall consider the

Base Case as well as all Generating Facilities (and with respect to (iii) below, any identified Affected System Network Upgrades associated with such higher-queued Interconnection Request) that, on the date the Affected System Study is commenced: (i) are directly interconnected the New England Transmission System; (ii) are directly interconnected to another transmission provider's transmission system and may have an impact on Affected System Interconnection Customer's interconnection request; (iii) have a pending higher-queued Interconnection Request to interconnect to Transmission Provider's Transmission System; and (iv) have no queue position but have executed an SGIA or requested that an unexecuted SGIA be filed with FERC. System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner has no obligation to study impacts of Affected System Interconnection Customers of which it is not notified.

The Affected System Study shall consist of a power flow, stability, and short circuit analysis. The Affected System Study Report will: state the assumptions upon which it is based; state the results of the analyses; and provide the potential impediments to Affected System Interconnection Customer's receipt of interconnection service on its host transmission provider's transmission system, including a preliminary indication of the cost and length of time that would be necessary to correct any problems identified in those analyses and implement the interconnection. For purposes of determining necessary Affected System Network Upgrades, the Affected System Study shall consider the level of interconnection service requested in megawatts by Affected System Interconnection Customer, unless otherwise required to study the full generating facility capacity due to safety or reliability concerns. The Affected System Study shall provide a list of facilities that are required as a result of Affected System Interconnection Customer's proposed interconnection to another transmission provider's system, a non-binding good faith estimate of cost responsibility, and a non-binding good faith estimated time to construct. The Affected System Study may consist of a system impact study, a facilities study, or some combination thereof.

#### **9.7 Affected System Study Procedures.**

System Operator shall use Clustering in conducting the Affected System Study and shall use existing studies to the extent practicable, when multiple Affected System Interconnection Customers that are part of a single Cluster may cause the need for Affected System Network Upgrades. System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall complete the Affected System Study and provide the Affected System Study Report to Affected System Interconnection Customer(s) and the host transmission provider with whom interconnection has been requested within one hundred fifty (150) Calendar Days after the receipt of the Affected System Study Agreement and deposit.

At the request of Affected System Interconnection Customer, System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall notify Affected System Interconnection Customer as to the status of the Affected System Study. If System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner are unable to complete the Affected System Study within the requisite time period, it shall notify Affected System Interconnection Customer(s), as well as the transmission provider with which Affected System Interconnection Customer seeks to interconnect, and shall provide an estimated completion date with an explanation of the reasons why additional time is required. If System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner do not meet the deadlines in this section, System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall be subject to the financial penalties as described in Section 3.9 of this SGIP. Upon request, System Operator shall provide Affected System Interconnection Customer(s) with all supporting documentation, workpapers and relevant power flow, short circuit and stability databases for the Affected System Study, subject to confidentiality arrangements consistent with Section 13.1 of this SGIP.

System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner must study an Affected System Interconnection Customer using the Energy Resource Interconnection Service modeling standard used for Interconnection Requests on the New England Transmission System, regardless of the level of interconnection service that Affected System Interconnection Customer is seeking from the host transmission provider with whom it seeks to interconnect.

#### **9.8 Results Meeting.**

Within ten (10) Business Days of providing the Affected System Study Report to Affected System Interconnection Customer(s), System Operator, Interconnecting Transmission Owner and Affected System Interconnection Customer(s) shall meet to discuss the results of the Affected System Study.

#### **9.9 Affected System Cost Allocation.**

System Operator shall allocate Affected System Network Upgrade costs identified during the Affected System Study to Affected System Interconnection Customer(s) using a proportional impact method, consistent with Schedule 11 of the OATT.

#### **9.10 Tender of Affected Systems Facilities Construction Agreement/Multiparty Affected System Facilities Construction Agreement.**

System Operator shall tender to Affected System Interconnection Customer(s) an Affected System Facilities Construction Agreement/Multiparty Affected System Facilities Construction Agreement, as

applicable, in the form of Appendix 9 or 10 to this SGIP, within thirty (30) Calendar Days of providing the Affected System Study Report. Within ten (10) Business Days of the receipt of the Affected System Facilities Construction Agreement/Multiparty Affected System Facilities Construction Agreement, the Affected System Interconnection Customer(s) must execute the agreement or request the agreement to be filed unexecuted with FERC. System Operator shall execute the agreement or file the agreement unexecuted within five (5) Business Days after receiving direction from Affected System Interconnection Customer(s). Affected System Interconnection Customer's failure to execute the Affected System Facilities Construction Agreement/Multiparty Affected System Facilities Construction Agreement, or failure to request the agreement to be filed unexecuted with FERC, shall result in the loss of its Affected System Queue Position.

#### **9.11 Restudy.**

If restudy of the Affected System Study is required, System Operator shall notify Affected System Interconnection Customer(s) in writing within thirty (30) Calendar Days of discovery of the need for restudy. Such restudy shall take no longer than sixty (60) Calendar Days from the date of notice. Any cost of restudy shall be borne by the Affected System Interconnection Customer(s) being restudied.

### **SECTION 10. OPTIONAL INTERCONNECTION STUDY.**

#### **10.1 Optional Interconnection Study Agreement.**

On or after the date when Interconnection Customer receives Cluster Study Report and no later than five (5) Business Days after the study results meeting to review the report, Interconnection Customer may request in writing, and the System Operator in coordination with the Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall perform, an Optional Interconnection Study. The request shall describe the assumptions that Interconnection Customer wishes the System Operator to study within the scope described in Section 10.2 of this SGIP. Within five (5) Business Days after receipt of a request for an Optional Interconnection Study, the System Operator shall provide to the Interconnecting Transmission Owner and Interconnection Customer an Optional Interconnection Study Agreement in the form of Appendix 4.

The Optional Interconnection Study Agreement shall: (i) specify the technical data that Interconnection Customer must provide for each phase of the Optional Interconnection Study, (ii) specify Interconnection Customer's assumptions as to which Interconnection Requests with earlier queue priority dates will be excluded from the Optional Interconnection Study case, and (iii) specify the System Operator's and Interconnecting Transmission Owner's estimate of the cost of the Optional Interconnection Study. To the

extent known by the System Operator, such estimate shall include any costs expected to be incurred by any Affected System or Internal Affected System whose participation is necessary to complete the Optional Interconnection Study. The Optional Interconnection Study Agreement shall specify that Interconnection Customer is responsible for the actual cost of the Optional Interconnection Study, including the cost of developing the study agreement and its attachment(s). Notwithstanding the above, the System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall not be required as a result of an Optional Interconnection Study request to conduct any additional Interconnection Studies with respect to any other Interconnection Request.

Interconnection Customer shall execute the Optional Interconnection Study Agreement within ten (10) Business Days of receipt and deliver the Optional Interconnection Study Agreement, the required technical data and the refundable deposit for the Optional Interconnection Study to the System Operator. The deposit for the study shall be 100 percent of the estimated cost of the study. Any difference between the study deposit and the actual cost of the Optional Interconnection Study shall be paid by or refunded to Interconnection Customer, except as otherwise provided in Section 13.3. In accordance with Section 13.3, the System Operator and/or the Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall issue to Interconnection Customer an invoice for the costs of the Optional Interconnection Study that have been, or will be incurred by the System Operator and/or the Interconnecting Transmission Owner for the Optional Interconnection Study and the study agreement and its attachments(s). Interconnection Customer shall pay the invoiced amounts, to the extent such amounts are greater than the initial deposit, within thirty (30) Calendar Days of receipt of invoice. The System Operator shall continue to hold the amounts on deposits until settlement of the final invoice with Interconnection Customer and the Interconnecting Transmission Owner.

## **10.2 Scope of Optional Interconnection Study.**

The Optional Interconnection Study will consist of a sensitivity analysis based on the assumptions specified by Interconnection Customer in the Optional Interconnection Study Agreement. The Optional Interconnection Study will also identify the Interconnecting Transmission Owner's Interconnection Facilities and the Network Upgrades, and the estimated cost thereof, that may be required to provide transmission service or Interconnection Service based upon the results of the Optional Interconnection Study. The System Operator shall use Reasonable Efforts to coordinate the study with any Affected Systems and Internal Affected Systems that may be affected by the types of Interconnection Services that are being studied. The System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall utilize existing studies to the extent practicable in conducting the Optional Interconnection Study.

The Optional Interconnection Study will consist of a short circuit analysis, a stability analysis, a power flow analysis, including thermal analysis and voltage analysis, a system protection analysis, and any other analyses that are deemed necessary by the System Operator in consultation with the Interconnecting Transmission Owner.

### **10.3 Optional Interconnection Study Procedures.**

The executed Optional Interconnection Study Agreement, the prepayment, and technical and other data called for therein must be provided to the System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner within ten (10) Business Days of Interconnection Customer receipt of the Optional Interconnection Study Agreement. The System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall use Reasonable Efforts to complete the Optional Interconnection Study within a mutually agreed-upon time period specified within the Optional Interconnection Study Agreement. If the System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner are unable to complete the Optional Interconnection Study within such time period, the System Operator shall notify Interconnection Customer and provide an estimated completion date and an explanation of the reasons why additional time is required. In such circumstances, upon request, the System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall provide Interconnection Customer supporting documentation and workpapers and databases or data developed in the preparation of the Optional Interconnection Study to any third party consultant retained by Interconnection Customer. The recipient(s) of such information shall be subject to the confidentiality provisions of Section 13.1 of this SGIP and the ISO New England Information Policy, as well as any other applicable requirement under Applicable Laws and Regulations regulating the disclosure or confidentiality of such information. To the extent that any applicable information is not covered by any applicable confidentiality/disclosure requirements, such information may be provided directly to Interconnection Customer.

### **10.4 Meeting with Parties.**

Within ten (10) Business Days of providing an Optional Interconnection Study report to Interconnection Customer, System Operator will convene a meeting of the Interconnecting Transmission Owner, Interconnection Customer, and any Affected Party or Internal Affected Party as deemed appropriate by the System Operator in accordance with applicable codes of conduct and confidentiality requirements to discuss the results of the Optional Interconnection Study.

### **10.5 Interconnection Agreement Developed Based on Optional Interconnection Study.**

If the SGIA for a Small Generating Facility is based on the results of an Optional Interconnection Study, the SGIA shall reflect the conditions studied and any obligations that may involve: (i) additional studies if such conditions change, (ii) operational limits, or (iii) financial support for transmission upgrades.

## **SECTION 11. STANDARD SMALL GENERATOR INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT (SGIA).**

### **11.1 Tender.**

Interconnection Customer shall tender comments or provide notice, in writing, to the System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner that Interconnection Customer has no comments on the draft Interconnection Facilities Study Report, within thirty (30) Calendar Days of receipt of the report. Except as provided in the E&P Agreement or any mutual agreement by the entities that would be Parties to the SGIA, the System Operator shall initiate the development of the SGIA process within fifteen (15) Calendar Days after the comments are submitted or waived, or within fifteen (15) Calendar Days of notifying System Operator that it will waive the Interconnection Facilities Study, by tendering to Interconnection Customer a draft SGIA, together with draft appendices completed by the System Operator, in conjunction with the Interconnecting Transmission Owner to the extent practicable. The draft SGIA shall be in the form of the System Operator's Commission-approved standard form SGIA, which is in Appendix 11 to Schedule 23. Interconnection Customer shall return Interconnection Customer specific information required to complete the form of SGIA, including the appendices, in Appendix 11 of Schedule 23 that Interconnection Customer is willing to execute within thirty (30) Calendar Days after receipt of the draft from the System Operator, unless (1) the sixty (60) Calendar Day negotiation period under Section 11.2 of this SGIP has commenced, or (2) SGIA execution, or filing unexecuted, has been delayed to await the Affected System Study Report pursuant to Section 11.2.1 of this SGIP.

### **11.2 Negotiation.**

Notwithstanding Section 11.1 of this SGIP, at the request of Interconnection Customer, the System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall begin negotiations with Interconnection Customer concerning the appendices to the SGIA at any time after Interconnection Customer executes the Interconnection Facilities Study Agreement or after the Cluster Study and/or Cluster Restudy is complete if Interconnection Customer intends to waive the Interconnection Facilities Study. In the event that Interconnection Customer waives the Interconnection Facilities Study and proceeds directly from the

Cluster Study or Cluster Restudy to SGIA negotiation, Interconnection Customer shall an additional deposit that brings the total Commercial Readiness Deposit submitted to the System Operator to ten percent (10%), as required by Section 8.1 of this SGIP, within thirty (30) Calendar Days of the Cluster Study Report Meeting or Cluster Restudy Report meeting (as applicable). The System Operator, Interconnection Customer, and Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall negotiate concerning any disputed provisions of the appendices to the draft SGIA for not more than sixty (60) Calendar Days after tender by the System Operator of the draft SGIA pursuant to Section 11 of this SGIP. If Interconnection Customer determines that negotiations are at an impasse, it may request termination of the negotiations at any time after tender of the draft SGIA pursuant to Section 11.1 of this SGIP and request submission of the unexecuted SGIA with the Commission or initiate Dispute Resolution procedures pursuant to Section 13.5 of this SGIP. If Interconnection Customer requests termination of the negotiations, but within sixty (60) Calendar Days thereafter fails to request either the filing of the unexecuted SGIA or initiate Dispute Resolution, it shall be deemed to have withdrawn its Interconnection Request. Unless otherwise agreed by the Parties, if Interconnection Customer has not executed the SGIA, requested filing of an unexecuted SGIA, or initiated Dispute Resolution procedures pursuant to Section 13.5 of this SGIP within sixty (60) Calendar Days of tender of by the System Operator of the draft SGIA pursuant to Section 11.1, it shall be deemed to have withdrawn its Interconnection Request. The System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall provide to Interconnection Customer a final SGIA within fifteen (15) Business Days after the mutually agreed completion of the negotiation process.

#### **11.2.1 Delay in SGIA Execution, or Filing Unexecuted, to Await Affected System Study Report.**

If Interconnection Customer has not received its Affected System Study Report from the Affected System Operator prior to the date that it would be required to execute its SGIA (or request that its SGIA be filed unexecuted) pursuant to Section 11.1 of this SGIP, System Operator shall, upon request of Interconnection Customer, extend this deadline to thirty (30) Calendar Days after Interconnection Customer's receipt of the Affected System Study Report. If Interconnection Customer, after delaying SGIA execution, or requesting unexecuted filing, to await Affected System Study Report, decides to proceed to SGIA execution, or request unexecuted filing, without those results, it may notify System Operator of its intent to proceed with SGIA execution (or request that its SGIA be filed unexecuted) pursuant to Section 11.1 of this SGIP. If System Operator determines that further delay to the SGIA execution date would cause a material impact on the cost or timing of an equal- or lower-queued interconnection customer, System Operator must notify Interconnection Customer of such impacts and set



the deadline to execute the SGIA (or request that the SGIA be filed unexecuted) to thirty (30) Calendar Days after such notice is provided.

### **11.3 Evidence to be Provided by Interconnection Customer; Execution and Filing of SGIA.**

#### **11.3.1 Evidence to be Provided by Interconnection Customer.**

**11.3.1.1 Site Control and SGIA Deposit.** Simultaneously with submitting the executed SGIA to the System Operator, or within ten (10) Business Days after Interconnection Customer request that the SGIA be filed unexecuted at the Commission, Interconnection Customer shall provide (A) to the System Operator demonstration of continued Site Control pursuant to Section 8.1(2) of this SGIP; and (B) to the Interconnecting Transmission Owner, in a form acceptable to the Interconnecting Transmission Owner, the SGIA Deposit equal to twenty percent (20%) of Interconnection Customer's estimated Network Upgrade costs identified in the draft SGIA minus the total amount of Commercial Readiness Deposit that Interconnection Customer has provided to the System Operator for its Interconnection Request. Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall use SGIA Deposits as (or as a portion of) Interconnection Customer's security required under Article 6.3 of the SGIA. Interconnection Customer may not request to suspend its SGIA under Section 5.16 of the SGIP until Interconnection Customer has provided (A) to the System Operator and (B) to the Interconnecting Transmission Owner. If Interconnection Customer fails to provide (A) and (B) within the thirty (30) Calendar Days allowed for returning the executed SGIA and appendices under Section 11.1 of this SGIP, or within ten (10) Business Days after Interconnection Customer requests that the System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner file the SGIA unexecuted at the Commission as allowed in this Section 11.3 of this SGIP, the Interconnection Request will be deemed withdrawn pursuant to Section 3.7 of this SGIP.

**11.3.1.2 Development Milestones.** Simultaneously with submitting the executed SGIA to the System Operator, or within ten (10) Business Days after Interconnection Customer requests that the SGIA be filed unexecuted, Interconnection Customer also shall provide to the System Operator reasonable evidence that one or more of the following milestones in the development of the Small Generating Facility, to be elected by Interconnection Customer, has been achieved (unless such milestone is inapplicable due to the characteristics of the Generating Facility): (i) the execution of a contract for the supply or transportation of fuel to the Small Generating Facility; (ii) the execution of a contract for the supply of cooling water to the Small Generating Facility; (iii) execution of a contract for the engineering for, procurement of major equipment for, or construction of, the Small Generating Facility; (iv) execution of a contract (or

comparable evidence) for the sale of electric energy or capacity from the Small Generating Facility; (v) application for an air, water, or land use permit. At the same time, Interconnection Customer shall commit to a schedule for the payment of upgrades identified in the Interconnection Studies or an E&P Agreement

Within fifteen (15) Business Days after receipt of the final SGIA, an Interconnection Customer with an Interconnection Request studied using the CSIS and CFAC processes where such studies were triggered prior to the effective date of this SGIP that provided the additional CETU Participation Deposit in accordance with Section 4.2.4.4 shall provide to the Interconnecting Transmission Owner, in cash, a potentially non-refundable deposit of twenty (20) percent of the total costs for the Interconnection Facilities and other upgrades, including any CETUs, identified in the CFAC, unless the Interconnecting Transmission Owner's expenditure schedule for the Interconnection Facilities and other upgrades calls for an initial payment of greater than twenty (20) percent of the total upgrade costs, in which case the scheduled initial payment must instead be made within the fifteenth Business Day after receipt of the final SGIA. If Interconnection Customer does not submit this deposit (or make the initial payment) by the fifteenth Business Day after receipt of the final SGIA, the Interconnection Request shall be automatically withdrawn from the interconnection queue without further opportunity to cure, and Interconnection Customer's initial and additional CETU Participation Deposits shall become non-refundable. The non-refundable initial and additional CETU Participation Deposits shall be re-allocated, according to the cost allocation methodology contained in Schedule 11, to Interconnection Customers with Interconnection Requests included in the cluster at time the facilities proposed in the Interconnection Requests achieve Commercial Operation. If an Interconnection Request is withdrawn after Interconnection Customer's payment of twenty (20) percent of the total cost responsibility for the upgrades to the Interconnecting Transmission Owner, then the payment shall be used to offset the costs of the CETU. Any unspent payments of the total cost responsibility for the upgrades to the Interconnecting Transmission Owner will be refunded to the respective Interconnection Customers that executed the Interconnection Agreement and provided to the Interconnecting Transmission Owner the twenty (20) percent deposit (or initial payment) if all the associated Interconnection Requests are withdrawn from the interconnection queue and the associated Interconnection Agreements are terminated.

**11.3.2 Execution and Filing of SGIA.** Within fifteen (15) Business Days after receipt of the final SGIA, (i) Interconnection Customer and Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall execute three (3) originals of the tendered SGIA and return them to the System Operator, who will send an original to Interconnecting Transmission Owner and Interconnection Customer; or (ii) Interconnection Customer shall request in writing that the System Operator and the Interconnecting Transmission Owner jointly file

with the Commission an SGIA in unexecuted form. As soon as practicable, but not later than ten (10) Business Days after receiving either the executed originals of the tendered SGIA (if it does not conform with a Commission-approved standard form of interconnection agreement) or the request to file an unexecuted SGIA, the System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner, in accordance with Section 11.3.3 or Section 11.3.4, as appropriate, shall jointly file the SGIA with the Commission, together with its explanation of any matters as to which the System Operator, Interconnection Customer or Interconnecting Transmission Owner disagree and support for the costs that the Interconnecting Transmission Owner proposes to charge to Interconnection Customer under the SGIA. An unexecuted SGIA should contain terms and conditions deemed appropriate by the System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner for the Interconnection Request. If the Parties agree to proceed with design, procurement, and construction of facilities and upgrades under the agreed-upon terms of the unexecuted SGIA, they may proceed pending Commission action.

With respect to the interconnection of an Interconnection Customer under Schedule 23, the SGIA shall be a three-party agreement among the Interconnecting Transmission Owner, the System Operator and Interconnection Customer. If Interconnecting Transmission Owner, System Operator and Interconnection Customer agree to the terms and conditions of a specific SGIA, or any amendments to such an SGIA, then the System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall jointly file the executed SGIA, or amendment thereto, with the Commission under Section 205 of the Federal Power Act. To the extent the Interconnecting Transmission Owner, System Operator and Interconnection Customer cannot agree to proposed variations from the standard form of SGIA in Appendix 11 or cannot otherwise agree to the terms and conditions of the SGIA for such small generating unit, or any amendments to such an SGIA, then the System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall jointly file an unexecuted SGIA, or amendment thereto, with the Commission under Section 205 of the Federal Power Act and shall identify the areas of disagreement in such filing, provided that, in the event of disagreement on terms and conditions of the SGIA related to the costs of upgrades to such Interconnecting Transmission Owner's transmission facilities, the anticipated schedule for the construction of such upgrades, any financial obligations of the Interconnecting Transmission Owner, and any provisions related to physical impacts of the interconnection on the Interconnecting Transmission Owner's transmission facilities or other assets, then the standard applicable under Section 205 of the Federal Power Act shall apply only to the Interconnecting Transmission Owner's position on such terms and conditions.

**11.3.3** The Interconnecting Transmission Owner, acting on its own or jointly with the System Operator, may initiate a filing to amend this SGIP and the standard form of SGIA in Appendix 11 under Section 205

of the Federal Power Act and shall include in such filing the views of System Operator, provided that the standard applicable under Section 205 of the Federal Power Act shall apply only to the Interconnecting Transmission Owner's position on any financial obligations of the Interconnecting Transmission Owner or Interconnection Customer(s), and any provisions related to physical impacts of the interconnection on the Interconnecting Transmission Owner's transmission facilities or other assets.

#### **11.4 Commencement of Interconnection Activities.**

If Interconnection Customer executes the final SGIA, the System Operator, Interconnection Customer and Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall perform their respective obligations in accordance with the terms of the SGIA, subject to modification by the Commission. Upon submission of an unexecuted SGIA, the System Operator, Interconnection Customer and Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall promptly comply with the unexecuted SGIA, subject to modification by the Commission.

### **SECTION 12. CONSTRUCTION OF INTERCONNECTING TRANSMISSION OWNER INTERCONNECTION FACILITIES AND NETWORK UPGRADES.**

#### **12.1 Schedule.**

Interconnection Customer, Interconnecting Transmission Owner and any other Affected Party or Internal Affected Party shall negotiate in good faith concerning a schedule for the construction of the Interconnecting Transmission Owner's Interconnection Facilities and the Network Upgrades.

#### **12.2 Construction Sequencing.**

**12.2.1 General.** In general, the Initial Synchronization Date of an Interconnection Customer seeking interconnection to the Administered Transmission System will determine the sequence of construction of Network Upgrades.

**12.2.2 Advance Construction of Network Upgrades that are an Obligation of an Entity other than Interconnection Customer.** An Interconnection Customer with an executed or unexecuted, but filed with the Commission, SGIA, in order to maintain its Initial Synchronization Date, may request that the Interconnecting Transmission Owner or appropriate Affected Party advance to the extent necessary the completion of Network Upgrades that: (i) were assumed in the Interconnection Studies for such Interconnection Customer, (ii) are necessary to support such Initial Synchronization Date, and (iii) would otherwise not be completed, pursuant to a contractual obligation of an entity other than Interconnection

Customer that is seeking interconnection to the Administered Transmission System, in time to support such Initial Synchronization Date. Upon such request, the Interconnecting Transmission Owner or appropriate Affected Party will use Reasonable Efforts to advance the construction of such Network Upgrades to accommodate such request; provided that Interconnection Customer commits to pay the Interconnecting Transmission Owner or appropriate Affected Party or Internal Affected Party; (i) any associated expediting costs and (ii) the cost of such Network Upgrades.

The Interconnecting Transmission Owner or appropriate Affected Party or Internal Affected Party will refund to Interconnection Customer both the expediting costs and the cost of Network Upgrades, in accordance with Article 5 of the SGIA. Consequently, the entity with a contractual obligation to construct such Network Upgrades shall be obligated to pay only that portion of the costs of the Network Upgrades that the Interconnecting Transmission Owner or appropriate Affected Party or Internal Affected Party has not refunded to Interconnection Customer. Payment by that entity with a contractual obligation to construct such Network Upgrades shall be due on the date that it would have been due had there been no request for advance construction. The Interconnecting Transmission Owner or appropriate Affected Party shall forward to Interconnection Customer the amount paid by the entity with a contractual obligation to construct the Network Upgrades as payment in full for the outstanding balance owed to Interconnection Customer. The Interconnecting Transmission Owner or appropriate Affected Party or Internal Affected Party then shall refund to that entity the amount that it paid for the Network Upgrades, in accordance with Article 5 of the SGIA.

**12.2.3 Advancing Construction of Network Upgrades that are Part of the Regional System Plan of the System Operator.** An Interconnection Customer with an SGIA, in order to maintain its Initial Synchronization Date, may request that Interconnecting Transmission Owner or appropriate Internal Affected Party advance to the extent necessary the completion of Network Upgrades that: (i) are necessary to support such Initial Synchronization Date and (ii) would otherwise not be completed, pursuant to the Regional System Plan, in time to support such Initial Synchronization Date. Upon such request, the Interconnecting Transmission Owner or appropriate Affected Party or Internal Affected Party will use Reasonable Efforts to advance the construction of such Network Upgrades to accommodate such request; provided that Interconnection Customer commits to pay the Interconnecting Transmission Owner or appropriate Affected Party or Internal Affected Party any associated expediting costs.

**12.2.4 Amended Cluster Study.** A Cluster Study Report will be amended to determine the facilities necessary to support the requested Initial Synchronization Date. This amended study report will include

those transmission and Large Generating Facilities that are expected to be in service on or before the requested Initial Synchronization Date. The SGIA will also be amended to reflect the results of the amended Cluster Study and any changes in obligations, including financial support, of the Parties.

## **SECTION 13. MISCELLANEOUS.**

### **13.1 Confidentiality.**

Confidential Information shall include, without limitation, all information treated as confidential under the ISO New England Information Policy, all information obtained from third parties under confidentiality agreements, all information relating to a Party's technology, research and development, business affairs, and pricing, and any information supplied by any of the Parties to the others prior to the execution of an SGIA.

Information is Confidential Information only if it is clearly designated or marked in writing as confidential on the face of the document, or, if the information is conveyed orally or by inspection, if the Party providing the information orally informs the Party receiving the information that the information is confidential.

If requested by any Party, the other Party(ies) shall provide in writing, the basis for asserting that the information referred to in this Article warrants confidential treatment, and the requesting Party may disclose such writing to the appropriate Governmental Authority. Each Party shall be responsible for the costs associated with affording confidential treatment to its information.

**13.1.1 Scope.** Confidential Information shall not include information that the receiving Party can demonstrate: (1) is generally available to the public other than as a result of a disclosure by the receiving Party; (2) was in the lawful possession of the receiving Party on a non-confidential basis before receiving it from the disclosing Party; (3) was supplied to the receiving Party without restriction by a third party, who, to the knowledge of the receiving Party after due inquiry, was under no obligation to the disclosing Party to keep such information confidential; (4) was independently developed by the receiving Party without reference to Confidential Information of the disclosing Party; (5) is, or becomes, publicly known, through no wrongful act or omission of the receiving Party or Breach of the SGIA; or (6) is required, in accordance with Section 13.1.6, Order of Disclosure, to be disclosed by any Governmental Authority or is otherwise required to be disclosed by law or subpoena, or is necessary in any legal proceeding establishing rights and obligations under the SGIA. Information designated as Confidential Information

will no longer be deemed confidential if the Party that designated the information as confidential notifies the other Parties that it no longer is confidential.

**13.1.2 Release of Confidential Information.** A Party shall not release or disclose Confidential Information to any other person, except to its Affiliates (limited by the Standards of Conduct requirements), employees, consultants, or to parties who may be or considering providing financing to or equity participation with Interconnection Customer, or to potential purchasers or assignees of Interconnection Customer, on a need-to-know basis in connection with these procedures, unless such person has first been advised of the confidentiality provisions of this Section 13.1 and has agreed to comply with such provisions. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Party providing Confidential Information to any person shall remain primarily responsible for any release of Confidential Information in contravention of this Section 13.1.

**13.1.3 Rights.** Each Party retains all rights, title, and interest in the Confidential Information that each Party discloses to the other Party(ies). The disclosure by each Party to the other Party(ies) of Confidential Information shall not be deemed a waiver by any Party or any other person or entity of the right to protect the Confidential Information from public disclosure.

**13.1.4 No Warranties.** By providing Confidential Information, a Party does not make any warranties or representations as to its accuracy or completeness. In addition, by supplying Confidential Information, a Party does not obligate itself to provide any particular information or Confidential Information to the other Party(ies) nor to enter into any further agreements or proceed with any other relationship or joint venture.

**13.1.5 Standard of Care.** Each Party shall use at least the same standard of care to protect Confidential Information it receives as it uses to protect its own Confidential Information from unauthorized disclosure, publication or dissemination. Each Party may use Confidential Information solely to fulfill its obligations to the other Party(ies) under these procedures or its regulatory requirements.

**13.1.6 Order of Disclosure.** If a court or a Government Authority or entity with the right, power, and apparent authority to do so requests or requires a Party, by subpoena, oral deposition, interrogatories, requests for production of documents, administrative order, or otherwise, to disclose Confidential Information, that Party shall provide the other Party(ies) with prompt notice of such request(s) or requirement(s) so that the other Party(ies) may seek an appropriate protective order or waive compliance

with the terms of the SGIA. Notwithstanding the absence of a protective order or waiver, the Party may disclose such Confidential Information which, in the opinion of its counsel, the Party is legally compelled to disclose. Each Party will use Reasonable Efforts to obtain reliable assurance that confidential treatment will be accorded any Confidential Information so furnished.

**13.1.7 Remedies.** The Parties agree that monetary damages would be inadequate to compensate a Party for the other Party's(ies') Breach of its obligations under this Section 13.1. Each Party accordingly agrees that the other Party(ies) shall be entitled to equitable relief, by way of injunction or otherwise, if the first Party Breaches or threatens to Breach its obligations under this Section 13.1, which equitable relief shall be granted without bond or proof of damages, and the receiving Party shall not plead in defense that there would be an adequate remedy at law. Such remedy shall not be deemed an exclusive remedy for the Breach of this Section 13.1, but shall be in addition to all other remedies available at law or in equity. The Parties further acknowledge and agree that the covenants contained herein are necessary for the protection of legitimate business interests and are reasonable in scope. No Party, however, shall be liable for indirect, incidental, or consequential or punitive damages of any nature or kind resulting from or arising in connection with this Section 13.1.

**13.1.8 Disclosure to the Commission, its Staff, or a State.** Notwithstanding anything in this Section 13.1 to the contrary, and pursuant to 18 CFR section 1b.20, if the Commission or its staff, during the course of an investigation or otherwise, requests information from one of the Parties that is otherwise required to be maintained in confidence pursuant to the SGIP, the Party shall provide the requested information to the Commission or its staff, within the time provided for in the request for information. In providing the information to the Commission or its staff, the Party must, consistent with 18 CFR. section 388.112, request that the information be treated as confidential and non-public by the Commission and its staff and that the information be withheld from public disclosure. Parties are prohibited from notifying the other Party(ies) prior to the release of the Confidential Information to the Commission or its staff. The Party shall notify the other Party(ies) to the SGIA when it is notified by the Commission or its staff that a request to release Confidential Information has been received by the Commission, at which time any of the Parties may respond before such information would be made public, pursuant to 18 CFR section 388.112. Requests from a state regulatory body conducting a confidential investigation shall be treated in a similar manner, consistent with applicable state rules, regulations and Section 13.1.

**13.1.9** Subject to the exception in Section 13.1.8 of this SGIP, any information that a Party claims is competitively sensitive, commercial or financial information ("Confidential Information") shall not be



disclosed by the other Party(ies) to any person not employed or retained by the other Party(ies), except to the extent disclosure is (i) required by law; (ii) reasonably deemed by the disclosing Party to be required to be disclosed in connection with a dispute between or among the Parties, or the defense of litigation or dispute; (iii) otherwise permitted by consent of the other Party(ies), such consent not to be unreasonably withheld; or (iv) necessary to fulfill its obligations under this SGIP or as a transmission service provider or a Control Area operator including disclosing the Confidential Information to an RTO or ISO or to a subregional, regional or national reliability organization or planning group. The Party asserting confidentiality shall notify the other Party(ies) in writing of the information it claims is confidential. Prior to any disclosures of the other Party's(ies') Confidential Information under this subparagraph, or if any third party or Governmental Authority makes any request or demand for any of the information described in this subparagraph, the disclosing Party agrees to promptly notify the other Party(ies) in writing and agrees to assert confidentiality and cooperate with the other Party(ies) in seeking to protect the Confidential Information from public disclosure by confidentiality agreement, protective order or other reasonable measures.

**13.1.10** This provision shall not apply to any information that was or is hereafter in the public domain (except as a result of a Breach of this provision).

**13.1.11** The System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall, at Interconnection Customer's election, destroy, in a confidential manner, or return the Confidential Information provided at the time when Confidential Information is no longer needed.

### **13.2 Delegation of Responsibility.**

The System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner, or any Affected Party or Internal Affected Party may use the services of subcontractors as it deems appropriate to perform its obligations under this SGIP. The Party using the services of a subcontractor shall remain primarily liable to Interconnection Customer for the performance of such subcontractors and compliance with its obligations of this SGIP. The subcontractor shall keep all information provided confidential and shall use such information solely for the performance of such obligation for which it was provided and no other purpose.

### **13.3 Obligation for Study Costs.**

In the event an Interconnection Customer withdraws its Interconnection Request prior to the commencement of the Cluster Study, Interconnection Customer must pay System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner the actual costs of processing its Interconnection Request. In the

event an Interconnection Customer withdraws after the commencement of the Cluster Study, the System Operator and the Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall charge, and Interconnection Customer shall pay, the actual costs of the Interconnection Studies.

Any difference between the study deposit and the actual cost of the applicable Interconnection Study shall be paid by or refunded, except as otherwise provided herein, to Interconnection Customers or offset against the cost of any future Interconnection Studies associated with the applicable Cluster prior to beginning of any such future Interconnection Studies. Any invoices for Interconnection Studies shall include a detailed and itemized accounting of the cost of each Interconnection Study. Interconnection Customers shall pay any such undisputed costs within thirty (30) Calendar Days of receipt of an invoice therefore. If an Interconnection Customer fails to pay such undisputed costs within the time allotted, its Interconnection Request shall be deemed withdrawn from the Cluster Study Process and will be subject to Withdrawal Penalties pursuant to Section 3.7 of this SGIP.

#### **13.4 Third Parties Conducting Studies.**

If (i) at the time of the signing of an Interconnection Study Agreement there is disagreement as to the estimated time to complete an Interconnection Study, (ii) Interconnection Customer receives notice pursuant to Sections 6.3, 7.4 or 8.3 of this SGIP that the System Operator or Interconnecting Transmission Owner will not complete an Interconnection Study within the applicable timeframe for such Interconnection Study, or (iii) Interconnection Customer receives neither the Interconnection Study nor a notice under Sections 6.3, 7.4 or 8.3 of this SGIP within the applicable timeframe for such Interconnection Study, then Interconnection Customer may request, which request will not be unreasonably denied, that the System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner utilize a third party consultant reasonably acceptable to the System Operator, Interconnection Customer, Interconnecting Transmission Owner and any appropriate Affected Party or Internal Affected Party, to perform such Interconnection Study under the direction of the System Operator or Interconnecting Transmission Owner as applicable. At other times, System Operator or Interconnecting Transmission Owner may also utilize a third party consultant to perform such Interconnection Study, either in response to a general request of Interconnection Customer, or on its own volition.

In all cases, use of a third party consultant shall be in accord with Article 13.15 of the SGIA (Subcontractors) and limited to situations where the System Operator or Interconnecting Transmission Owner determines that doing so will help maintain or accelerate the study process for Interconnection Customer's pending Interconnection Request and not interfere with the System Operator and

Interconnecting Transmission Owner's progress on Interconnection Studies for other pending Interconnection Requests. In cases where Interconnection Customer requests use of a third party consultant to perform such Interconnection Study, Interconnection Customer, System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall negotiate all of the pertinent terms and conditions, including reimbursement arrangements and the estimated study completion date and study review deadline. The System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall convey all workpapers, data bases, study results and all other supporting documentation prepared to date with respect to the Interconnection Request as soon as soon as practicable upon Interconnection Customer's request subject to the confidentiality provision in Section 13.1 of this SGIP and the ISO New England Information Policy, as well as any other applicable requirement under Applicable Laws and Regulations regulating the disclosure or confidentiality of such information. In any case, such third party contract may be entered into with the System Operator, Interconnection Customer, or Interconnecting Transmission Owner at the System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner's discretion. In the case of (iii) Interconnection Customer maintains its right to submit a claim to Dispute Resolution to recover the costs of such third party study. Such third party consultant shall be required to comply with this SGIP, Article 13.15 of the SGIA (Subcontractors), and the relevant Tariff procedures and protocols as would apply if the System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner were to conduct the Interconnection Study and shall use the information provided to it solely for purposes of performing such services and for no other purposes.

The System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall cooperate with such third party consultant and Interconnection Customer to complete and issue the Interconnection Study in the shortest reasonable time.

### **13.5 Disputes.**

**13.5.1 Submission.** In the event a Party has a dispute, or asserts a claim, that arises out of or in connection with the SGIA, the SGIP, or their performance, such Party (the "Disputing Party") shall provide the other Party(ies) with written notice of the dispute or claim ("Notice of Dispute"). Such dispute or claim shall be referred to a designated senior representative of each Party for resolution on an informal basis as promptly as practicable after receipt of the Notice of Dispute by the other Party(ies). In the event the designated representatives are unable to resolve the claim or dispute through unassisted or assisted negotiations within thirty (30) Calendar Days of the other Party's(ies') receipt of the Notice of Dispute, such claim or dispute may, upon mutual agreement of the Parties, be submitted to arbitration and

resolved in accordance with the arbitration procedures set forth below. In the event the Parties do not agree to submit such claim or dispute to arbitration, after thirty (30) Calendar Days, then (i) in the case of disputes arising out of or in conjunction with the SGIA, the System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall jointly file an unexecuted SGIA, or amendment thereto, with the Commission in accordance with Section 11.3.4, or (ii) in the case of disputes arising out of or in connection with any other matter regarding the administration of the SGIP, the System Operator may terminate the Interconnection Request and Interconnection Customer may seek relief pursuant to Section 206 of the Federal Power Act. Each Party may exercise whatever rights and remedies it may have in equity or at law consistent with the terms of this Schedule 23.

**13.5.2 External Arbitration Procedures.** Any arbitration initiated under these procedures shall be conducted before a single neutral arbitrator appointed by the Parties. If the Parties fail to agree upon a single arbitrator within ten (10) Calendar Days of the submission of the dispute to arbitration, each Party shall choose one arbitrator who shall sit on a three-member arbitration panel. The arbitrator so chosen by the System Operator shall chair the arbitration panel. In either case, the arbitrators shall be knowledgeable in electric utility matters, including electric transmission and bulk power issues, and shall not have any current or past substantial business or financial relationships with any party to the arbitration (except prior arbitration). The arbitrator(s) shall provide each of the Parties an opportunity to be heard and, except as otherwise provided herein, shall conduct the arbitration in accordance with the Commercial Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association (“Arbitration Rules”) and any applicable Commission regulations or RTO rules; provided, however, in the event of a conflict between the Arbitration Rules and the terms of this Section 13, the terms of this Section 13 shall prevail.

**13.5.3 Arbitration Decisions.** Unless otherwise agreed by the Parties, the arbitrator(s) shall render a decision within ninety (90) Calendar Days of appointment and shall notify the Parties in writing of such decision and the reasons for such decision. The arbitrator(s) shall be authorized only to interpret and apply the provisions of the SGIA and SGIP and shall have no power to modify or change any provision of the SGIA and SGIP in any manner. The decision of the arbitrator(s) shall be final and binding upon the Parties, and judgment on the award may be entered in any court having jurisdiction. The decision of the arbitrator(s) may be appealed solely on the grounds that the conduct of the arbitrator(s), or the decision itself, violated the standards set forth in the Federal Arbitration Act or the Administrative Dispute Resolution Act. The final decision of the arbitrator must also be filed with the Commission if it affects jurisdictional rates, terms and conditions of service, Interconnection Facilities, or Network Upgrades.

**13.5.4 Costs.** Each Party shall be responsible for its own costs incurred during the arbitration process and for the following costs, if applicable: (1) the cost of the arbitrator chosen by the Party to sit on the three-member panel and one-third of any associated arbitration costs; or (2) one-third the cost of the single arbitrator jointly chosen by the Parties and one-third of any associated arbitration costs.

**13.5.5 Non-binding Dispute Resolution Procedures.** If a Party has submitted a Notice of Dispute pursuant to Section 13.5.1 of this SGIP, and the Parties are unable to resolve the claim or dispute through unassisted or assisted negotiations within the thirty (30) Calendar Days provided in that section, and the Parties cannot reach mutual agreement to pursue the Section 13.5 arbitration process, a Party may request that the other Parties engage in Non-binding Dispute Resolution pursuant to this Section 13.5.5 by providing written notice to the other Parties (“Request for Non-binding Dispute Resolution”). Conversely, either Party may file a Request for Non-binding Dispute Resolution pursuant to this Section 13.5.5 without first seeking mutual agreement to pursue the Section 13.5 arbitration process. The process in this Section 13.5.5 shall serve as an alternative to, and not a replacement of, the Section 13.5 arbitration process. Pursuant to this process, System Operator must within thirty (30) Calendar Days of receipt of the Request for Non-binding Dispute Resolution appoint a neutral decision-maker that is an independent subcontractor that shall not have any current or past substantial business or financial relationships with the Parties. Unless otherwise agreed by the Parties, the decision-maker shall render a decision within sixty (60) Calendar Days of appointment and shall notify the Parties in writing of such decision and reasons therefore. This decision-maker shall be authorized only to interpret and apply the provisions of the SGIP and SGIA and shall have no power to modify or change any provision of the SGIP and SGIA in any manner. The result reached in this process is not binding, but, unless otherwise agreed, the Parties may cite the record and decision in the non-binding dispute resolution process in future dispute resolution processes, including in a Section 13.5 arbitration, or in a Federal Power Act Section 206 complaint. Each Party shall be responsible for its own costs incurred during the process and the cost of the decision-maker shall be divided equally among each Party to the dispute.

## **13.6 Local Furnishing Bonds.**

**13.6.1 Facilities Financed by Local Furnishing Bonds.** This provision is applicable only to interconnections associated with facilities financed for the local furnishing of electric energy with tax-

exempt bonds, as described in Section 142(f) of the Internal Revenue Code ("local furnishing bonds"). Notwithstanding any other provision of this SGIA and SGIP, the Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall not be required to provide Interconnection Service to Interconnection Customer pursuant to this SGIA and SGIP if the provision of such Interconnection Service would jeopardize the tax-exempt status of any local furnishing bond(s) used to finance the Interconnecting Transmission Owner's facilities that would be used in providing such Interconnection Service.

**13.6.2 Alternative Procedures for Requesting Interconnection Service.** If the Interconnecting Transmission Owner determines that the provision of Interconnection Service requested by Interconnection Customer would jeopardize the tax-exempt status of any local furnishing bond(s) used to finance its facilities that would be used in providing such Interconnection Service, it shall advise Interconnection Customer within thirty (30) Calendar Days of receiving notice of the Interconnection Request. Interconnection Customer thereafter may renew its Interconnection Request using the process specified in the Tariff.

### **13.7 Engineering & Procurement ("E&P") Agreement**

Prior to executing an SGIA, an Interconnection Customer may request, in order to advance the implementation of its interconnection, and the Interconnecting Transmission Owner and any Affected Party or Internal Affected Party shall offer Interconnection Customer, an E&P Agreement that authorizes the Interconnecting Transmission Owner and any Affected Party or Internal Affected Party to begin engineering and procurement of long lead-time items necessary for the establishment of the interconnection. However, the Interconnecting Transmission Owner or any Affected Party or Internal Affected Party shall not be obligated to offer an E&P Agreement if Interconnection Customer is in Dispute Resolution as a result of an allegation that Interconnection Customer has failed to meet any milestones or comply with any prerequisites specified in other parts of the SGIP. The E&P Agreement is an optional procedure and it will not alter Interconnection Customer's Queue Position or Initial Synchronization Date. The E&P Agreement shall provide for Interconnection Customer to pay the cost of all activities authorized by Interconnection Customer, including a deposit of 100 percent of the estimated engineering and study costs, and to make advance payments or provide other satisfactory security for such costs.

Interconnection Customer shall pay the cost of such authorized activities and any cancellation costs for equipment that is already ordered for its interconnection, which cannot be mitigated as hereafter described, whether or not such items or equipment later become unnecessary. If Interconnection Customer withdraws its application for interconnection or an E&P Agreement is terminated by any Party, to the extent the equipment ordered can be canceled under reasonable terms, Interconnection Customer shall be obligated to pay the associated cancellation costs. To the extent that the equipment cannot be reasonably canceled, the Interconnecting Transmission Owner or the Affected Party or Internal Affected Party that is a party to an E&P Agreement may elect: (i) to take title to the equipment, in which event the Interconnecting Transmission Owner or relevant Affected Party or Internal Affected Party shall refund Interconnection Customer any amounts paid by Interconnection Customer for such equipment and shall pay the cost of delivery of such equipment, or (ii) to transfer title to and deliver such equipment to Interconnection Customer, in which event Interconnection Customer shall pay any unpaid balance and cost of delivery of such equipment.

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**APPENDIX 1**  
**INTERCONNECTION REQUEST**

The undersigned Interconnection Customer submits this request to interconnect its Small Generating Facility to the Administered Transmission System under Schedule 23 - Small Generator Interconnection Procedures (“SGIP”) of the ISO New England Inc. Open Access Transmission Tariff (the “Tariff”). Capitalized terms have the meanings specified in the Tariff.

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**PROJECT INFORMATION**

**Proposed Project Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**1. This Interconnection Request is for (check one):**

\_\_\_\_\_ **A proposed new Small Generating Facility**

\_\_\_\_\_ An increase in the generating capacity or a modification that has the potential to be a Material Modification of an existing Generating Facility

\_\_\_\_\_ Commencement of participation in the wholesale markets by an existing Generating Facility

\_\_\_\_\_ A change from Network Resource Interconnection Service to Capacity Network Resource Interconnection Service

**2. The types of Interconnection Service requested:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Network Resource Interconnection Service (energy capability only)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Capacity Network Resource Interconnection Service (energy capability and capacity capability)**

☐ **Interconnection Customer requests to be downgraded to Network Resource Interconnection Service where violations are identified in the thermal analysis associated with Capacity Network Resource Interconnection Service testing**

**3. Interconnection Customer shall provide the following information:**

Address or Location of the Facility (including Town/City, County and State):

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**Requested Point of Interconnection:**

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**Type of Generating Facility to be Constructed:**\_\_\_\_\_

**Will the Generating Facility include electric storage capacity? Yes\_\_\_No\_\_\_**

**Will the electric storage device charge from the Administered Transmission System? Yes\_\_\_No\_\_\_**

**If yes, describe the electric storage device and specifications to include aggregate charging capability measured at the POI and the associated aggregate reactive capability measured at the high side of the main transformer:**

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**Primary frequency response operating range for electric storage resources:**

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**Generating Facility Fuel Type:\_\_\_**

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**Generating Facility Capacity (MW):**

<b>Temperatures<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Maximum Gross MW Electrical Output<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Maximum Net MW Electrical Output<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>Net MW Capability at the Point of Interconnection<sup>4</sup></b>
<b>At or above 90 degrees F</b>			
<b>At or above 50 degrees F</b>			
<b>At or above 20 degrees F</b>			
<b>At or above 0 degrees F</b>			

**Requested Interconnection Service (in MW) :**

<b>Service Level<sup>5</sup></b>			<b>Requested Net MW Capability at the Point of Interconnection<sup>4</sup></b>
<b>CNR Capability Summer</b>			
<b>NR Capability Summer</b>			
<b>CNR Capability Winter</b>			
<b>NR Capability Winter</b>			

Notes:

<sup>1</sup> In each row, insert all values corresponding to the given temperature, or a temperature greater than the given temperature, at which aggregate maximum gross output of the Generating Facility would be the highest. For example, if the aggregate maximum gross Generating Facility output occurs at 12 degrees F, all values in the “At or above 0 degrees F” row shall correspond to the 12 degrees F operating condition.

<sup>2</sup> Measured at the terminal(s) or inverter/converter terminal(s), as applicable, for each generating unit comprising the Generating Facility.

<sup>3</sup> Measured at the terminal(s) or inverter/converter terminal(s), as applicable, for each generating unit comprising the Generating Facility less any station service at each generating unit’s terminal(s) or inverter/converter terminal(s), as applicable.

<sup>4</sup> Measured at Interconnection Customer’s proposed Point of Interconnection. The values correspond to the requested levels of Interconnection Service pursuant to Section 3.1 of the SGIP. The values account for any station service, losses incurred in Interconnection Facilities, station or generator step up transformers, and any other auxiliary systems. After the Interconnection Request is deemed valid, any increases to these values shall be subject to a new, separate Interconnection Request.

<sup>5</sup> As described in Section II.48.1 for CNR Capability and Section II.48.2 for NR Capability.

General description of the equipment configuration, including any proposed control technologies to restrict the Small Generating Facility's output to the requested Interconnection Service levels, if applicable (# of units and GSUs):

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**Requested Commercial Operation Date: \_**

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**Requested Initial Synchronization Date: \_**

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**Requested In-Service Date:**

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**Evidence of Site Control (check one):**

\_\_\_\_\_ **100% exclusive Site Control in Interconnection Customer's name is provided herewith.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **In lieu of evidence of Site Control,**

\_\_\_\_\_ **a \$10,000/MW deposit subject to a minimum of \$50,000 and a maximum of \$200,000 is provided (refundable within the cure period as described in Section 3.4.3 of the SGIP), and.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **a signed affidavit from an officer of the company indicating that Site Control is unobtainable due to regulatory limitations, and**

\_\_\_\_\_ **documentation sufficiently describing and explaining the source and effects of such regulatory limitations**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Site Control is not provided because the proposed modification is to Interconnection Customer's existing Small Generating Facility and, by checking this option, Interconnection Customer certifies that it has Site Control and that the proposed modification does not require additional real property.**

**The ISO will post the Project Information on the ISO web site under “Interconnection Service” and the Interconnection Request Tracking Tool or IRTT.**

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**CUSTOMER INFORMATION**

**Company Name:**\_\_\_\_\_

**ISO Customer ID#:**\_\_\_\_\_

(Interconnection Customer)

**Company Address:**    **PO Box No.:**

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**Street Address:**\_\_\_\_\_

**City, State ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Company Representative:**    **Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Company Representative's Company and Address (if different from above):**

**Company Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PO Box No.:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Street Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State ZIP:**\_ \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **FAX:** \_\_\_\_\_ **email:**\_\_\_\_\_

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This Interconnection Request is submitted by:

Effective Date: 5/3/25 – ER25-2149-000

Authorized Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (type or print): \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*In order for an Interconnection Request to be considered a valid request, it must include:*

- (a) Be accompanied by all required deposits provided electronically and may be refundable in accordance with Section 3.4.2 of the SGIP;*
- (b) Required Cluster Study Deposit and may be refundable in accordance with Section 3.4.2 of the SGIP that is provided electronically;*
- (c) Commercial Readiness Deposit and may be refundable in accordance with Section 3.4.2 of the SGIP;*
- (d) For CNR Interconnection Service, upload documentation demonstrating 100% Site Control in accordance with Section 3.4.2 (iv). If for NR Interconnection Service, upload documentation demonstrating 100% Site Control in accordance with Section 3.4.2 (iv) or (1) a signed affidavit from an officer of Interconnection Customer indicating that Site Control is unobtainable due to regulatory limitations as such term is defined by the System Operator; and (2) documentation sufficiently describing and explaining the source and effects of such regulatory limitations, including a description of any conditions that must be met to satisfy the regulatory limitations and the anticipated time by which Interconnection Customer expects to satisfy the regulatory requirements and (3) a cash deposit in lieu of Site Control of \$10,000 per MW, subject to a minimum of \$50,000 and a maximum of \$200,000. An Interconnection Customer does not need to demonstrate Site Control for an Interconnection Request for a modification to its existing Small Generating Facility where Interconnection Customer has certified that it has Site Control and that the proposed modification does not require additional real property). Interconnection Requests from multiple Interconnection Customers for multiple Generating Facilities that share a site must include a contract or other agreement that allows for shared land use;*
- (e) Include a detailed map, such as a map of the quality produced by the U.S. Geological Survey, which clearly indicates the site of the new facility and pertinent surrounding structures.; and*
- (f) Include all information required on the Interconnection Request form and attachments thereto.*

***The Interconnection Request and attachments thereto must be submitted to the System Operator via the Interconnection Request Tracking Tool or IRTT, a web-based application for submitting, tracking and viewing Interconnection Requests available on the ISO New England website.***



Attachment A to Appendix 1  
Interconnection Request  
Technical Data Required For Cluster Study

**The technical data required below must be inputted directly into IRTT and submitted with the Interconnection Request pursuant to Section 3.4.2 of the SGIP.**

**SMALL GENERATING FACILITY DATA**

**UNIT RATINGS**

Kva	°F	Voltage
Power Factor		
Speed (RPM)		Connection (e.g. Wye)
Short Circuit Ratio		Frequency, Hertz
Stator Amperes at Rated Kva		Field Volts
Max Turbine MW	°F	

Primary frequency response operating range for electric storage resources:

**Minimum State of Charge:**

**Maximum State of Charge:**

**GREATEST UNIT RATING AT AMBIENT TEMPERATURE OF 90 ° OR ABOVE**

Gross Unit Rating (MW)	Gross Lagging (MVAR)
Net Unit Rating (MW)	Gross Leading (MVAR)
Station Service (MW)	Station Service (MVAR)
Temperature (°F)	

**GREATEST UNIT RATING AT AMBIENT TEMPERATURE OF 50° OR ABOVE**

Gross Unit Rating (MW)

Gross Lagging (MVAR)

Net Unit Rating (MW)

Gross Leading (MVAR)

Station Service (MW)

Station Service (MVAR)

Temperature (°F)

**GREATEST UNIT RATING AT AMBIENT TEMPERATURE OF 20° OR ABOVE**

Gross Unit Rating (MW)

Gross Lagging (MVAR)

Net Unit Rating (MW)

Gross Leading (MVAR)

Station Service (MW)

Station Service (MVAR)

Temperature (°F)

**GREATEST UNIT RATING AT AMBIENT TEMPERATURE OF 0° OR ABOVE**

Gross Unit Rating (MW)

Gross Lagging (MVAR)

Net Unit Rating (MW)

Gross Leading (MVAR)

Station Service (MW)

Station Service (MVAR)

Temperature (°F)

**COMBINED TURBINE-GENERATOR-EXCITER INERTIA DATA**

Inertia Constant, H	=	kW sec/kVA
Moment-of-Inertia, WR <sup>2</sup>	=	lb. ft. <sup>2</sup>

#### REACTANCE DATA (PER UNIT-RATED KVA)

	DIRECT AXIS	QUADRATURE AXIS
Synchronous – saturated	X <sub>dv</sub>	X <sub>qv</sub>
Synchronous – unsaturated	X <sub>di</sub>	X <sub>qi</sub>
Transient – saturated	X' <sub>dv</sub>	X' <sub>qv</sub>
Transient – unsaturated	X' <sub>di</sub>	X' <sub>qi</sub>
Subtransient – saturated	X'' <sub>dv</sub>	X'' <sub>qv</sub>
Subtransient – unsaturated	X'' <sub>di</sub>	X'' <sub>qi</sub>
Negative Sequence – saturated	X <sub>2v</sub>	
Negative Sequence – unsaturated	X <sub>2i</sub>	

#### FIELD TIME CONSTANT DATA (SEC)

Zero Sequence – saturated	X <sub>0v</sub>	
Zero Sequence – unsaturated	X <sub>0i</sub>	
Leakage Reactance	X <sub>lm</sub>	
Open Circuit	T' <sub>qo</sub>	T' <sub>do</sub>
Three-Phase Short Circuit Transient	T' <sub>d3</sub>	T' <sub>q</sub>
Line to Line Short Circuit Transient	T' <sub>d2</sub>	
Line to Neutral Short Circuit Transient	T' <sub>d1</sub>	
Short Circuit Subtransient	T'' <sub>d</sub>	T'' <sub>q</sub>
Open Circuit Subtransient	T'' <sub>do</sub>	T'' <sub>qo</sub>

#### ARMATURE TIME CONSTANT DATA (SEC)

Three Phase Short Circuit	T <sub>a3</sub>
Line to Line Short Circuit	T <sub>a2</sub>
Line to Neutral Short Circuit	T <sub>a1</sub>

NOTE: If requested information is not applicable, indicate by marking "N/A."

#### MW CAPABILITY AND PLANT CONFIGURATION

#### SMALL GENERATING FACILITY DATA

#### ARMATURE WINDING RESISTANCE DATA (PER UNIT)

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Positive	R1	
Negative	R2	
Zero	R0	
Rotor Short Time Thermal Capacity $I^2t$	=	
Field Current at Rated kVA, Armature Voltage and PF	=	amps
Field Current at Rated kVA and Armature Voltage, 0 PF	=	amps
Three Phase Armature Winding Capacitance	=	microfarad
Field Winding Resistance	=	ohms °C
Armature Winding Resistance (Per Phase)	=	ohms °C

### **CURVES**

As applicable, provide Saturation, Vee, Capacity Temperature Correction curves. A Reactive Capability is required for all Large Generating Facilities. As applicable, designate normal and emergency Hydrogen Pressure operating range for multiple curves.

### ***MODELS FOR NON-SYNCHRONOUS GENERATORS***

Models that meet the requirements of ISO New England Planning Procedures :

1. an appropriately parameterized library RMS positive sequence dynamics model, including model block diagram of the inverter control and plant control systems, that corresponds to Interconnection Customer's Small Generating Facility, and,
2. a validated user-defined model where one exists for the equipment (i.e. where the manufacturer attests that a library model may fully capture the behavior of the equipment). The user model will only be used for the fuller understanding of equipment behavior and will not be used to finalize the upgrade requirements in the Cluster Study and will not be added to base cases going forward.
3. A validated electromagnetic transient model

Interconnection Customer must also demonstrate that the model is validated by providing evidence that the equipment behavior is consistent with the model behavior (e.g., an attestation from Interconnection Customer that the model accurately represents the entire Small Generating Facility; attestations from each equipment manufacturer that the user defined model accurately represents the component of the Small Generating Facility; or test data).

Capacity	Self-cooled/Maximum Nameplate / Kva
Voltage Ratio	Generator side/System side/Tertiary / kV
Winding Connections	Generator side/System Side/Tertiary (Delta or Wye) /

### Present Tap Setting

Positive	Z1 (on self-cooled kVA rating)	%	X/R
Zero	Z0 (on self-cooled kVA rating)	%	X/R

Identify appropriate IEEE model block diagram of excitation system and power system stabilizer (“PSS”) for computer representation in power system stability simulations and the corresponding excitation system and PSS constants for use in the model.

Identify appropriate IEEE model block diagram of governor system for computer representation in power system stability simulations and the corresponding governor system constants for use in the model.

A completed Attachment A-1 Supplementary Wind and Inverter-Based Generating Facility Form to this Attachment A, must be supplied for all Interconnection Requests for wind and inverter-based Generating Facilities.

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- (\*) Field Volts:
- (\*) Field Amperes:
- (\*) Motoring Power (kW):
- (\*) Neutral Grounding Resistor (If Applicable):
- (\*)  $I_2^2t$  or K (Heating Time Constant):
- (\*) Rotor Resistance:
- (\*) Stator Resistance:
- (\*) Stator Reactance:
- (\*) Rotor Reactance:
- (\*) Magnetizing Reactance:
- (\*) Short Circuit Reactance:
- (\*) Exciting Current:
- (\*) Temperature Rise:
- (\*) Frame Size:
- (\*) Design Letter:
- (\*) Reactive Power Required In Vars (No Load):
- (\*) Reactive Power Required In Vars (Full Load):
- (\*) Total Rotating Inertia, H: Per Unit on KVA Base

Note: Please consult System Operator prior to submitting the Interconnection Request to determine if the information designated by (\*) is required.

**Applicant Signature**

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, all the information provided in this Attachment A to the Interconnection Request is true and accurate.

For Interconnection Customer: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**SUPPLEMENTARY WIND AND INVERTER-BASED GENERATING FACILITY AND  
INTERCONNECTION FACILITIES DATA FORM**

- a) Attach a Geographic Map Demonstrating the Project Layout and its Interconnection to the Power Grid. (Specify the name of the attachment here)
- b) Attach a Bus-Breaker Based One-line Diagram (The diagram should include each of the individual unit generators, generator number, HVDC rating and terminal voltage.) (Specify the name of the attachment here)

i. Collection system detail impedance sheet

If a collector system is used, attach a collector system data sheet in accordance with the one-line diagram attached above. The data sheet should include: the type, length  $Z_0$ ,  $Z_1$  and  $X_c/B$  of each circuit (feeder and collector string).

Specify the name of the attachment here: \_\_\_\_\_

ii. Collection system aggregate (equivalent) model data sheet

Attach an aggregate (equivalent) collection system data sheet. The data table should include: the type, length,  $Z_0$ ,  $Z_1$  and  $X_c/B$  of the equivalent circuits (feeders and collector strings).

Specify the name of the attachment here: \_\_\_\_\_



- c) Summary of the Unit Models in the wind or inverter-based Generating Facility (*List all different unit models in the facility*)

Manufacturer Model	Type of this WTG* (if applicable)	Generator Unit Numbers in the field	Number(s) of these Units	Maximum Output of this Unit (MW)	Total MW

\* Type 1 – Cage rotor induction generators

Type 2 – Induction generators with variable rotor resistance

Type 3 – Doubly-fed asynchronous generators with rotor-side converter

Type 4 – Full-power converter interface

***Repeat the following sections from 4 to 12 for each different unit model.***

d) Unit Detail Information

Unit Manufacturer Model	
Terminal Voltage	
Rating of Each Unit (MVA)	
Maximum Gross Electrical Output (MW)	
Minimum Gross Electrical Output (MW)	
Lagging Reactive Power Limit at Rated Real Power Output (MVAR)	
Leading Reactive Power Limit at Rated Real Power Output (MVAR)	
Lagging Reactive Power Limit at Zero Real Power Output (MVAR)	
Leading Reactive Power Limit at Zero Real Power Output (MVAR)	
Station Service Load (MW, MVAR)	
Minimum short circuit ratio (SCR) requirement by manufacturer	
On which bus the minimum SCR is required by manufacturer	
What voltage level the minimum SCR is required by manufacturer	
Positive sequence Xsource	
Zero sequence Xsource	

e) Unit GSU – \_\_\_\_\_

Nameplate rating (MVA)	
Total number of the GSUs	
Voltages, generator side/system side	
Winding connections, low voltage/high voltage	
Available tap positions on high voltage side	
Available tap positions on low voltage side	
Will the GSU operate as an LTC?	
Desired voltage control range if LTC	
Tap adjustment time (Tap switching delay + switching time) if LTC	
Desired tap position if applicable	
Impedance, Z1, X/R ratio	
Impedance, Z0, X/R ratio	

f) Low Voltage Ride Through (LVRT) – \_\_\_\_\_ *(Specify the Manufacturer Model of this Unit)*

Does each Unit have LVRT capability?

Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

If yes, please provide:

i. Unit LVRT mode activation and release condition:

When operating at maximum real power, what is the Unit terminal voltage for LVRT mode activation? \_\_\_\_\_

When operating at maximum real power, what is the Unit terminal voltage for releasing LVRT mode after it is activated? \_\_\_\_\_

If there is different LVRT activation and release logic, please state here \_\_\_\_\_

ii. A wind or other inverter-based generating facility technical manual from the manufacturer including description of LVRT functionality:

***Attach the file and specify the name of the attachment here:***

\_\_\_\_\_

- iii. Does the wind or other inverter-based generating facility technical manual attached above include a reactive power capability curve?

Yes\_\_ No\_\_

***If no, attach the file and specify the name of the attachment here:***

\_\_\_\_\_

- g) Low Voltage Protection (considering LVRT functionality)

(Specify the Manufacturer Model of this Unit)

Low Voltage Setting (pu)	Relay Pickup Time (Seconds)

\*Add more rows in the table as needed

- h) High Voltage Protection - \_\_\_\_\_ (Specify the Manufacturer Model of this Unit)

High Voltage Setting (pu)	Relay Pickup Time (Seconds)

\*Add more rows in the table as needed

- i) Low Frequency Protection - \_\_\_\_\_ (Specify the Manufacturer Model of this Unit)

Low Frequency Setting (Hz)	Relay Pickup Time (Seconds)

\*Add more rows in the table as needed

j) High Frequency Protection - \_\_\_\_\_ (Specify the Manufacturer Model of this Unit)

High Frequency Setting (Hz)	Relay Pickup Time (Seconds)

\*Add more rows in the table as needed

Please make sure the settings in sections 7 through 10 comply with NERC and NPCC standards for generator protection relays.

k) Unit Reactive Power Control - \_\_\_\_\_ (Specify the Manufacturer Model of this Unit)

i. What are the options for the Unit reactive power control (check all available)?

- \_\_\_\_\_ Control the voltage at the Unit terminal
- \_\_\_\_\_ Control constant power factor at the Unit terminal
- \_\_\_\_\_ Control constant power factor at the low side of the station main transformer
- \_\_\_\_\_ Control constant power factor at the high side of the station main transformer
- \_\_\_\_\_ Control voltage at the low side of the station main transformer
- \_\_\_\_\_ Control voltage at the high side of the station main transformer
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other options. Please describe if select others \_\_\_\_\_

ii. In all the control options selected above, please list the options in which the Unit is able to control its terminal voltage to prevent low/high voltage tripping.

\_\_\_\_\_

iii. What is the desired control mode from the selected options above? Specify the control plan in this mode. For example: control voltage at which bus to what schedule.

\_\_\_\_\_

**WIND OR INVERTER-BASED GENERATING FACILITY AND INTERCONNECTION  
FACILITIES MODELS**

*(All model files provided under this section should be compatible with Siemens PTI's PSS/E version currently in use at ISO New England and must be a standard library model in PSS/E)*

A. Power flow model

- i. A \*.RAW file including **aggregated/equivalent** wind or inverter-based generating facility and HVDC, if applicable, power flow model with appropriate parameters and settings.

*Attach the \*.RAW file and specify the name of the attachment(s) here:*

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- ii. A \*.RAW file including **detailed** wind or inverter-based Generating Facility and Interconnection Facilities, if applicable, power flow model with appropriate parameters and settings.

*Attach the \*.RAW file and specify the name of the attachment(s) here:*

\_\_\_\_\_

B. Dynamic simulation model(s)

*(Please note that the dynamic model(s) must match the aggregated/equivalent power flow model(s) provided above. Attach the following information for each of the models.)*

1. Wind or inverter-based Generating Facility and Interconnection Facilities, if applicable, Model(s)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Please Specify the Manufacturer Model(s))

2. A compiled PSS/E dynamic model for the Generating Facility and Interconnection Facilities, if necessary (a \*.LIB or \*.OBJ file)

*Attach the \*.LIB or \*.OBJ file(s) and specify the name(s) of the attachment(s) here:*

\_\_\_\_\_

3. A dynamic data file with appropriate parameters and settings for the Generating Facility and Interconnection Facilities, if applicable, (typically a \*.DYR file)

***Attach the \*.DYR file(s) and specify the name(s) of the attachment(s) here:***

\_\_\_\_\_

4. PSS/E wind or inverter-based Generating Facility model user manual for the Generating Facility and Interconnection Facilities

***Attach and specify the name of the attachment here:***

\_\_\_\_\_

***Repeat the above sections for each different wind or inverter-based generating facility model.***

C. Power Plant Controller

For wind or inverter-based Generating Facility, will PPC have the ability to centrally control the output of the units? Yes\_\_ No\_\_

1. Manufacturer model of the power plant controller

\_\_\_\_\_

2. What are the reactive power control strategy options of the power plant controller?
3. Which of the control options stated above is being used in current operation?

\_\_\_\_\_

4. Is the power plant controller able to control the unit terminal voltages to prevent low/high voltage tripping?

Yes\_\_ No\_\_

Please provide the park controller technical manual from the manufacturer

***Attach the file and specify the name of the attachment here:***

\_\_\_\_\_

D. Station Transformer

Transformer Name	
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Nameplate ratings (MVA)		
Total number of the main transformer(s)		
Voltage, High/Low/Tertiary (kV)		
Winding connections, High/Low Tertiary		
Available tap positions on high voltage side		
Available tap positions on low voltage side		
Will the transformer operate as a LTC?		
Desired voltage control range if LTC		
Tap adjustment time (Tap switching delay + switching time) if LTC		
Desired tap position if applicable		
Tap adjustment time (Tap switching delay + switching time)		
Impedance $Z_1$ , X/R ratio	$Z_{1H-L}$	X/R
	$Z_{1H-T}$	X/R
	$Z_{1T-L}$	X/R
Impedance $Z_0$ , X/R ratio	$Z_{0H-L}$	X/R
	$Z_{0H-T}$	X/R
	$Z_{0T-L}$	X/R

E. Dynamic Simulation Model for the Power Plant Controller(s)

***(All model files provided under this section should be compatible with Siemens PTI's PSS/E version currently in use at ISO New England and must be a standard library model in PSS/E)***

1. A compiled PSS/E dynamic model for the power plant controller(s) (a \*.LIB or \*.OBJ file)

***Attach the \*.LIB or \*.OBJ file and specify the name of the attachment here:***

\_\_\_\_\_

2. A dynamic data file with appropriate parameters and settings for the power plant controller(s) (typically a \*.DYR file).



***Attach the \*.DYP file and specify the name of the attachment here:***

\_\_\_\_\_

3. PSS/E model user manual for the power plant controller(s)

***Attach the manual and specify the name of the attachment or specify the name of the attachment here:***\_\_\_\_\_

F. Capacitors and Reactors

Please provide necessary modeling data for all the capacitors and reactors that are part of the Interconnection Facilities, including: size, basic electrical parameters, connecting bus, switched or fixed, etc.

G. Dynamic Device(s)

***(All model files provided under this section 17 should be compatible with Siemens PTI's PSS/E version currently in use at ISO New England standard library models in PSS/E or applicable applications.)***

1. Provide necessary modeling data file for all the dynamic devices belong to the facility.

Attach the \*.LIB or \*.OBJ file and specify the name of the attachment here:

\_\_\_\_\_

2. A dynamic data file containing the parameters for the units (typically a \*.DYP file).

Set the parameters in accordance with the desired control mode.

Attach the \*.DYP file and specify the name of the attachment here:

\_\_\_\_\_

H. Collection System/Transformer Tap-Setting Design

Attach a collection system/transformer tap-setting design calculations, consistent with the requirements in the ISO New England Planning Procedures, that identify the calculations to

support the proposed tap settings for the unit step-up transformers and the station step-up transformers.

Attached the design document and specify the name of the attachment here:

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- I. Provide PSCAD Model and documentation for the wind or inverter-based Generating Facility, the Power Plant Controller(s) and Other Dynamic Devices or HVDC.

**CLUSTER SYSTEM IMPACT STUDY APPLICATION FORM**

The undersigned Interconnection Customer submits this form to request the inclusion of the Interconnection Request for its Small Generating Facility in a Cluster Interconnection System Impact Study pursuant to Section 4.2.3.2.2 of this SGIP.

To be included in a Cluster Interconnection System Impact Study, the following must be submitted together with this form to the System Operator by the Cluster Entry Deadline:

**1. Project Information:**

a. Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(a) Queue Position: \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Is the Interconnection Request contractually associated with an Interconnection Request for an Elective Transmission Upgrade? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

If yes, identify Queue Position of the associated Interconnection Request and provide evidence of the contractual commitment. Queue Position No.: \_\_\_\_

**2. Initial CETU Participation Deposit as specified in Section 4.2.3.2.2**

**Applicant Signature**

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, all the information provided in this form is true and accurate.

For Interconnection Customer: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**SURPLUS INTERCONNECTION SERVICE REQUEST APPLICATION**

The Surplus Interconnection Customer submits this application to request Surplus Interconnection Service pursuant to Section 3.3 of this SGIP.

**SURPLUS INTERCONNECTION CUSTOMER AND ORIGINAL INTERCONNECTION**  
**CUSTOMER INFORMATION**

Surplus Interconnection Customer Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

ISO Customer ID# (If available): \_\_\_\_\_

Company Address:

PO Box No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Representative: Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Representative's Company and Address (if different from above):

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

PO Box No.: \_\_\_\_\_

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Request Application

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Original Interconnection Customer Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

ISO Customer ID# (If available): \_\_\_\_\_

Company Address:

PO Box No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Representative: Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Representative's Company and Address (if different from above):

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

PO Box No.: \_\_\_\_\_

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Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Description of the Original Interconnection Customer's existing, commercial Small Generating Facility:

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Description of the Surplus Interconnection Customer's Generating Facility:

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Select Type of Interconnection Service for the Surplus Interconnection Customer's Generating Facility:

☐ CNR Interconnection Service

☐ NR Interconnection Service

Specify the amount of Unused Capability at the corresponding CNR Interconnection Service or NR Interconnection Service available for the Surplus Interconnection Customer's Generating Facility:

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Requested Commercial Operations Date for the Surplus Interconnection Customer's Generating Facility: \_

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Requested Initial Synchronization Date for the Surplus Interconnection Customer's Generating Facility: \_

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Requested In-Service Date for the Surplus Interconnection Customer's Generating Facility:

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To request Surplus Interconnection Service, the Surplus Interconnection Customer shall provide the following, together with this Surplus Interconnection Service Request Application:

- 11** The Original Interconnection Customer's written consent for the Surplus Interconnection Customer's Generating Facility to use Unused Capability associated with Interconnection Service established under the Interconnection Agreement for the Original Interconnection Customer's Generating Facility, together with a copy of that Interconnection Agreement;
- 12** A detailed description of the Original Interconnection Customer's Generating Facility and the Surplus Interconnection Customer's Generating Facility and their respective Interconnection Facilities and existing Point of Interconnection and Point of Change of Ownership, together with a completed Attachment A and Attachment A-1, as applicable, to Appendix 1 of this SGIP, including a site electrical one-line diagram reflecting both the Original Interconnection Customer's Generating Facility and the proposed Surplus Interconnection Customer's Generating Facility and a plot plan; and
- 13** Site Control for the Surplus Interconnection Customer's Generating Facility.

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Request Application

System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner reserve the right to request additional technical and non-technical information necessary from the Original Interconnection Customer or the Surplus Interconnection Customer as may reasonably become necessary to facilitate their review of the Surplus Interconnection Service request.

**Applicant Signature**

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, all the information provided in this form is true and accurate.

Authorized Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (type or print): \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**APPENDIX 2**  
**CLUSTER 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 Small Generating Facility or generating capacity addition to an existing Generating Facility consistent with the Interconnection Request submitted by Interconnection Customer dated \_\_\_\_\_; and

**WHEREAS**, Interconnection Customer desires to interconnect the Small Generating Facility to the Administered Transmission System;

**WHEREAS**, Interconnection Customer has requested System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner to perform a Cluster Study to assess the impact of interconnecting the Small Generating Facility to the Administered Transmission System, and any Internal Affected Systems.

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

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- 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 Procedure (“SGIP”).
- 2.0 Interconnection Customer elects and System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall cause to be performed a Cluster Study consistent with Section 7.0 of the SGIP in accordance with the Tariff.
- 3.0 The scope of the Cluster Study shall be subject to the assumptions set forth in Attachment A to this Agreement.
- 4.0 The Cluster Study will be based upon the technical information provided by Interconnection Customer in Attachment A (and Attachment A-1 as applicable) to the Interconnection Request, subject to any modifications in accordance with Section 4.4 of the SGIP. System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner reserve the right to request additional technical information from Interconnection Customer as may reasonably become necessary consistent with Good Utility Practice during the course of the Cluster Study.
- 5.0 The Cluster Study Report shall provide the following information:
- identification of any circuit breaker or other facility short circuit capability limits exceeded as a result of the interconnection;
  - identification of any thermal overload of any transmission facility or system voltage limit violations resulting from the interconnection;
  - initial review of grounding requirements and electric system protection;
  - identification of any instability or inadequately damped response to system disturbances resulting from the interconnection;
  - identification of Contingent Facilities
  - description and non-binding, good faith estimated cost of and the time to construct the facilities required to interconnect the Small Generating Facility to the Administered Transmission System and to address the identified short circuit, instability, and power flow issues; and

- The Cluster Study Deposit shall be applied toward the cost of the Cluster Study and the development of this Cluster Study Agreement and its attachment(s) and the SGIA. Interconnecting Transmission Owner's and System Operator's good faith estimate for the times of commencement and completion of the Cluster Study is [insert dates].

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

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

Upon receipt of the Cluster Study, System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall charge and Interconnection Customer shall pay the actual costs of the Interconnection System Impact 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 System Impact Study each month. Interconnection Customer shall pay any invoiced amounts within thirty (30) Calendar Days of receipt of the invoice.

In accordance with the SGIP, in performing the Interconnection System Impact Study, System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall coordinate with Internal 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.

## 7.0 Miscellaneous.

- 7.1 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.

- 7.2 Disclaimer of Warranty. In preparing and/or participating in the Interconnection System Impact 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 System Impact Study (including, but not limited to, exercise of Good Utility Practice in verifying the accuracy of information provided for or used in the Interconnection System Impact 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 System Impact Study, the content of the Interconnection System Impact Study, or the conclusions of the Interconnection System Impact 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.

- 7.3 Force Majeure, Liability and Indemnification.

- 7.3.1 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.

- 7.3.2 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, an 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.
- 7.3.3 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.

- 7.4 Third-Party Beneficiaries. Without limitation of Sections 7.2 and 7.3 of this Agreement, the Parties agree that subcontractor consultants hired by them to conduct, participate in, or review, or to assist in the conducting, participating in, or reviewing of, an Interconnection System Impact Study shall be deemed third party beneficiaries of Sections 7.2 and 7.3.
- 7.5 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 System Impact Study is completed. This Agreement shall automatically terminate upon the withdrawal of Interconnection Request under Section 3.7 of the SGIP. 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.

- 7.6 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.
- 7.7 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.
- 7.8 Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, and each counterpart shall have the same force and effect as the original instrument.
- 7.9 Amendment. No amendment, modification or waiver of any term hereof shall be effective unless set forth in writing and signed by the Parties hereto.
- 7.10 Survival. All warranties, limitations of liability and confidentiality provisions provided herein shall survive the expiration or termination hereof.
- 7.11 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.
- 7.12 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.
- 7.13 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.

7.14 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 THEREOF, 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

By:

Title:

Date:

Interconnecting Transmission Owner

By:

Title:

Date:

[Insert name of Interconnection Customer]

By:

Title:

Date:



**Attachment A  
To Appendix 2  
Cluster  
Study Agreement**

**ASSUMPTIONS USED IN CONDUCTING THE  
CLUSTER STUDY**

The Cluster Study will be based upon the *technical information provided by Interconnection Customer in the Interconnection Request* subject to any modifications in accordance with Section 4.4 of the SGIP, and the following assumptions:

Designation of Point of Interconnection and configuration to be studied.

**APPENDIX 3**  
**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 Small 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 Small Generating Facility to the Administered Transmission System; and

**WHEREAS**, System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner have completed a Cluster 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 Cluster Study in accordance with Good Utility Practice to physically and electrically connect the Small Generating Facility to the Administered Transmission System.

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**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 Small Generator Interconnection Procedures (“SGIP”), 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 SGIP 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 Small 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 a *Commercial Readiness Deposit per Section 8.1 of this SGIP to enter* the Interconnection Facilities Study and the greater of 25 percent of the estimated cost of the Interconnection Facilities Study or \$100,000.

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 SGIA. 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 SGIP, 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 3.7 of the SGIP. 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.

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System Operator

By:

Title:

Date:

Interconnecting Transmission Owner

By:

Title:

Date:

[Insert name of Interconnection Customer]

By:

Title:

Date:

**Attachment A**  
**To Appendix 3**  
**Interconnection Facilities**  
**Study Agreement**

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

Interconnection Customer elects (check one):

- b. +/- 20 percent cost estimate contained in the Interconnection Facilities Study report.
  
- c. +/- 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 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 Small Generating Facility?

What protocol does the control system or PLC use?

**Attachment B (page 2)**  
**Appendix 3**  
**Interconnection Facilities**  
**Study Agreement**

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 Small 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:

**APPENDIX 4**  
**OPTIONAL INTERCONNECTION 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 Small 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 is proposing to establish an interconnection to the Administered Transmission System; and

**WHEREAS**, Interconnection Customer has submitted to System Operator an Interconnection Request; and

**WHEREAS**, on or after the date when the Interconnection Customer receives the Interconnection System Impact Study results, Interconnection Customer has further requested that the System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner prepare an Optional Interconnection Study.

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

- 1.0 When used in this Agreement, with initial capitalization, the terms specified shall have the meanings indicated in the Commission-approved Small Generator Interconnection Procedures (“SGIP”), 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 Optional Interconnection Study consistent with Section 10.0 of the SGIP to be performed in accordance with the Tariff.
- 3.0 The scope of the Optional Interconnection Study shall be subject to the assumptions set forth in Attachment A to this Agreement.
- 4.0 The Optional Interconnection Study shall be performed solely for informational purposes.
- 5.0 The Optional Interconnection Study report shall provide a sensitivity analysis based on the assumptions specified by the Interconnection Customer in Attachment A to this Agreement. The Optional Interconnection Study will identify Interconnecting Transmission Owner’s Interconnection Facilities and the Network Upgrades, and the estimated cost thereof, that may be required to provide transmission service or Interconnection Service based upon the assumptions specified by the Interconnection Customer in Attachment A.

In accordance with the SGIP, in performing the Optional Interconnection Study, the System Operator shall coordinate with Interconnecting Transmission Owner and Affected Parties and Internal Affected Parties, and 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 The Interconnection Customer is providing a deposit equal to 100 percent of the estimated cost of the study. Interconnecting Transmission Owner’s and System

Operator's good faith estimate for the time of completion of the Optional Interconnection Study is [insert date].

The total estimated cost of the performance of the Optional Interconnection 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 initial payment and the actual cost of the study shall be paid by or refunded to the Interconnection Customer, as appropriate. Upon receipt of the Optional Interconnection Study, System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall charge and the Interconnection Customer shall pay the actual costs of the Optional Interconnection Study. Interconnection Customer shall pay any invoiced amounts within thirty (30) Calendar Days of receipt of invoice.

7.0 Miscellaneous.

7.1 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.

7.2 Disclaimer of Warranty. In preparing and/or participating in the Optional Interconnection 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 Optional Interconnection Study (including, but not limited to, exercise of Good Utility Practice in verifying the accuracy of information provided for or used in the Optional Interconnection 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 Optional Interconnection Study, the content of the Optional Interconnection Study, or the conclusions of the Optional Interconnection 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.

### 7.3 Force Majeure, Liability and Indemnification.

7.3.1 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.

7.3.2 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.

- 7.3.3 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 Owners 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 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.

- 7.4 Third-Party Beneficiaries. Without limitation of Sections 7.2 and 7.3 of this Agreement, the Parties agree that subcontractor consultants hired by them to conduct, participate in, or review, or to assist in the conducting, participating in, or reviewing of, an Optional Interconnection Study shall be deemed third party beneficiaries of Sections 7.2 and 7.3.
- 7.5 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 Optional Interconnection Study is completed. This Agreement shall automatically terminate upon the withdrawal of Interconnection Request under Section 3.7 of the SGIP. 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.
- 7.6 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.
- 7.7 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.
- 7.8 Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, and each counterpart shall have the same force and effect as the original instrument.
- 7.9 Amendment. No amendment, modification or waiver of any term hereof shall be effective unless set forth in writing and signed by the Parties hereto.

- 7.10 Survival. All warranties, limitations of liability and confidentiality provisions provided herein shall survive the expiration or termination hereof.
- 7.11 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.
- 7.12 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 instances; rather, the same shall be and remain in full force and effect.
- 7.13 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.
- 7.14 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.

Effective Date: 5/3/25 – ER25-2149-000

System Operator

By:

Title:

Date:

Interconnecting Transmission Owner

By:

Title:

Date:

[Insert name of Interconnection Customer]

By:

Title:

Date:

**Attachment A**  
**Appendix 4**  
**Optional Interconnection**  
**Study Agreement**

**ASSUMPTIONS USED IN CONDUCTING**  
**THE OPTIONAL INTERCONNECTION STUDY**

[To be completed by Interconnection Customer consistent with Section 10 of the SGIP.]

**APPENDIX 5 to SGIP**  
**TRANSITIONAL CLUSTER 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”). System Operator, Interconnection Customer and Interconnecting Transmission Owner each may be referred to as a “Party,” or collectively as the “Parties.”

**RECITALS**

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

**WHEREAS**, Interconnection Customer desires to interconnect the Small Generating Facility with the Administered Transmission System; and

**WHEREAS**, Interconnection Customer has requested Interconnecting Transmission Owner and System Operator to perform a “Transitional Cluster Study,” which combines the Cluster Study and Interconnection Facilities Study, in a single cluster study, followed by any needed restudies, to specify and estimate the cost of the equipment, engineering, procurement, and construction work needed to physically and electrically connect the Small Generating Facility to the Administered Transmission System; and

**WHEREAS**, Interconnection Customer has a valid Queue Position as of the {Transmission Provider to insert effective date of compliance filing}.

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

Effective Date: 5/3/25 – ER25-2149-000

1.0 When used in this Agreement, with initial capitalization, the terms specified shall have the meanings indicated in this SGIP.

2.0 Interconnection Customer elects, and System Operator shall cause to be performed, a Transitional Cluster Study and Interconnection Customer elects that System Operator study the Small Generating Facility's request for.

\_\_\_\_\_ Network Resource Interconnection Service (energy capability only)

\_\_\_\_\_ Capacity Network Resource Interconnection Service (energy capability and capacity capability)

- ☐ Interconnection Customers seeking to complete studies for CNRIS for Interconnection Requests for which NRIS milestones have already been completed shall check this box and fill in the table below

Service Level	Requested Net MW Capability at the Point of Interconnection
CNR Capability Summer	
CNR Capability Winter	

- ☐ Interconnection Customer requests to be downgraded to Network Resource Interconnection Service where violations are identified in the thermal analysis associated with Capacity Network Resource Interconnection Service testing

3.0 The Transitional Cluster Study shall be based upon the technical information provided by Interconnection Customer in the Interconnection Request. System Operator reserves the right to request additional technical information from Interconnection Customer as may reasonably become necessary consistent with Good Utility Practice during the course of the Transitional Cluster Study and Interconnection Customer shall provide such data as quickly as reasonable.

4.0 Pursuant to Section 5.1.1.2 of this SGIP, the interim Transitional Cluster Study Report shall provide the information below:

- identification of any circuit breaker short circuit capability limits exceeded as a result of the interconnection;
- identification of any thermal overload or voltage limit violations resulting from the interconnection;
- identification of any instability or inadequately damped response to system disturbances resulting from the interconnection; and
- Interconnecting Transmission Owner's Interconnection Facilities and Network Upgrades that are expected to be required as a result of the Interconnection Request(s) and a non-binding, good faith estimate of cost responsibility and a non-binding, good faith estimated time to construct.

5.0 Pursuant to Section 5.1.1.2 of this SGIP, the final Transitional Cluster Study Report shall: (1) provide all the information included in the interim Transitional Cluster Study Report; (2) provide a description of, estimated cost of, and schedule for required facilities to interconnect the Generating Facility to the Transmission System; and (3) address the short circuit, instability, and power flow issues identified in the interim Transitional Cluster Study Report.

6.0 Interconnection Customer has met the requirements described in Section 5.1.1.2 of this SGIP.

7.0 Interconnection Customer previously provided a deposit for the performance of Interconnection Studies. Interconnection Customer shall provide additional study deposits in the form described in Section 5.1.1.2. System Operator may invoice for additional costs as appropriate such that Interconnection Customer shall pay the actual costs of the Transitional Cluster Study. Any difference between the study deposit and the actual cost of the study shall be paid by or refunded to Interconnection Customer, in accordance with the provisions of Section 13.3 of this SGIP.

8.0 Miscellaneous.



- 8.1 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.
- 8.2 Disclaimer of Warranty. In preparing and/or participating in the Transitional Cluster 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 Transitional Cluster Study (including, but not limited to, exercise of Good Utility Practice in verifying the accuracy of information provided for or used in the Transitional Cluster 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 Transitional Cluster Study , the content of the Transitional Cluster Study , or the conclusions of the Transitional Cluster 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.
- 8.3 Force Majeure, Liability and Indemnification.
- 8.3.1 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.

- 8.3.2 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.
- 8.3.3 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.

- 8.4 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 Transitional Cluster Study shall be deemed third party beneficiaries of Sections 7.2 and 7.3.
- 8.5 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 Transitional Cluster Study is completed. This Agreement shall automatically terminate upon the withdrawal of Interconnection Request under Section 3.7 of the SGIP. 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.

- 8.6 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.
- 8.7 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.
- 8.8 Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, and each counterpart shall have the same force and effect as the original instrument.
- 8.9 Amendment. No amendment, modification or waiver of any term hereof shall be effective unless set forth in writing and signed by the Parties hereto.
- 8.10 Survival. All warranties, limitations of liability and confidentiality provisions provided herein shall survive the expiration or termination hereof.
- 8.11 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.
- 8.12 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.
- 8.13 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.
- 8.14 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.

**ISO New England Inc.**

By: \_\_\_\_

Title: \_

Date: \_

**{Insert name of Interconnecting Transmission Owner }**

By: \_\_\_\_

Title: \_

Date: \_

**{Insert name of Interconnection Customer}**

By: \_\_\_\_

Title: \_

Date: \_

**APPENDIX 6 to SGIP**  
**TRANSITIONAL SERIAL 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 each may be referred to as a “Party,” or collectively as the “Parties.”

**RECITALS**

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

**WHEREAS**, Interconnection Customer desires to interconnect the Small Generating Facility with the Administered Transmission System; and

**WHEREAS**, Interconnection Customer has requested System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner to continue processing its Interconnection Facilities Study to specify and estimate the cost of the equipment, engineering, procurement, and construction work needed to implement the conclusions of the final Cluster Study (from the previously effective serial study process) in accordance with Good Utility Practice to physically and electrically connect the Small Generating Facility to the Administered Transmission System; and

**WHEREAS**, System Operator has provided an Interconnection Facilities Study Agreement to the Interconnection Customer on or before {System Operator to insert effective date of compliance filing}.

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

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- 1.0 When used in this Agreement, with initial capitalization, the terms specified shall have the meanings indicated in this SGIP.
- 2.0 Interconnection Customer elects and Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall cause to be performed an Interconnection Facilities Study consistent with Section 8 of this SGIP.
- 3.0 The scope of the Interconnection Facilities Study shall be subject to the assumptions set forth in Attachment A to this Agreement, which shall be the same assumptions as the previous Interconnection Facilities Study Agreement executed by the Interconnection Customer.
- 4.0 The Interconnection Facilities Study Report shall: (1) provide a description, estimated cost of (consistent with Attachment A), and schedule for required facilities to interconnect the Small Generating Facility to the Administered Transmission System; and (2) address the short circuit, instability, and power flow issues identified in the most recently published Cluster Study Report.
- 5.0 Interconnection Customer has met the requirements described in Section 5.1.1.1 of this SGIP. The time for completion of the Interconnection Facilities Study is specified in Attachment A, and shall be no later than 150 Calendar Days after {System Operator to insert effective date accepted on compliance}.
- 6.0 Interconnection Customer previously provided a deposit of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars (\$\_\_\_\_) for the performance of the Interconnection Facilities Study.
- 7.0 Upon receipt of the Interconnection Facilities Study results, Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall charge and Interconnection Customer shall pay the actual costs of the Interconnection Facilities Study.
- 8.0 Any difference between the study deposit and the actual cost of the study shall be paid by or refunded to Interconnection Customer, as appropriate.
- 9.0 Miscellaneous.

- 9.1 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.
- 9.2 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.
- 9.3 Force Majeure, Liability and Indemnification.
- 9.3.1 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.

9.3.2 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.

9.3.3 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.

- 9.4 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.
- 9.5 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 3.7 of the SGIP. 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.
- 9.6 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.
- 9.7 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.

- 9.8 Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, and each counterpart shall have the same force and effect as the original instrument.
- 9.9 Amendment. No amendment, modification or waiver of any term hereof shall be effective unless set forth in writing and signed by the Parties hereto.
- 9.10 Survival. All warranties, limitations of liability and confidentiality provisions provided herein shall survive the expiration or termination hereof.
- 9.11 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.
- 9.12 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.
- 9.13 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.
- 9.14 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.

**{Insert name of Interconnecting Transmission Owner }**

By: \_\_\_\_

Title: \_

Date: \_

**ISO New England Inc.**

By: \_\_\_\_

Title: \_

Date: \_

**{Insert name of Interconnection Customer}**

By: \_\_\_\_

Title: \_

Date: \_

**Attachment A to Appendix 6**  
**Transitional Serial Interconnection Facilities Study Agreement**

**ASSUMPTIONS USED IN CONDUCTING THE TRANSITIONAL SERIAL  
INTERCONNECTION FACILITIES STUDY**

{Assumptions to be completed by Interconnection Customer and Interconnecting Transmission Owner}

**APPENDIX 7 to SGIP**  
**TWO-PARTY AFFECTED SYSTEM 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 \_\_\_\_\_ (Affected System Interconnection Customer) and \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_ organized and existing under the laws of the State of \_\_\_\_\_ (System Operator). Affected System Interconnection Customer and System Operatoreach may be referred to as a “Party,” or collectively as the “Parties.”

**RECITALS**

**WHEREAS**, Affected System Interconnection Customer is proposing to develop a {description of generating facility or generating capacity addition to an existing generating facility} consistent with the interconnection request submitted by Affected System Interconnection Customer to {name of host transmission provider}, dated \_\_\_\_\_, for which {name of host transmission provider} found impacts on the New England Transmission System; and

**WHEREAS**, Affected System Interconnection Customer desires to interconnect the {generating facility} with {name of host transmission provider}’s transmission system;

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

- 1.0 When used in this Agreement, with initial capitalization, the terms specified shall have the meanings indicated in this SGIP.
- 2.0 System Operator shall coordinate with Affected System Interconnection Customer to perform an Affected System Study consistent with Section 9 of this SGIP.
- 3.0 The scope of the Affected System Study shall be subject to the assumptions set forth in Attachment A to this Agreement.

- 4.0 The Affected System Study will be based upon the technical information provided by Affected System Interconnection Customer and {name of host transmission provider}. System Operator reserves the right to request additional technical information from Affected System Interconnection Customer as may reasonably become necessary consistent with Good Utility Practice during the course of the Affected System Study.
- 5.0 The Affected System Study shall provide the following information:
- identification of any circuit breaker short circuit capability limits exceeded as a result of the interconnection;
  - identification of any thermal overload or voltage limit violations resulting from the interconnection;
  - identification of any instability or inadequately damped response to system disturbances resulting from the interconnection;
  - non-binding, good faith estimated cost and time required to construct facilities required on the New England Transmission System to accommodate the interconnection of the {generating facility} to the transmission system of the host transmission provider; and
  - description of how such facilities will address the identified short circuit, instability, and power flow issues.
- 6.0 Affected System Interconnection Customer shall provide a deposit of \_\_\_\_\_ for performance of the Affected System Study. Upon receipt of the results of the Affected System Study by the Affected System Interconnection Customer, System Operator shall charge, and Affected System Interconnection Customer shall pay, the actual cost of the Affected System Study. Any difference between the deposit and the actual cost of the Affected System Study shall be paid by or refunded to Affected System Interconnection Customer, as appropriate, including interest calculated in accordance with section 35.19a(a)(2) of FERC's regulations.

- 7.1 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.
- 7.2 Disclaimer of Warranty. In preparing and/or participating in the Affected System Study Agreement, 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 Affected System Study Agreement (including, but not limited to, exercise of Good Utility Practice in verifying the accuracy of information provided for or used in the Affected System Study Agreement), 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 Affected System Study Agreement, the content of the Affected System Study Agreement, or the conclusions of the Affected System Study Agreement. 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.
- 7.3 Force Majeure, Liability and Indemnification.
- 7.3.1 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.

7.3.2 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.

7.3.3 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.

- 7.4 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 Affected System Study Agreement shall be deemed third party beneficiaries of Sections 7.2 and 7.3.
- 7.5 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 Affected System Study Agreement is completed. This Agreement shall automatically terminate upon the withdrawal of Interconnection Request under Section 3.7 of the SGIP. 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.
- 7.6 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.

- 7.7 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.
- 7.8 Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, and each counterpart shall have the same force and effect as the original instrument.
- 7.9 Amendment. No amendment, modification or waiver of any term hereof shall be effective unless set forth in writing and signed by the Parties hereto.
- 7.10 Survival. All warranties, limitations of liability and confidentiality provisions provided herein shall survive the expiration or termination hereof.
- 7.11 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.
- 7.12 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.
- 7.13 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.
- 7.14 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 THEREOF**, 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.

Effective Date: 5/3/25 – ER25-2149-000

**ISO New England Inc.**

By: \_\_\_\_\_ By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**{Insert name of Affected System Interconnection Customer}**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Project No. \_\_\_\_\_

**Attachment A to Appendix 7**  
**Two-Party Affected System Study Agreement**

**ASSUMPTIONS USED IN CONDUCTING THE  
AFFECTED SYSTEM STUDY**

The Affected System Study will be based upon the following assumptions:

{Assumptions to be completed by Affected System Interconnection Customer and System Operator}

**APPENDIX 8 to SGIP**  
**MULTIPARTY AFFECTED SYSTEM STUDY AGREEMENT**

**THIS AGREEMENT** is made and entered into this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, by and among \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_ organized and existing under the laws of the State of \_\_\_\_\_ (Affected System Interconnection Customer); \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_ organized and existing under the laws of the State of \_\_\_\_\_ (Affected System Interconnection Customer); and \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_ organized and existing under the laws of the State of \_\_\_\_\_ (System Operator). Affected System Interconnection Customers and Transmission Provider each may be referred to as a “Party,” or collectively as the “Parties.” When it is not important to differentiate among them, Affected System Interconnection Customers each may be referred to as “Affected System Interconnection Customer” or collectively as the “Affected System Interconnection Customers.”

**RECITALS**

**WHEREAS**, Affected System Interconnection Customers are proposing to develop {description of generating facilities or generating capacity additions to an existing generating facility}, consistent with the interconnection requests submitted by Affected System Interconnection Customers to {name of host transmission provider}, dated \_\_\_\_\_, for which {name of host transmission provider} found impacts on the New England Transmission System; and

**WHEREAS**, Affected System Interconnection Customers desire to interconnect the {generating facilities} with {name of host transmission provider}’s transmission system;

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

- 1.0 When used in this Agreement, with initial capitalization, the terms specified shall have the meanings indicated in this SGIP.

- 2.0 System Operator shall coordinate with Affected System Interconnection Customers to perform an Affected System Study consistent with Section 9 of this SGIP.
- 3.0 The scope of the Affected System Study shall be subject to the assumptions set forth in Attachment A to this Agreement.
- 4.0 The Affected System Study will be based upon the technical information provided by Affected System Interconnection Customers and {name of host transmission provider}. System Operator reserves the right to request additional technical information from Affected System Interconnection Customers as may reasonably become necessary consistent with Good Utility Practice during the course of the Affected System Study.
- 5.0 The Affected System Study shall provide the following information:
- identification of any circuit breaker short circuit capability limits exceeded as a result of the interconnection;
  - identification of any thermal overload or voltage limit violations resulting from the interconnection;
  - identification of any instability or inadequately damped response to system disturbances resulting from the interconnection;
  - non-binding, good faith estimated cost and time required to construct facilities required on the New England Transmission System to accommodate the interconnection of the {generating facilities} to the transmission system of the host transmission provider; and
  - description of how such facilities will address the identified short circuit, instability, and power flow issues.
- 6.0 Affected System Interconnection Customers shall each provide a deposit of \_\_\_\_\_ for performance of the Affected System Study. Upon receipt of the results of the Affected System Study by the Affected System Interconnection Customers, System

Operator shall charge, and Affected System Interconnection Customers shall pay, the actual cost of the Affected System Study. Any difference between the deposit and the actual cost of the Affected System Study shall be paid by or refunded to Affected System Interconnection Customers, as appropriate, including interest calculated in accordance with section 35.19a(a)(2) of FERC's regulations.

7.0 Miscellaneous

7.1 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.

7.2 Disclaimer of Warranty. In preparing and/or participating in the Affected System Study Agreement, 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 Affected System Study Agreement (including, but not limited to, exercise of Good Utility Practice in verifying the accuracy of information provided for or used in the Affected System Study Agreement), 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 Affected System Study Agreement, the content of the Affected System Study Agreement, or the conclusions of the Affected System Study Agreement. 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.

7.3 Force Majeure, Liability and Indemnification.

7.3.1 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.

- 7.3.2 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.

7.3.3 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.

7.4 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 Affected System Study Agreement shall be deemed third party beneficiaries of Sections 7.2 and 7.3.

7.5 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 Affected System Study Agreement is completed. This Agreement shall automatically terminate upon the withdrawal of Interconnection Request under Section 3.7 of the SGIP. 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.

- 7.6 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.
- 7.7 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.
- 7.8 Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, and each counterpart shall have the same force and effect as the original instrument.
- 7.9 Amendment. No amendment, modification or waiver of any term hereof shall be effective unless set forth in writing and signed by the Parties hereto.
- 7.10 Survival. All warranties, limitations of liability and confidentiality provisions provided herein shall survive the expiration or termination hereof.
- 7.11 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.
- 7.12 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.
- 7.13 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.
- 7.14 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 THEREOF**, 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.

**ISO New England Inc.**

By: \_\_\_\_\_ By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**{Insert name of Affected System Interconnection Customer}**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Project No. \_\_\_\_\_

**{Insert name of Affected System Interconnection Customer}**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Project No. \_\_\_\_\_

**Attachment A to Appendix 8  
Multiparty Affected System Study Agreement**

**ASSUMPTIONS USED IN CONDUCTING THE  
MULTIPARTY AFFECTED SYSTEM STUDY**

The Affected System Study will be based upon the following assumptions:

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{Assumptions to be completed by Affected System Interconnection Customers and System Operator}

**APPENDIX 9 TO SGIP**  
**TWO-PARTY AFFECTED SYSTEM FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT**

**THIS AGREEMENT** is made and entered into this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, by and between \_\_\_\_\_, organized and existing under the laws of the State of \_\_\_\_\_ (Affected System Interconnection Customer) and \_\_\_\_\_, an entity organized under the laws of the State of \_\_\_\_\_ (Interconnecting Transmission Owner). Affected System Interconnection Customer and Transmission Provider each may be referred to as a “Party” or collectively as the “Parties.”

**RECITALS**

**WHEREAS**, Affected System Interconnection Customer is proposing to develop a {description of generating facility or generating capacity addition to an existing generating facility} consistent with the interconnection request submitted by Affected System Interconnection Customer to {name of host transmission provider}, dated \_\_\_\_\_, for which {name of host transmission provider} found impacts on the New England Transmission System; and

**WHEREAS**, Affected System Interconnection Customer desires to interconnect the {generating facility} to {name of host transmission provider}’s transmission system; and

**WHEREAS**, additions, modifications, and upgrade(s) must be made to certain existing facilities of the New England Transmission System to accommodate such interconnection; and

**WHEREAS**, Affected System Interconnection Customer has requested, and Interconnecting Transmission Owner has agreed, to enter into this Agreement for the purpose of facilitating the construction of necessary Affected System Network Upgrade(s);

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

**ARTICLE 1**

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## DEFINITIONS

When used in this Agreement, with initial capitalization, the terms specified and not otherwise defined in this Agreement shall have the meanings indicated in this SGIP.

## ARTICLE 2

### TERM OF AGREEMENT

**2.1 Effective Date.** This Agreement shall become effective upon execution by the Parties subject to acceptance by FERC (if applicable), or if filed unexecuted, upon the date specified by FERC.

**2.2 Term.**

**2.2.1 General.** This Agreement shall become effective as provided in Article 2.1 and shall continue in full force and effect until the earlier of (1) the Parties agree to mutually terminate this Agreement; (2) earlier termination is permitted or provided for under Appendix A of this Agreement; or (2) Affected System Interconnection Customer terminates this Agreement after providing Interconnecting Transmission Owner with written notice at least sixty (60) Calendar Days prior to the proposed termination date, provided that Affected System Interconnection Customer has no outstanding contractual obligations to Interconnecting Transmission Owner under this Agreement. No termination of this Agreement shall be effective until the Parties have complied with all Applicable Laws and Regulations applicable to such termination. The term of this Agreement may be adjusted upon mutual agreement of the Parties if (1) the commercial operation date for the {generating facility} is adjusted in accordance with the rules and procedures established by {name of host transmission provider} or (2) the in-service date for the Affected System Network Upgrade(s) is adjusted in accordance with the rules and procedures established by System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner.

**2.2.2 Termination Upon Default.** Default shall mean the failure of a Breaching Party to cure its Breach in accordance with Article 5 of this Agreement where Breach and Breaching Party are defined in Article 5. Defaulting Party shall mean the Party that is in Default. In the event of a Default by a Party, the non-Defaulting Party shall have the termination rights described in Articles 5 and 6; provided, however, Interconnecting Transmission Owner may not terminate this Agreement if Affected System Interconnection Customer is the Defaulting Party and compensates Transmission Provider within thirty (30) Calendar Days for the amount of damages billed to Affected System Interconnection Customer by

Interconnecting Transmission Owner for any such damages, including costs and expenses, incurred by Interconnecting Transmission Owner as a result of such Default.

**2.2.3 Consequences of Termination.** In the event of a termination by either Party, other than a termination by Affected System Interconnection Customer due to a Default by Interconnecting Transmission Owner, Affected System Interconnection Customer shall be responsible for the payment to Interconnecting Transmission Owner of all amounts then due and payable for construction and installation of the Affected System Network Upgrade(s) (including, without limitation, any equipment ordered related to such construction), plus all out-of-pocket expenses incurred by Interconnecting Transmission Owner in connection with the construction and installation of the Affected System Network Upgrade(s), through the date of termination, and, in the event of the termination of the entire Agreement, any actual costs which Interconnecting Transmission Owner reasonably incurs in (1) winding up work and construction demobilization and (2) ensuring the safety of persons and property and the integrity and safe and reliable operation of the New England Transmission System. Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall use Reasonable Efforts to minimize such costs.

**2.2.4 Reservation of Rights.** Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall have the right to make a unilateral filing with FERC to modify this Agreement with respect to any rates, terms and conditions, charges, classifications of service, rule or regulation under section 205 or any other applicable provision of the Federal Power Act and FERC's rules and regulations thereunder, and Affected System Interconnection Customer shall have the right to make a unilateral filing with FERC to modify this Agreement pursuant to section 206 or any other applicable provision of the Federal Power Act and FERC's rules and regulations thereunder; provided that each Party shall have the right to protest any such filing by the other Party and to participate fully in any proceeding before FERC in which such modifications may be considered. Nothing in this Agreement shall limit the rights of the Parties or of FERC under sections 205 or 206 of the Federal Power Act and FERC's rules and regulations thereunder, except to the extent that the Parties otherwise mutually agree as provided herein.

**2.3 Filing.** Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall file this Agreement (and any amendment hereto) with the appropriate Governmental Authority, if required. Affected System Interconnection Customer may request that any information so provided be subject to the confidentiality provisions of Article 8. If Affected System Interconnection Customer has executed this Agreement, or any amendment thereto, Affected System Interconnection Customer shall reasonably cooperate with Interconnecting



Transmission Owner with respect to such filing and to provide any information reasonably requested by Interconnecting Transmission Owner needed to comply with applicable regulatory requirements.

**2.4 Survival.** This Agreement shall continue in effect after termination, to the extent necessary, to provide for final billings and payments and for costs incurred hereunder, including billings and payments pursuant to this Agreement; to permit the determination and enforcement of liability and indemnification obligations arising from acts or events that occurred while this Agreement was in effect; and to permit each Party to have access to the lands of the other Party pursuant to this Agreement or other applicable agreements, to disconnect, remove, or salvage its own facilities and equipment.

**2.5 Termination Obligations.** Upon any termination pursuant to this Agreement, Affected System Interconnection Customer shall be responsible for the payment of all costs or other contractual obligations incurred prior to the termination date, including previously incurred capital costs, penalties for early termination, and costs of removal and site restoration.

### **ARTICLE 3**

#### **CONSTRUCTION OF AFFECTED SYSTEM NETWORK UPGRADE(S)**

##### **3.1 Construction.**

**3.1.1 Interconnecting Transmission Owner Obligations.** Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall (or shall cause such action to) design, procure, construct, and install, and Affected System Interconnection Customer shall pay, consistent with Article 3.2, the costs of all Affected System Network Upgrade(s) identified in Appendix A. All Affected System Network Upgrade(s) designed, procured, constructed, and installed by Interconnecting Transmission Owner pursuant to this Agreement shall satisfy all requirements of applicable safety and/or engineering codes and comply with Good Utility Practice, and further, shall satisfy all Applicable Laws and Regulations. Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall not be required to undertake any action which is inconsistent with its standard safety practices, its material and equipment specifications, its design criteria and construction procedures, its labor agreements, or any Applicable Laws and Regulations.

##### **3.1.2 Suspension of Work.**

**3.1.2.1 Right to Suspend.** Affected System Interconnection Customer must provide to Interconnecting Transmission Owner written notice of its request for suspension. Only the milestones described in the Appendices of this Agreement are subject to suspension under this Article 3.1.2. Affected System Network Upgrade(s) will be constructed on the schedule described in the Appendices of this Agreement unless: (1) construction is prevented by the order of a Governmental Authority; (2) the Affected System Network Upgrade(s) are not needed by any other Interconnection Customer; or (3) Interconnecting Transmission Owner determines that a Force Majeure event prevents construction. In the event of (1), (2), or (3), any security paid to Interconnecting Transmission Owner under Article 4.1 of this Agreement shall be released by Interconnecting Transmission Owner upon the determination by Interconnecting Transmission Owner that the Affected System Network Upgrade(s) will no longer be constructed. If suspension occurs, Affected System Interconnection Customer shall be responsible for the costs which Interconnecting Transmission Owner incurs (i) in accordance with this Agreement prior to the suspension; (ii) in suspending such work, including any costs incurred to perform such work as may be necessary to ensure the safety of persons and property and the integrity of New England Transmission System and, if applicable, any costs incurred in connection with the cancellation of contracts and orders for material which Interconnecting Transmission Owner cannot reasonably avoid; and (iii) reasonably incurs in winding up work and construction demobilization; provided, however, that, prior to canceling any such contracts or orders, Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall obtain Affected System Interconnection Customer's authorization. Affected System Interconnection Customer shall be responsible for all costs incurred in connection with Affected System Interconnection Customer's failure to authorize cancellation of such contracts or orders.

Interest on amounts paid by Affected System Interconnection Customer to Interconnecting Transmission Owner for the design, procurement, construction, and installation of the Affected System Network Upgrade(s) shall not accrue during periods in which Affected System Interconnection Customer has suspended construction under this Article 3.1.2.

Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall invoice Affected System Interconnection Customer pursuant to Article 4 and will use Reasonable Efforts to minimize its costs. In the event Affected System Interconnection Customer suspends work by Affected System Interconnecting Transmission Owner required under this Agreement pursuant to this Article 3.1.2.1, and has not requested Affected System Interconnecting Transmission Owner to recommence the work required under this Agreement on or before the expiration of three (3) years following commencement of such suspension, this Agreement shall be deemed terminated. The three-year period shall begin on the date the suspension is requested, or

the date of the written notice to Affected System Interconnecting Transmission Owner, whichever is earlier, if no effective date of suspension is specified.

**3.1.3 Construction Status.** Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall keep Affected System Interconnection Customer advised periodically as to the progress of its design, procurement and construction efforts, as described in Appendix A. Affected System Interconnection Customer may, at any time and reasonably, request a progress report from Interconnecting Transmission Owner. If, at any time, Affected System Interconnection Customer determines that the completion of the Affected System Network Upgrade(s) will not be required until after the specified in-service date, Affected System Interconnection Customer will provide written notice to Interconnecting Transmission Owner of such later date upon which the completion of the Affected System Network Upgrade(s) would be required. Interconnecting Transmission Owner may delay the in-service date of the Affected System Network Upgrade(s) accordingly.

**3.1.4 Timely Completion.** Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall use Reasonable Efforts to design, procure, construct, install, and test the Affected System Network Upgrade(s) in accordance with the schedule set forth in Appendix A, which schedule may be revised from time to time by mutual agreement of the Parties. If any event occurs that will affect the time or ability to complete the Affected System Network Upgrade(s), Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall promptly notify Affected System Interconnection Customer. In such circumstances, Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall, within fifteen (15) Calendar Days of such notice, convene a meeting with Affected System Interconnection Customer to evaluate the alternatives available to Affected System Interconnection Customer. Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall also make available to Affected System Interconnection Customer all studies and work papers related to the event and corresponding delay, including all information that is in the possession of Interconnecting Transmission Owner that is reasonably needed by Affected System Interconnection Customer to evaluate alternatives, subject to confidentiality arrangements consistent with Article 8. Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall, at Affected System Interconnection Customer's request and expense, use Reasonable Efforts to accelerate its work under this Agreement to meet the schedule set forth in Appendix A, provided that (1) Affected System Interconnection Customer authorizes such actions, such authorization to be withheld, conditioned, or delayed by Affected System Interconnection Customer only if it can demonstrate that the acceleration would have a material adverse effect on it; and (2) the Affected System Interconnection Customer funds costs associated therewith in advance.

## **3.2 Interconnection Costs.**

**3.2.1 Costs.** Affected System Interconnection Customer shall pay to Interconnecting Transmission Owner costs (including taxes and financing costs) associated with seeking and obtaining all necessary approvals and of designing, engineering, constructing, and testing the Affected System Network Upgrade(s), as identified in Appendix A, in accordance with the cost recovery method provided herein. Unless Interconnecting Transmission Owner elects to fund the Affected System Network Upgrade(s), they shall be funded by Affected System Interconnection Customer.

**3.2.1.1 Lands of Other Property Owners.** If any part of the Affected System Network Upgrade(s) is to be installed on property owned by persons other than Affected System Interconnection Customer or Interconnecting Transmission Owner, Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall, at Affected System Interconnection Customer's expense, use efforts similar in nature and extent to those that it typically undertakes on its own behalf or on behalf of its Affiliates, including use of its eminent domain authority to the extent permitted and consistent with Applicable Laws and Regulations and, to the extent consistent with such Applicable Laws and Regulations, to procure from such persons any rights of use, licenses, rights-of-way, and easements that are necessary to construct, operate, maintain, test, inspect, replace, or remove the Affected System Network Upgrade(s) upon such property.

## **3.3 Taxes.**

**3.3.1 Indemnification for Contributions in Aid of Construction.** With regard only to payments made by Affected System Interconnection Customer to Interconnecting Transmission Owner for the installation of the Affected System Network Upgrade(s), Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall not include a gross-up for income taxes in the amounts it charges Affected System Interconnection Customer for the installation of the Affected System Network Upgrade(s) unless (1) Interconnecting Transmission Owner has determined, in good faith, that the payments or property transfers made by Affected System Interconnection Customer to Interconnecting Transmission Owner should be reported as income subject to taxation, or (2) any Governmental Authority directs Interconnecting Transmission Owner to report payments or property as income subject to taxation. Affected System Interconnection Customer shall reimburse Interconnecting Transmission Owner for such costs on a fully grossed-up basis, in accordance with this Article, within thirty (30) Calendar Days of receiving written notification from Interconnecting Transmission Owner of the amount due, including detail about how the amount was calculated.

The indemnification obligation shall terminate at the earlier of (1) the expiration of the ten (10)-year testing period and the applicable statute of limitation, as it may be extended by Interconnecting Transmission Owner upon request of the Internal Revenue Service, to keep these years open for audit or adjustment, or (2) the occurrence of a subsequent taxable event and the payment of any related indemnification obligations as contemplated by this Article. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Article 3.3.1, and to the extent permitted by law, to the extent that the receipt of such payments by Interconnecting Transmission Owner is determined by any Governmental Authority to constitute income by Interconnecting Transmission Owner subject to taxation, Affected System Interconnection Customer shall protect, indemnify, and hold harmless Interconnecting Transmission Owner and its Affiliates, from all claims by any such Governmental Authority for any tax, interest, and/or penalties associated with such determination. Upon receiving written notification of such determination from the Governmental Authority, Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall provide Affected System Interconnection Customer with written notification within thirty (30) Calendar Days of such determination and notification. Interconnecting Transmission Owner, upon the timely written request by Affected System Interconnection Customer and at Affected System Interconnection Customer's expense, shall appeal, protest, seek abatement of, or otherwise oppose such determination. Interconnecting Transmission Owner reserves the right to make all decisions with regard to the prosecution of such appeal, protest, abatement or other contest, including the compromise or settlement of the claim; provided that Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall cooperate and consult in good faith with Affected System Interconnection Customer regarding the conduct of such contest. Affected System Interconnection Customer shall not be required to pay Interconnecting Transmission Owner for the tax, interest, and/or penalties prior to the seventh (7th) Calendar Day before the date on which Interconnecting Transmission Owner (1) is required to pay the tax, interest, and/or penalties or other amount in lieu thereof pursuant to a compromise or settlement of the appeal, protest, abatement, or other contest; (2) is required to pay the tax, interest, and/or penalties as the result of a final, non-appealable order by a Governmental Authority; or (3) is required to pay the tax, interest, and/or penalties as a prerequisite to an appeal, protest, abatement, or other contest. In the event such appeal, protest, abatement, or other contest results in a determination that Interconnecting Transmission Owner is not liable for any portion of any tax, interest, and/or penalties for which Affected System Interconnection Customer has already made payment to Interconnecting Transmission Owner, Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall promptly refund to Affected System Interconnection Customer any payment attributable to the amount determined to be non-taxable, plus any interest (calculated in accordance with 18 CFR 35.19a(a)(2)(iii)) or other payments Interconnecting Transmission Owner receives or which Interconnecting Transmission Owner may be entitled with respect

to such payment. Affected System Interconnection Customer shall provide Interconnecting Transmission Owner with credit assurances sufficient to meet Affected System Interconnection Customer's estimated liability for reimbursement of Interconnecting Transmission Owner for taxes, interest, and/or penalties under this Article 3.3.1. Such estimated liability shall be stated in Appendix A.

To the extent that Interconnecting Transmission Owner is a limited liability company and not a corporation, and has elected to be taxed as a partnership, then the following shall apply: Interconnecting Transmission Owner represents, and the Parties acknowledge, that Interconnecting Transmission Owner is a limited liability company and is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes. Any payment made by Affected System Interconnection Customer to Interconnecting Transmission Owner for Affected System Network Upgrade(s) is to be treated as an upfront payment. It is anticipated by the Parties that any amounts paid by Affected System Interconnection Customer to Interconnecting Transmission Owner for Affected System Network Upgrade(s) will be reimbursed to Affected System Interconnection Customer in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, provided Affected System Interconnection Customer fulfills its obligations under this Agreement.

**3.3.2 Private Letter Ruling.** At Affected System Interconnection Customer's request and expense, Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall file with the Internal Revenue Service a request for a private letter ruling as to whether any property transferred or sums paid, or to be paid, by Affected System Interconnection Customer to Interconnecting Transmission Owner under this Agreement are subject to federal income taxation. Affected System Interconnection Customer will prepare the initial draft of the request for a private letter ruling and will certify under penalties of perjury that all facts represented in such request are true and accurate to the best of Affected System Interconnection Customer's knowledge. Interconnecting Transmission Owner and Affected System Interconnection Customer shall cooperate in good faith with respect to the submission of such request.

**3.3.3 Other Taxes.** Upon the timely request by Affected System Interconnection Customer, and at Affected System Interconnection Customer's sole expense, Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall appeal, protest, seek abatement of, or otherwise contest any tax (other than federal or state income tax) asserted or assessed against Interconnecting Transmission Owner for which Affected System Interconnection Customer may be required to reimburse Interconnecting Transmission Owner under the terms of this Agreement. Affected System Interconnection Customer shall pay to Interconnecting Transmission Owner on a periodic basis, as invoiced by Interconnecting Transmission Owner, Interconnecting Transmission Owner's documented reasonable costs of prosecuting such appeal, protest,

abatement, or other contest. Affected System Interconnection Customer and Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall cooperate in good faith with respect to any such contest. Unless the payment of such taxes is a prerequisite to an appeal or abatement or cannot be deferred, no amount shall be payable by Affected System Interconnection Customer to Interconnecting Transmission Owner for such taxes until they are assessed by a final, non-appealable order by any court or agency of competent jurisdiction. In the event that a tax payment is withheld and ultimately due and payable after appeal, Affected System Interconnection Customer will be responsible for all taxes, interest and penalties, other than penalties attributable to any delay caused by Interconnecting Transmission Owner. Each Party shall cooperate with the other Party to maintain each Party's tax status. Nothing in this Agreement is intended to adversely affect any Party's tax-exempt status with respect to the issuance of bonds including, but not limited to, local furnishing bonds, as described in section 142(f) of the Internal Revenue Code.

#### **ARTICLE 4**

#### **SECURITY, BILLING, AND PAYMENTS**

**4.1 Provision of Security.** By the earlier of (1) thirty (30) Calendar Days prior to the due date for Affected System Interconnection Customer's first payment under the payment schedule specified in Appendix A, or (2) the first date specified in Appendix A for the ordering of equipment by Interconnecting Transmission Owner for installing the Affected System Network Upgrade(s), Affected System Interconnection Customer shall provide Interconnecting Transmission Owner, at Affected System Interconnection Customer's option, a guarantee, a surety bond, letter of credit or other form of security that is reasonably acceptable to Interconnecting Transmission Owner. Such security for payment shall be in an amount sufficient to cover the costs for constructing, procuring, and installing the applicable portion of Affected System Network Upgrade(s) and shall be reduced on a dollar-for-dollar basis for payments made to Interconnecting Transmission Owner for these purposes.

The guarantee must be made by an entity that meets the creditworthiness requirements of Interconnecting Transmission Owner and contain terms and conditions that guarantee payment of any amount that may be due from Affected System Interconnection Customer, up to an agreed-to maximum amount. The letter of credit must be issued by a financial institution reasonably acceptable to Interconnecting Transmission Owner and must specify a reasonable expiration date. The surety bond must be issued by an insurer reasonably acceptable to Interconnecting Transmission Owner and must specify a reasonable expiration date.

**4.2 Invoice.** Each Party shall submit to the other Party, on a monthly basis, invoices of amounts due, if any, for the preceding month. Each invoice shall state the month to which the invoice applies and fully describe the services and equipment provided. The Parties may discharge mutual debts and payment obligations due and owing to each other on the same date through netting, in which case all amounts a Party owes to the other Party under this Agreement, including interest payments, shall be netted so that only the net amount remaining due shall be paid by the owing Party.

**4.3 Payment.** Invoices shall be rendered to the paying Party at the address specified by the Parties. The Party receiving the invoice shall pay the invoice within thirty (30) Calendar Days of receipt. All payments shall be made in immediately available funds payable to the other Party, or by wire transfer to a bank named and account designated by the invoicing Party. Payment of invoices by a Party will not constitute a waiver of any rights or claims that Party may have under this Agreement.

**4.4 Final Invoice.** Within six (6) months after completion of the construction of the Affected System Network Upgrade(s), Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall provide an invoice of the final cost of the construction of the Affected System Network Upgrade(s) and shall set forth such costs in sufficient detail to enable Affected System Interconnection Customer to compare the actual costs with the estimates and to ascertain deviations, if any, from the cost estimates. Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall refund, with interest (calculated in accordance with 18 CFR 35.19a(a)(2)(iii)), to Affected System Interconnection Customer any amount by which the actual payment by Affected System Interconnection Customer for estimated costs exceeds the actual costs of construction within thirty (30) Calendar Days of the issuance of such final construction invoice.

**4.5 Interest.** Interest on any unpaid amounts shall be calculated in accordance with 18 CFR 35.19a(a)(2)(iii).

**4.6 Payment During Dispute.** In the event of a billing dispute among the Parties, Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall continue to construct the Affected System Network Upgrade(s) under this Agreement as long as Affected System Interconnection Customer: (1) continues to make all payments not in dispute; and (2) pays to Interconnecting Transmission Owner or into an independent escrow account the portion of the invoice in dispute, pending resolution of such dispute. If Affected System Interconnection Customer fails to meet these two requirements, then Interconnecting Transmission Owner may provide notice to Affected System Interconnection Customer of a Default pursuant to Article 5. Within thirty (30) Calendar Days after the resolution of the dispute, the Party that owes money to another



Party shall pay the amount due with interest calculated in accordance with the methodology set forth in 18 CFR 35.19a(a)(2)(iii).

## **ARTICLE 5**

### **BREACH, CURE AND DEFAULT**

**5.1 Events of Breach.** A Breach of this Agreement shall include the:

- (a) Failure to pay any amount when due;
- (b) Failure to comply with any material term or condition of this Agreement, including but not limited to any material Breach of a representation, warranty, or covenant made in this Agreement;
- (c) Failure of a Party to provide such access rights, or a Party's attempt to revoke access or terminate such access rights, as provided under this Agreement; or
- (d) Failure of a Party to provide information or data to another Party as required under this Agreement, provided the Party entitled to the information or data under this Agreement requires such information or data to satisfy its obligations under this Agreement.

**5.2 Definition.** Breaching Party shall mean the Party that is in Breach.

**5.3 Notice of Breach, Cure, and Default.** Upon the occurrence of an event of Breach, the Party not in Breach, when it becomes aware of the Breach, shall give written notice of the Breach to the Breaching Party and to any other person representing a Party to this Agreement identified in writing to the other Party in advance. Such notice shall set forth, in reasonable detail, the nature of the Breach, and where known and applicable, the steps necessary to cure such Breach.

**5.3.1** Upon receiving written notice of the Breach hereunder, the Breaching Party shall have a period to cure such Breach (hereinafter referred to as the "Cure Period") which shall be sixty (60) Calendar Days.

**5.3.2** In the event the Breaching Party fails to cure within the Cure Period, the Breaching Party will be in Default of this Agreement, and the non-Defaulting Party may terminate this Agreement in accordance with Article 6.2 of this Agreement or take whatever action at law or in equity as may appear necessary or

desirable to enforce the performance or observance of any rights, remedies, obligations, agreement, or covenants under this Agreement.

**5.4 Rights in the Event of Default.** Notwithstanding the foregoing, upon the occurrence of a Default, the non-Defaulting Party shall be entitled to exercise all rights and remedies it may have in equity or at law.

## **ARTICLE 6**

### **TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT**

**6.1 Expiration of Term.** Except as otherwise specified in this Article 6, the Parties' obligations under this Agreement shall terminate at the conclusion of the term of this Agreement.

**6.2 Termination.** In addition to the termination provisions set forth in Article 2.2, a Party may terminate this Agreement upon the Default of the other Party in accordance with Article 5.2.2 of this Agreement. Subject to the limitations set forth in Article 6.3, in the event of a Default, the termination of this Agreement by the non-Defaulting Party shall require a filing at FERC of a notice of termination, which filing must be accepted for filing by FERC.

**6.3 Disposition of Facilities Upon Termination of Agreement.**

**6.3.1 Interconnecting Transmission Owner Obligations.** Upon termination of this Agreement, unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties in writing, Interconnecting Transmission Owner:

- (a) shall, prior to the construction and installation of any portion of the Affected System Network Upgrade(s) and to the extent possible, cancel any pending orders of, or return, such equipment or material for such Affected System Network Upgrade(s);
- (b) may keep in place any portion of the Affected System Network Upgrade(s) already constructed and installed; and,
- (c) shall perform such work as may be necessary to ensure the safety of persons and property and to preserve the integrity of New England Transmission System (e.g., construction demobilization to return the system to its original state, wind-up work).

**6.3.2 Affected System Interconnection Customer Obligations.** Upon billing by Interconnecting Transmission Owner, Affected System Interconnection Customer shall reimburse Interconnecting Transmission Owner for any costs incurred by Interconnecting Transmission Owner in performance of the actions required or permitted by Article 6.3.1 and for the cost of any Affected System Network Upgrade(s) described in Appendix A. Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall use Reasonable Efforts to minimize costs and shall offset the amounts owed by any salvage value of facilities, if applicable. Affected System Interconnection Customer shall pay these costs pursuant to Article 4.3 of this Agreement.

**6.3.3 Pre-construction or Installation.** Upon termination of this Agreement and prior to the construction and installation of any portion of the Affected System Network Upgrade(s), Interconnecting Transmission Owner may, at its option, retain any portion of such Affected System Network Upgrade(s) not cancelled or returned in accordance with Article 6.3.1(a), in which case Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall be responsible for all costs associated with procuring such Affected System Network Upgrade(s). To the extent that Affected System Interconnection Customer has already paid Interconnecting Transmission Owner for any or all of such costs, Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall refund Affected System Interconnection Customer for those payments. If Interconnecting Transmission Owner elects to not retain any portion of such facilities, Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall convey and make available to Affected System Interconnection Customer such facilities as soon as practicable after Affected System Interconnection Customer's payment for such facilities.

**6.4 Survival of Rights.** Termination or expiration of this Agreement shall not relieve either Party of any of its liabilities and obligations arising hereunder prior to the date termination becomes effective, and each Party may take whatever judicial or administrative actions as appear necessary or desirable to enforce its rights hereunder. The applicable provisions of this Agreement will continue in effect after expiration, or early termination hereof to the extent necessary to provide for (1) final billings, billing adjustments, and other billing procedures set forth in this Agreement; (2) the determination and enforcement of liability and indemnification obligations arising from acts or events that occurred while this Agreement was in effect; and (3) the confidentiality provisions set forth in Article 8.

## **ARTICLE 7**

### **SUBCONTRACTORS**

**7.1 Subcontractors.** Nothing in this Agreement shall prevent a Party from utilizing the services of subcontractors, as it deems appropriate, to perform its obligations under this Agreement; provided, however, that each Party shall require its subcontractors to comply with all applicable terms and conditions of this Agreement in providing such services, and each Party shall remain primarily liable to the other Party for the performance of such subcontractor.

**7.1.1 Responsibility of Principal.** The creation of any subcontract relationship shall not relieve the hiring Party of any of its obligations under this Agreement. In accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, each Party shall be fully responsible to the other Party for the acts or omissions of any subcontractor it hires as if no subcontract had been made. Any applicable obligation imposed by this Agreement upon a Party shall be equally binding upon, and shall be construed as having application to, any subcontractor of such Party.

**7.1.2 No Third-Party Beneficiary.** Except as may be specifically set forth to the contrary herein, no subcontractor or any other party is intended to be, nor will it be deemed to be, a third-party beneficiary of this Agreement.

**7.1.3 No Limitation by Insurance.** The obligations under this Article 7 will not be limited in any way by any limitation of any insurance policies or coverages, including any subcontractor's insurance.

## **ARTICLE 8**

### **CONFIDENTIALITY**

**8.1 Confidentiality.** Confidential Information shall include, without limitation, all information relating to a Party's technology, research and development, business affairs, and pricing, and any information supplied to the other Party prior to the execution of this Agreement.

Information is Confidential Information only if it is clearly designated or marked in writing as confidential on the face of the document, or, if the information is conveyed orally or by inspection, if the Party providing the information orally informs the Party receiving the information that the information is confidential. The Parties shall maintain as confidential any information that is provided and identified by a Party as Critical Energy Infrastructure Information (CEII), as that term is defined in 18 CFR 388.113(c).

Such confidentiality will be maintained in accordance with this Article 8. If requested by the receiving Party, the disclosing Party shall provide in writing, the basis for asserting that the information referred to in this Article warrants confidential treatment, and the requesting Party may disclose such writing to the appropriate Governmental Authority. Each Party shall be responsible for the costs associated with affording confidential treatment to its information.

**8.1.1 Term.** During the term of this Agreement, and for a period of three (3) years after the expiration or termination of this Agreement, except as otherwise provided in this Article 8 or with regard to CEII, each Party shall hold in confidence and shall not disclose to any person Confidential Information. CEII shall be treated in accordance with FERC policies and regulations.

**8.1.2 Scope.** Confidential Information shall not include information that the receiving Party can demonstrate: (1) is generally available to the public other than as a result of a disclosure by the receiving Party; (2) was in the lawful possession of the receiving Party on a non-confidential basis before receiving it from the disclosing Party; (3) was supplied to the receiving Party without restriction by a non-Party, who, to the knowledge of the receiving Party after due inquiry, was under no obligation to the disclosing Party to keep such information confidential; (4) was independently developed by the receiving Party without reference to Confidential Information of the disclosing Party; (5) is, or becomes, publicly known, through no wrongful act or omission of the receiving Party or Breach of this Agreement; or (6) is required, in accordance with Article 8.1.6 of this Agreement, to be disclosed by any Governmental Authority or is otherwise required to be disclosed by law or subpoena, or is necessary in any legal proceeding establishing rights and obligations under this Agreement. Information designated as Confidential Information will no longer be deemed confidential if the Party that designated the information as confidential notifies the receiving Party that it no longer is confidential.

**8.1.3 Release of Confidential Information.** No Party shall release or disclose Confidential Information to any other person, except to its Affiliates (limited by the Standards of Conduct requirements), subcontractors, employees, agents, consultants, or to non-Parties that may be or are considering providing financing to or equity participation with Affected System Interconnection Customer, or to potential purchasers or assignees of Affected System Interconnection Customer, on a need-to-know basis in connection with this Agreement, unless such person has first been advised of the confidentiality provisions of this Article 8 and has agreed to comply with such provisions.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Party providing Confidential Information to any person shall remain primarily responsible for any release of Confidential Information in contravention of this Article 8.

**8.1.4 Rights.** Each Party shall retain all rights, title, and interest in the Confidential Information that it discloses to the receiving Party. The disclosure by a Party to the receiving Party of Confidential Information shall not be deemed a waiver by the disclosing Party or any other person or entity of the right to protect the Confidential Information from public disclosure.

**8.1.5 Standard of Care.** Each Party shall use at least the same standard of care to protect Confidential Information it receives as it uses to protect its own Confidential Information from unauthorized disclosure, publication, or dissemination. Each Party may use Confidential Information solely to fulfill its obligations to the other Party under this Agreement or its regulatory requirements.

**8.1.6 Order of Disclosure.** If a court or a Government Authority or entity with the right, power, and apparent authority to do so requests or requires either Party, by subpoena, oral deposition, interrogatories, requests for production of documents, administrative order, or otherwise, to disclose Confidential Information, that Party shall provide the disclosing Party with prompt notice of such request(s) or requirement(s) so that the disclosing Party may seek an appropriate protective order or waive compliance with the terms of this Agreement. Notwithstanding the absence of a protective order or waiver, the Party may disclose such Confidential Information which, in the opinion of its counsel, the Party is legally compelled to disclose. Each Party will use Reasonable Efforts to obtain reliable assurance that confidential treatment will be accorded any Confidential Information so furnished.

**8.1.7 Termination of Agreement.** Upon termination of this Agreement for any reason, each Party shall, within ten (10) Business Days of receipt of a written request from the other Party, use Reasonable Efforts to destroy, erase, or delete (with such destruction, erasure, and deletion certified in writing to the requesting Party) or return to the requesting Party any and all written or electronic Confidential Information received from the requesting Party, except that each Party may keep one copy for archival purposes, provided that the obligation to treat it as Confidential Information in accordance with this Article 8 shall survive such termination.

**8.1.8 Remedies.** The Parties agree that monetary damages would be inadequate to compensate a Party for the other Party's Breach of its obligations under this Article 8. Each Party accordingly agrees that the disclosing Party shall be entitled to equitable relief, by way of injunction or otherwise, if the receiving

Party Breaches or threatens to Breach its obligations under this Article 8, which equitable relief shall be granted without bond or proof of damages, and the breaching Party shall not plead in defense that there would be an adequate remedy at law. Such remedy shall not be deemed an exclusive remedy for the Breach of this Article 8, but it shall be in addition to all other remedies available at law or in equity. The Parties further acknowledge and agree that the covenants contained herein are necessary for the protection of legitimate business interests and are reasonable in scope. Neither Party, however, shall be liable for indirect, incidental, or consequential or punitive damages of any nature or kind resulting from or arising in connection with this Article 8.

**8.1.9 Disclosure to FERC, its Staff, or a State Regulatory Body.** Notwithstanding anything in this Article 8 to the contrary, and pursuant to 18 CFR 1b.20, if FERC or its staff, during the course of an investigation or otherwise, requests information from a Party that is otherwise required to be maintained in confidence pursuant to this Agreement, the Party shall provide the requested information to FERC or its staff, within the time provided for in the request for information. In providing the information to FERC or its staff, the Party must, consistent with 18 CFR 388.112, request that the information be treated as confidential and non-public by FERC and its staff and that the information be withheld from public disclosure. Parties are prohibited from notifying the other Party to this Agreement prior to the release of the Confidential Information to FERC or its staff. The Party shall notify the other Party to the Agreement when it is notified by FERC or its staff that a request to release Confidential Information has been received by FERC, at which time either of the Parties may respond before such information would be made public, pursuant to 18 CFR 388.112. Requests from a state regulatory body conducting a confidential investigation shall be treated in a similar manner if consistent with the applicable state rules and regulations.

**8.1.10** Subject to the exception in Article 8.1.9, any information that a disclosing Party claims is competitively sensitive, commercial, or financial information under this Agreement shall not be disclosed by the receiving Party to any person not employed or retained by the receiving Party, except to the extent disclosure is (1) required by law; (2) reasonably deemed by the disclosing Party to be required to be disclosed in connection with a dispute between or among the Parties, or the defense of litigation or dispute; (3) otherwise permitted by consent of the disclosing Party, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld; or (4) necessary to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement or as the Interconnecting Transmission Owner or a balancing authority, including disclosing the Confidential Information to a regional or national reliability organization. The Party asserting confidentiality shall notify the receiving Party in writing of the information that Party claims is confidential. Prior to any disclosures of that

Party's Confidential Information under this subparagraph, or if any non-Party or Governmental Authority makes any request or demand for any of the information described in this subparagraph, the Party that received the Confidential Information from the disclosing Party agrees to promptly notify the disclosing Party in writing and agrees to assert confidentiality and cooperate with the disclosing Party in seeking to protect the Confidential Information from public disclosure by confidentiality agreement, protective order, or other reasonable measures.

## **ARTICLE 9**

### **INFORMATION ACCESS AND AUDIT RIGHTS**

**9.1 Information Access.** Each Party shall make available to the other Party information necessary to verify the costs incurred by the other Party for which the requesting Party is responsible under this Agreement and carry out obligations and responsibilities under this Agreement, provided that the Parties shall not use such information for purposes other than those set forth in this Article 9.1 and to enforce their rights under this Agreement.

**9.2 Audit Rights.** Subject to the requirements of confidentiality under Article 8 of this Agreement, the accounts and records related to the design, engineering, procurement, and construction of the Affected System Network Upgrade(s) shall be subject to audit during the period of this Agreement and for a period of twenty-four (24) months following Interconnecting Transmission Owner's issuance of a final invoice in accordance with Article 4.4. Affected System Interconnection Customer at its expense shall have the right, during normal business hours, and upon prior reasonable notice to Interconnecting Transmission Owner, to audit such accounts and records. Any audit authorized by this Article 9.2 shall be performed at the offices where such accounts and records are maintained and shall be limited to those portions of such accounts and records that relate to obligations under this Agreement.

## **ARTICLE 10**

### **NOTICES**

**10.1 General.** Any notice, demand, or request required or permitted to be given by a Party to the other Party, and any instrument required or permitted to be tendered or delivered by a Party in writing to another Party, may be so given, tendered, or delivered, as the case may be, by depositing the same with the United States Postal Service with postage prepaid, for transmission by certified or registered mail, addressed to the Parties, or personally delivered to the Parties, at the address set out below:

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To Interconnecting Transmission Owner:

To Affected System Interconnection Customer:

**10.2 Billings and Payments.** Billings and payments shall be sent to the addresses shown in Article 10.1 unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties.

**10.3 Alternative Forms of Notice.** Any notice or request required or permitted to be given by a Party to the other Party and not required by this Agreement to be given in writing may be so given by telephone, facsimile or email to the telephone numbers and email addresses set out below:

To Interconnecting Transmission Owner:

To Affected System Interconnection Customer:

**10.4 Execution and Filing.** Affected System Interconnection Customer shall either: (i) execute two originals of this tendered Agreement and return them to Interconnecting Transmission Owner; or (ii) request in writing that Interconnecting Transmission Owner file with FERC this Agreement in unexecuted form. As soon as practicable, but not later than ten (10) Business Days after receiving either the two executed originals of this tendered Agreement (if it does not conform with a FERC-approved standard form of this Agreement) or the request to file this Agreement unexecuted, Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall file this Agreement with FERC, together with its explanation of any matters as to which Affected System Interconnection Customer and Interconnecting Transmission Owner disagree and support for the costs that Interconnecting Transmission Owner proposes to charge to Affected System Interconnection Customer under this Agreement. An unexecuted version of this Agreement should

contain terms and conditions deemed appropriate by Interconnecting Transmission Owner for the Affected System Interconnection Customer's generating facility. If the Parties agree to proceed with design, procurement, and construction of facilities and upgrades under the agreed-upon terms of the unexecuted version of this Agreement, they may proceed pending FERC action.

## **ARTICLE 11**

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

**11.1 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.

**11.2 Disclaimer of Warranty.** In conducting the duties described herein, 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, 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 carrying out such responsibilities. Affected System 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.

**11.3 Force Majeure, Liability and Indemnification.**

**11.3.1 Force Majeure.** Neither Interconnecting Transmission Owner nor an Affected System 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 Interconnecting Transmission Owner or the Interconnection Customer, whichever is appropriate, of the commencement and end of each event of Force Majeure.

**11.3.2 Liability.** Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall not be liable for money damages or other compensation to the Affected System 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. Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall not be liable for money damages or other compensation to the Affected System 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 Affected System Interconnection Customer has claims against Interconnecting Transmission Owner, the Affected System Interconnection Customer may only look to the assets of 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 Interconnecting Transmission Owner or Affiliate of either who, the Affected System Interconnection Customer acknowledges and agrees, have no personal or other liability for obligations of Interconnecting Transmission Owner by reason of their status as directors, members, shareholders, officers, employees or agents of Interconnecting Transmission Owner or Affiliate of either. In no event shall Interconnecting Transmission Owner or any Affected System 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 Affected System Interconnection Customer's obligations under the Indemnification section below.

**11.3.3 Indemnification.** Affected System Interconnection Customer shall at all times indemnify, defend, and save harmless 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 Interconnecting Transmission Owner under this Agreement, any bankruptcy filings made by the Affected System Interconnection Customer, or the actions or omissions of the Affected System Interconnection Customer in connection with this Agreement, except 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, 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 Affected System Interconnection Customer to indemnify Interconnecting Transmission Owners shall be several, and not joint or joint and several.

**11.4 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.

**11.5 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.

**11.6 Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, and each counterpart shall have the same force and effect as the original instrument.

**11.7 Amendment.** No amendment, modification or waiver of any term hereof shall be effective unless set forth in writing and signed by the Parties hereto.

**11.8 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.

**11.9 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.

**11.10 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.

**11.11 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.

[Signature Page to Follow]

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Parties have executed this Agreement in multiple originals, each of which shall constitute and be an original Agreement among the Parties.

Interconnecting Transmission Owner

**{Interconnecting Transmission Owner}**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Affected System Interconnection Customer

**{Affected System Interconnection Customer}**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Attachment A to Appendix 9**  
**Two-Party Affected System Facilities Construction Agreement**

**AFFECTED SYSTEM NETWORK UPGRADE(S), COST ESTIMATES AND RESPONSIBILITY,  
CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE AND MONTHLY PAYMENT SCHEDULE**

This Appendix A is a part of the Affected System Facilities Construction Agreement between Affected System Interconnection Customer and Interconnecting Transmission Owner.

**1.1 Affected System Network Upgrade(s) to be installed by Interconnecting Transmission Owner.**

{description}

**1.2 First Equipment Order (including permitting).**

{description}

**1.2.1. Permitting and Land Rights – Interconnecting Transmission Owner Affected System Network Upgrade(s)**

{description}

**1.3 Construction Schedule.** Where applicable, construction of the Affected System Network Upgrade(s) is scheduled as follows and will be periodically updated as necessary:

**Table 1: Interconnecting Transmission Owner Construction Activities**

<b>MILESTONE NUMBER</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>START DATE</b>	<b>END DATE</b>


Note: Construction schedule assumes that Interconnecting Transmission Owner has obtained final authorizations and security from Affected System Interconnection Customer and all necessary permits from Governmental Authorities as necessary prerequisites to commence construction of any of the Affected System Network Upgrade(s).

#### **1.4 Payment Schedule.**

##### **1.4.1 Timing of and Adjustments to Affected System Interconnection Customer's Payments and Security.**

{description}

**1.4.2 Monthly Payment Schedule.** Affected System Interconnection Customer's payment schedule is as follows.

{description}

**Table 2: Affected System Interconnection Customer's Payment/Security Obligations for Affected System Network Upgrade(s).**

<b>MILESTONE NUMBER</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>DATE</b>




Note: Affected System Interconnection Customer's payment or provision of security as provided in this Agreement operates as a condition precedent to Interconnecting Transmission Owner's obligations to construct any Affected System Network Upgrade(s), and failure to meet this schedule will constitute a Breach pursuant to Article 5.1 of this Agreement.

## **1.5 Permits, Licenses, and Authorizations.**

**{description}**

**Attachment B to Appendix 9**

**Two-Party Affected System Facilities Construction Agreement**

**NOTIFICATION OF COMPLETED CONSTRUCTION**

This Appendix B is a part of the Affected Systems Facilities Construction Agreement between Affected System Interconnection Customer and Interconnecting Transmission Owner. Where applicable, when Interconnecting Transmission Owner has completed construction of the Affected System Network Upgrade(s), Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall send notice to Affected System Interconnection Customer in substantially the form following:

{Date}

{Affected System Interconnection Customer Address}

Re: Completion of Affected System Network Upgrade(s)

Dear {Name or Title}:

This letter is sent pursuant to the Affected System Facilities Construction Agreement between {Interconnecting Transmission Owner} and {Affected System Interconnection Customer}, dated \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

On {Date}, Interconnecting Transmission Owner completed to its satisfaction all work on the Affected System Network Upgrade(s) required to facilitate the safe and reliable interconnection and operation of Affected System Interconnection Customer's {description of generating facility}. Interconnecting Transmission Owner confirms that the Affected System Network Upgrade(s) are in place.

Thank you.

{Signature}

{Interconnecting Transmission Owner Representative}

**Attachment C to Appendix 9**

**Two-Party Affected System Facilities Construction Agreement**

**EXHIBITS**

This Appendix C is a part of the Affected System Facilities Construction Agreement among Affected System Interconnection Customer and Interconnecting Transmission Owner.

**Exhibit A1**  
**Interconnecting Transmission Owner Site Map**

**Exhibit A2**  
**Site Plan**

**Exhibit A3**  
**Affected System Network Upgrade(s) Plan & Profile**

**Exhibit A4**  
**Estimated Cost of Affected System Network Upgrade(s)**

	<b>Location</b>	<b>Facilities to Be Constructed by Interconnecting Transmission Owner</b>	<b>Estimate in Dollars</b>
		<b>Total:</b>	

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**APPENDIX 10 TO SGIP**  
**MULTIPARTY AFFECTED SYSTEM FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT**

**THIS AGREEMENT** is made and entered into this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, by and among \_\_\_\_\_, organized and existing under the laws of the State of \_\_\_\_\_ (Affected System Interconnection Customer); \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_ organized and existing under the laws of the State of \_\_\_\_\_ (Affected System Interconnection Customer); and \_\_\_\_\_, an entity organized under the laws of the State of \_\_\_\_\_ (Interconnecting Transmission). Affected System Interconnection Customers and Interconnecting Transmission Owner each may be referred to as a “Party” or collectively as the “Parties.” When it is not important to differentiate among them, Affected System Interconnection Customers each may be referred to as “Affected System Interconnection Customer” or collectively as “Affected System Interconnection Customers.”

**RECITALS**

**WHEREAS**, Affected System Interconnection Customers are proposing to develop {description of generating facilities or generating capacity additions to an existing generating facility}, consistent with the interconnection requests submitted by Affected System Interconnection Customers to {name of host Interconnecting Transmission Owner}, dated \_\_\_\_\_, for which {name of host Interconnecting Transmission Owner} found impacts on New England Transmission System; and

**WHEREAS**, Affected System Interconnection Customers desire to interconnect the {generating facilities} to {name of host Interconnecting Transmission Owner}'s transmission system; and

**WHEREAS**, additions, modifications, and upgrade(s) must be made to certain existing facilities of New England Transmission System to accommodate such interconnection; and

**WHEREAS**, Affected System Interconnection Customers have requested, and Interconnecting Transmission Owner has agreed, to enter into this Agreement for the purpose of facilitating the construction of necessary Affected System Network Upgrade(s);

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

## **ARTICLE 1 DEFINITIONS**

When used in this Agreement, with initial capitalization, the terms specified and not otherwise defined in this Agreement shall have the meanings indicated in this SGIP.

## **ARTICLE 2 TERM OF AGREEMENT**

**2.1 Effective Date.** This Agreement shall become effective upon execution by the Parties subject to acceptance by FERC (if applicable), or if filed unexecuted, upon the date specified by FERC.

**2.2 Term.**

**2.2.1 General.** This Agreement shall become effective as provided in Article 2.1 and shall continue in full force and effect until the earlier of (1) the final repayment, where applicable, by Interconnecting Transmission Owner of the amount funded by Affected System Interconnection Customers for Interconnecting Transmission Owner's design, procurement, construction, and installation of the Affected System Network Upgrade(s) provided in Appendix A; (2) the Parties agree to mutually terminate this Agreement; (3) earlier termination is permitted or provided for under Appendix A of this Agreement; or (4) Affected System Interconnection Customers terminate this Agreement after providing Interconnecting Transmission Owner with written notice at least sixty (60) Calendar Days prior to the proposed termination date, provided that Affected System Interconnection Customers have no outstanding contractual obligations to Interconnecting Transmission Owner under this Agreement. No termination of this Agreement shall be effective until the Parties have complied with all Applicable Laws and Regulations applicable to such termination. The term of this Agreement may be adjusted upon mutual agreement of the Parties if the commercial operation date(s) for the {generating facilities} is adjusted in accordance with the rules and procedures established by {name of host Interconnecting Transmission Owner} or the in-service date for the Affected System Network Upgrade(s) is adjusted in accordance with the rules and procedures established by Interconnecting Transmission Owner.

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**2.2.2 Termination Upon Default.** Default shall mean the failure of a Breaching Party to cure its Breach in accordance with Article 5 of this Agreement where Breach and Breaching Party are defined in Article 5. Defaulting Party shall mean the Party that is in Default. In the event of a Default by a Party, each non-Defaulting Party shall have the termination rights described in Articles 5 and 6; provided, however, Interconnecting Transmission Owner may not terminate this Agreement if an Affected System Interconnection Customer is the Defaulting Party and compensates Interconnecting Transmission Owner within thirty (30) Calendar Days for the amount of damages billed to Affected System Interconnection Customer(s) by Interconnecting Transmission Owner for any such damages, including costs and expenses incurred by Interconnecting Transmission Owner as a result of such Default. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Default by one or more Affected System Interconnection Customers shall not provide the other Affected System Interconnection Customer(s), either individually or in concert, with the right to terminate the entire Agreement. The non-Defaulting Party/Parties may, individually or in concert, initiate the removal of an Affected System Interconnection Customer that is a Defaulting Party from this Agreement. Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall not terminate this Agreement or the participation of any Affected System Interconnection Customer without provision being made for Interconnecting Transmission Owner to be fully reimbursed for all of its costs incurred under this Agreement.

**2.2.3 Consequences of Termination.** In the event of a termination by a Party, other than a termination by Affected System Interconnection Customer(s) due to a Default by Interconnecting Transmission Owner, each Affected System Interconnection Customer whose participation in this Agreement is terminated shall be responsible for the payment to Interconnecting Transmission Owner of all amounts then due and payable for construction and installation of the Affected System Network Upgrade(s) (including, without limitation, any equipment ordered related to such construction), plus all out-of-pocket expenses incurred by Interconnecting Transmission Owner in connection with the construction and installation of the Affected System Network Upgrade(s), through the date of termination, and, in the event of the termination of the entire Agreement, any actual costs which Interconnecting Transmission Owner reasonably incurs in (1) winding up work and construction demobilization and (2) ensuring the safety of persons and property and the integrity and safe and reliable operation of New England Transmission System. Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall use Reasonable Efforts to minimize such costs. The cost responsibility of other Affected System Interconnection Customers shall be adjusted, as necessary, based on the payments by an Affected System Interconnection Customer that is terminated from the Agreement.

**2.2.4 Reservation of Rights.** Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall have the right to make a unilateral filing with FERC to modify this Agreement with respect to any rates, terms and conditions, charges, classifications of service, rule or regulation under section 205 or any other applicable provision of the Federal Power Act and FERC's rules and regulations thereunder, and Affected System Interconnection Customers shall have the right to make a unilateral filing with FERC to modify this Agreement pursuant to section 206 or any other applicable provision of the Federal Power Act and FERC's rules and regulations thereunder; provided that each Party shall have the right to protest any such filing by the other Party and to participate fully in any proceeding before FERC in which such modifications may be considered. Nothing in this Agreement shall limit the rights of the Parties or of FERC under sections 205 or 206 of the Federal Power Act and FERC's rules and regulations thereunder, except to the extent that the Parties otherwise mutually agree as provided herein.

**2.3 Filing.** Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall file this Agreement (and any amendment hereto) with the appropriate Governmental Authority, if required. Affected System Interconnection Customers may request that any information so provided be subject to the confidentiality provisions of Article 8. Each Affected System Interconnection Customer that has executed this Agreement, or any amendment thereto, shall reasonably cooperate with Interconnecting Transmission Owner with respect to such filing and to provide any information reasonably requested by Interconnecting Transmission Owner needed to comply with applicable regulatory requirements.

**2.4 Survival.** This Agreement shall continue in effect after termination, to the extent necessary, to provide for final billings and payments and for costs incurred hereunder, including billings and payments pursuant to this Agreement; to permit the determination and enforcement of liability and indemnification obligations arising from acts or events that occurred while this Agreement was in effect; and to permit each Party to have access to the lands of the other Party pursuant to this Agreement or other applicable agreements, to disconnect, remove, or salvage its own facilities and equipment.

**2.5 Termination Obligations.** Upon any termination pursuant to this Agreement or termination of the participation in this Agreement of an Affected System Interconnection Customer, each Affected System Interconnection Customer shall be responsible for the payment of its proportionate share of all costs or other contractual obligations incurred prior to the termination date, including previously incurred capital costs, penalties for early termination, and costs of removal and site restoration. The cost responsibility of the other Affected System Interconnection Customers shall be adjusted as necessary.

**ARTICLE 3**  
**CONSTRUCTION OF AFFECTED SYSTEM NETWORK UPGRADE(S)**

**3.1 Construction.**

**3.1.1 Interconnecting Transmission Owner Obligations.** Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall (or shall cause such action to) design, procure, construct, and install, and Affected System Interconnection Customers shall pay, consistent with Article 3.2, the costs of all Affected System Network Upgrade(s) identified in Appendix A. All Affected System Network Upgrade(s) designed, procured, constructed, and installed by Interconnecting Transmission Owner pursuant to this Agreement shall satisfy all requirements of applicable safety and/or engineering codes and comply with Good Utility Practice, and further, shall satisfy all Applicable Laws and Regulations. Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall not be required to undertake any action which is inconsistent with its standard safety practices, its material and equipment specifications, its design criteria and construction procedures, its labor agreements, or any Applicable Laws and Regulations.

**3.1.2 Suspension of Work.**

**3.1.2.1 Right to Suspend.** Affected System Interconnection Customers must jointly provide to Interconnecting Transmission Owner written notice of their request for suspension. Only the milestones described in the Appendices of this Agreement are subject to suspension under this Article 3.1.2. Affected System Network Upgrade(s) will be constructed on the schedule described in the Appendices of this Agreement unless: (1) construction is prevented by the order of a Governmental Authority; (2) the Affected System Network Upgrade(s) are not needed by any other Interconnection Customer; or (3) Interconnecting Transmission Owner determines that a Force Majeure event prevents construction. In the event of (1), (2), or (3), any security paid to Interconnecting Transmission Owner under Article 4.1 of this Agreement shall be released by Interconnecting Transmission Owner upon the determination by Interconnecting Transmission Owner that the Affected System Network Upgrade(s) will no longer be constructed. If suspension occurs, Affected System Interconnection Customers shall be responsible for the costs which Interconnecting Transmission Owner incurs (i) in accordance with this Agreement prior to the suspension; (ii) in suspending such work, including any costs incurred to perform such work as may be necessary to ensure the safety of persons and property and the integrity of New England Transmission System and, if applicable, any costs incurred in connection with the cancellation of



contracts and orders for material which Interconnecting Transmission Owner cannot reasonably avoid; and (iii) reasonably incurs in winding up work and construction demobilization; provided, however, that, prior to canceling any such contracts or orders, Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall obtain Affected System Interconnection Customers' authorization. Affected System Interconnection Customers shall be responsible for all costs incurred in connection with Affected System Interconnection Customers' failure to authorize cancellation of such contracts or orders.

Interest on amounts paid by Affected System Interconnection Customers to Interconnecting Transmission Owner for the design, procurement, construction, and installation of the Affected System Network Upgrade(s) shall not accrue during periods in which Affected System Interconnection Customers have suspended construction under this Article 3.1.2.

Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall invoice Affected System Interconnection Customers pursuant to Article 4 and will use Reasonable Efforts to minimize its costs. In the event Affected System Interconnection Customers suspend work by Affected System Interconnecting Transmission Owner required under this Agreement pursuant to this Article 3.1.2.1, and have not requested Affected System Interconnecting Transmission Owner to recommence the work required under this Agreement on or before the expiration of three (3) years following commencement of such suspension, this Agreement shall be deemed terminated. The three-year period shall begin on the date the suspension is requested, or the date of the written notice to Affected System Interconnecting Transmission Owner, whichever is earlier, if no effective date of suspension is specified.

**3.1.3 Construction Status.** Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall keep Affected System Interconnection Customers advised periodically as to the progress of its design, procurement, and construction efforts, as described in Appendix A. An Affected System Interconnection Customer may, at any time and reasonably, request a progress report from Interconnecting Transmission Owner. If, at any time, an Affected System Interconnection Customer determines that the completion of the Affected System Network Upgrade(s) will not be required until after the specified in-service date, such Affected System Interconnection Customer will provide written notice to all other Parties of such later date for which the completion of the Affected System Network Upgrade(s) would be required. Interconnecting Transmission Owner may delay the in-service date of the Affected System Network Upgrade(s) accordingly, but only if agreed to by all other Affected System Interconnection Customers.

**3.1.4 Timely Completion.** Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall use Reasonable Efforts to design, procure, construct, install, and test the Affected System Network Upgrade(s) in accordance with the schedule set forth in Appendix A, which schedule may be revised from time to time by mutual agreement of the Parties. If any event occurs that will affect the time or ability to complete the Affected System Network Upgrade(s), Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall promptly notify all other Parties. In such circumstances, Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall, within fifteen (15) Calendar Days of such notice, convene a meeting with Affected System Interconnection Customers to evaluate the alternatives available to Affected System Interconnection Customers. Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall also make available to Affected System Interconnection Customers all studies and work papers related to the event and corresponding delay, including all information that is in the possession of Interconnecting Transmission Owner that is reasonably needed by Affected System Interconnection Customers to evaluate alternatives, subject to confidentiality arrangements consistent with Article 8. Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall, at any Affected System Interconnection Customer's request and expense, use Reasonable Efforts to accelerate its work under this Agreement to meet the schedule set forth in Appendix A, provided that (1) Affected System Interconnection Customers jointly authorize such actions, such authorizations to be withheld, conditioned, or delayed by a given Affected System Interconnection Customer only if it can demonstrate that the acceleration would have a material adverse effect on it; and (2) the requesting Affected System Interconnection Customer(s) funds the costs associated therewith in advance, or all Affected System Interconnection Customers agree in advance to fund such costs based on such other allocation method as they may adopt.

## **3.2 Interconnection Costs.**

**3.2.1 Costs.** Affected System Interconnection Customers shall pay to Interconnecting Transmission Owner costs (including taxes and financing costs) associated with seeking and obtaining all necessary approvals and of designing, engineering, constructing, and testing the Affected System Network Upgrade(s), as identified in Appendix A, in accordance with the cost recovery method provided herein. Except as expressly otherwise agreed, Affected System Interconnection Customers shall be collectively responsible for these costs, based on their proportionate share of cost responsibility, as provided in Appendix A. Unless Interconnecting Transmission Owner elects to fund the Affected System Network Upgrade(s), they shall be initially funded by the applicable Affected System Interconnection Customer.

**3.2.1.1 Lands of Other Property Owners.** If any part of the Affected System Network Upgrade(s) is to be installed on property owned by persons other than Affected System Interconnection Customers or Interconnecting Transmission Owner, Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall, at Affected System Interconnection Customers' expense, use efforts similar in nature and extent to those that it typically undertakes on its own behalf or on behalf of its Affiliates, including use of its eminent domain authority to the extent permitted and consistent with Applicable Laws and Regulations and, to the extent consistent with such Applicable Laws and Regulations, to procure from such persons any rights of use, licenses, rights-of-way, and easements that are necessary to construct, operate, maintain, test, inspect, replace, or remove the Affected System Network Upgrade(s) upon such property.

### **3.2.2 Repayment.**

**3.2.2.1 Repayment.** Consistent with articles 11.4.1 and 11.4.2 of the Interconnecting Transmission Owner's pro forma SGIA, each Affected System Interconnection Customer shall be entitled to a cash repayment by Interconnecting Transmission Owner of the amount each Affected System Interconnection Customer paid to Interconnecting Transmission Owner, if any, for the Affected System Network Upgrade(s), including any tax gross-up or other tax-related payments associated with the Affected System Network Upgrade(s), and not refunded to Affected System Interconnection Customer pursuant to Article 3.3.1 or otherwise. The Parties may mutually agree to a repayment schedule, to be outlined in Appendix A, not to exceed twenty (20) years from the commercial operation date, for the complete repayment for all applicable costs associated with the Affected System Network Upgrade(s). Any repayment shall include interest calculated in accordance with the methodology set forth in FERC's regulations at 18 CFR 35.19 a(a)(2)(iii) from the date of any payment for Affected System Network Upgrade(s) through the date on which Affected System Interconnection Customers receive a repayment of such payment pursuant to this subparagraph. Interest shall not accrue during periods in which Affected System Interconnection Customers have suspended construction pursuant to Article 3.1.2.1. Affected System Interconnection Customers may assign such repayment rights to any person.

**3.2.2.2 Impact of Failure to Achieve Commercial Operation.** If an Affected System Interconnection Customer's generating facility fails to achieve commercial operation, but it or another generating facility is later constructed and makes use of the Affected System Network Upgrade(s), Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall at that time reimburse such Affected System Interconnection Customers for the portion of the Affected System Network Upgrade(s) it funded. Before any such

reimbursement can occur, Affected System Interconnection Customer (or the entity that ultimately constructs the generating facility, if different), is responsible for identifying the entity to which the reimbursement must be made.

### **3.3 Taxes.**

**3.3.1 Indemnification for Contributions in Aid of Construction.** With regard only to payments made by Affected System Interconnection Customers to Interconnecting Transmission Owner for the installation of the Affected System Network Upgrade(s), Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall not include a gross-up for income taxes in the amounts it charges Affected System Interconnection Customers for the installation of the Affected System Network Upgrade(s) unless (1) Interconnecting Transmission Owner has determined, in good faith, that the payments or property transfers made by Affected System Interconnection Customers to Interconnecting Transmission Owner should be reported as income subject to taxation, or (2) any Governmental Authority directs Interconnecting Transmission Owner to report payments or property as income subject to taxation. Affected System Interconnection Customers shall reimburse Interconnecting Transmission Owner for such costs on a fully grossed-up basis, in accordance with this Article, within thirty (30) Calendar Days of receiving written notification from Interconnecting Transmission Owner of the amount due, including detail about how the amount was calculated.

The indemnification obligation shall terminate at the earlier of (1) the expiration of the ten (10)-year testing period and the applicable statute of limitation, as it may be extended by Interconnecting Transmission Owner upon request of the Internal Revenue Service, to keep these years open for audit or adjustment, or (2) the occurrence of a subsequent taxable event and the payment of any related indemnification obligations as contemplated by this Article. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Article 3.3.1, and to the extent permitted by law, to the extent that the receipt of such payments by Interconnecting Transmission Owner is determined by any Governmental Authority to constitute income by Interconnecting Transmission Owner subject to taxation, Affected System Interconnection Customers shall protect, indemnify, and hold harmless Interconnecting Transmission Owner and its Affiliates, from all claims by any such Governmental Authority for any tax, interest, and/or penalties associated with such determination. Upon receiving written notification of such determination from the Governmental Authority, Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall provide Affected System Interconnection Customers with written notification within thirty (30) Calendar Days of such determination and notification. Interconnecting Transmission Owner, upon the timely written request by any one or more Affected System Interconnection Customer(s) and at the expense of such Affected System

Interconnection Customer(s), shall appeal, protest, seek abatement of, or otherwise oppose such determination. Interconnecting Transmission Owner reserves the right to make all decisions with regard to the prosecution of such appeal, protest, abatement or other contest, including the compromise or settlement of the claim; provided that Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall cooperate and consult in good faith with the requesting Affected System Interconnection Customer(s) regarding the conduct of such contest. Affected System Interconnection Customer(s) shall not be required to pay Interconnecting Transmission Owner for the tax, interest, and/or penalties prior to the seventh (7th) Calendar Day before the date on which Interconnecting Transmission Owner (1) is required to pay the tax, interest, and/or penalties or other amount in lieu thereof pursuant to a compromise or settlement of the appeal, protest, abatement, or other contest; (2) is required to pay the tax, interest, and/or penalties as the result of a final, non-appealable order by a Governmental Authority; or (3) is required to pay the tax, interest, and/or penalties as a prerequisite to an appeal, protest, abatement, or other contest. In the event such appeal, protest, abatement, or other contest results in a determination that Interconnecting Transmission Owner is not liable for any portion of any tax, interest, and/or penalties for which any Affected System Interconnection Customer(s) has already made payment to Interconnecting Transmission Owner, Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall promptly refund to such Affected System Interconnection Customer(s) any payment attributable to the amount determined to be non-taxable, plus any interest (calculated in accordance with 18 CFR 35.19a(a)(2)(iii)) or other payments Interconnecting Transmission Owner receives or to which Interconnecting Transmission Owner may be entitled with respect to such payment. Each Affected System Interconnection Customer shall provide Interconnecting Transmission Owner with credit assurances sufficient to meet each Affected System Interconnection Customer's estimated liability for reimbursement of Interconnecting Transmission Owner for taxes, interest, and/or penalties under this Article 3.3.1. Such estimated liability shall be stated in Appendix A.

To the extent that Interconnecting Transmission Owner is a limited liability company and not a corporation, and has elected to be taxed as a partnership, then the following shall apply: Interconnecting Transmission Owner represents, and the Parties acknowledge, that Interconnecting Transmission Owner is a limited liability company and is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes. Any payment made by Affected System Interconnection Customers to Interconnecting Transmission Owner for Affected System Network Upgrade(s) is to be treated as an upfront payment. It is anticipated by the Parties that any amounts paid by each Affected System Interconnection Customer to Interconnecting Transmission Owner for Affected System Network Upgrade(s) will be reimbursed to such Affected System Interconnection Customer in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, provided such Affected System Interconnection Customer fulfills its obligations under this Agreement.

**3.3.2 Private Letter Ruling.** At the request and expense of any Affected System Interconnection Customer(s), Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall file with the Internal Revenue Service a request for a private letter ruling as to whether any property transferred or sums paid, or to be paid, by such Affected System Interconnection Customer(s) to Interconnecting Transmission Owner under this Agreement are subject to federal income taxation. Each Affected System Interconnection Customer desiring such a request will prepare the initial draft of the request for a private letter ruling and will certify under penalties of perjury that all facts represented in such request are true and accurate to the best of such Affected System Interconnection Customer's knowledge. Interconnecting Transmission Owner and such Affected System Interconnection Customer(s) shall cooperate in good faith with respect to the submission of such request.

**3.3.3 Other Taxes.** Upon the timely request by any one or more Affected System Interconnection Customer(s), and at such Affected System Interconnection Customer(s)' sole expense, Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall appeal, protest, seek abatement of, or otherwise contest any tax (other than federal or state income tax) asserted or assessed against Interconnecting Transmission Owner for which such Affected System Interconnection Customer(s) may be required to reimburse Interconnecting Transmission Owner under the terms of this Agreement. Affected System Interconnection Customer(s) who requested the action shall pay to Interconnecting Transmission Owner on a periodic basis, as invoiced by Interconnecting Transmission Owner, Interconnecting Transmission Owner's documented reasonable costs of prosecuting such appeal, protest, abatement, or other contest. The requesting Affected System Interconnection Customer(s) and Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall cooperate in good faith with respect to any such contest. Unless the payment of such taxes is a prerequisite to an appeal or abatement or cannot be deferred, no amount shall be payable by Affected System Interconnection Customer(s) to Interconnecting Transmission Owner for such taxes until they are assessed by a final, non-appealable order by any court or agency of competent jurisdiction. In the event that a tax payment is withheld and ultimately due and payable after appeal, Affected System Interconnection Customer(s) will be responsible for all taxes, interest, and penalties, other than penalties attributable to any delay caused by Interconnecting Transmission Owner. Each Party shall cooperate with the other Party to maintain each Party's tax status. Nothing in this Agreement is intended to adversely affect any Party's tax-exempt status with respect to the issuance of bonds including, but not limited to, local furnishing bonds, as described in section 142(f) of the Internal Revenue Code.

## **ARTICLE 4**

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## SECURITY, BILLING, AND PAYMENTS

**4.1 Provision of Security.** By the earlier of (1) thirty (30) Calendar Days prior to the due date for each Affected System Interconnection Customer's first payment under the payment schedule specified in Appendix A, or (2) the first date specified in Appendix A for the ordering of equipment by Interconnecting Transmission Owner for installing the Affected System Network Upgrade(s), each Affected System Interconnection Customer shall provide Interconnecting Transmission Owner, at each Affected System Interconnection Customer's option, a guarantee, a surety bond, letter of credit, or other form of security that is reasonably acceptable to Interconnecting Transmission Owner. Such security for payment shall be in an amount sufficient to cover the costs for constructing, procuring, and installing the applicable portion of Affected System Network Upgrade(s) and shall be reduced on a dollar-for-dollar basis for payments made to Interconnecting Transmission Owner for these purposes.

The guarantee must be made by an entity that meets the creditworthiness requirements of Interconnecting Transmission Owner and contain terms and conditions that guarantee payment of any amount that may be due from such Affected System Interconnection Customer, up to an agreed-to maximum amount. The letter of credit must be issued by a financial institution reasonably acceptable to Interconnecting Transmission Owner and must specify a reasonable expiration date. The surety bond must be issued by an insurer reasonably acceptable to Interconnecting Transmission Owner and must specify a reasonable expiration date.

**4.2 Invoice.** Each Party shall submit to the other Parties, on a monthly basis, invoices of amounts due, if any, for the preceding month. Each invoice shall state the month to which the invoice applies and fully describe the services and equipment provided. The Parties may discharge mutual debts and payment obligations due and owing to each other on the same date through netting, in which case all amounts a Party owes to another Party under this Agreement, including interest payments, shall be netted so that only the net amount remaining due shall be paid by the owing Party.

**4.3 Payment.** Invoices shall be rendered to the paying Party at the address specified by the Parties. The Party receiving the invoice shall pay the invoice within thirty (30) Calendar Days of receipt. All payments shall be made in immediately available funds payable to the other Party, or by wire transfer to a bank named and account designated by the invoicing Party. Payment of invoices by a Party will not constitute a waiver of any rights or claims that Party may have under this Agreement.

**4.4 Final Invoice.** Within six (6) months after completion of the construction of the Affected System Network Upgrade(s) Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall provide an invoice of the final cost of the construction of the Affected System Network Upgrade(s) and shall set forth such costs in sufficient detail to enable each Affected System Interconnection Customer to compare the actual costs with the estimates and to ascertain deviations, if any, from the cost estimates. Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall refund, with interest (calculated in accordance with 18 CFR 35.19a(a)(2)(iii)), to each Affected System Interconnection Customer any amount by which the actual payment by Affected System Interconnection Customer for estimated costs exceeds the actual costs of construction within thirty (30) Calendar Days of the issuance of such final construction invoice.

**4.5 Interest.** Interest on any unpaid amounts shall be calculated in accordance with 18 CFR 35.19a(a)(2)(iii).

**4.6 Payment During Dispute.** In the event of a billing dispute among the Parties, Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall continue to construct the Affected System Network Upgrade(s) under this Agreement as long as each Affected System Interconnection Customer: (1) continues to make all payments not in dispute; and (2) pays to Interconnecting Transmission Owner or into an independent escrow account the portion of the invoice in dispute, pending resolution of such dispute. If any Affected System Interconnection Customer fails to meet these two requirements, then Interconnecting Transmission Owner may provide notice to such Affected System Interconnection Customer of a Default pursuant to Article 5. Within thirty (30) Calendar Days after the resolution of the dispute, the Party that owes money to another Party shall pay the amount due with interest calculated in accordance with the methodology set forth in 18 CFR 35.19a(a)(2)(iii).

## **ARTICLE 5**

### **BREACH, CURE, AND DEFAULT**

**5.1 Events of Breach.** A Breach of this Agreement shall include the:

- (a) Failure to pay any amount when due;
- (b) Failure to comply with any material term or condition of this Agreement, including but not limited to any material Breach of a representation, warranty, or covenant made in this Agreement;



(c) Failure of a Party to provide such access rights, or a Party's attempt to revoke access or terminate such access rights, as provided under this Agreement; or

(d) Failure of a Party to provide information or data to another Party as required under this Agreement, provided the Party entitled to the information or data under this Agreement requires such information or data to satisfy its obligations under this Agreement.

**5.2 Definition.** Breaching Party shall mean the Party that is in Breach.

**5.3 Notice of Breach, Cure, and Default.** Upon the occurrence of an event of Breach, any Party aggrieved by the Breach, when it becomes aware of the Breach, shall give written notice of the Breach to the Breaching Party and to any other person representing a Party to this Agreement identified in writing to the other Party in advance. Such notice shall set forth, in reasonable detail, the nature of the Breach, and where known and applicable, the steps necessary to cure such Breach.

**5.2.1** Upon receiving written notice of the Breach hereunder, the Breaching Party shall have a period to cure such Breach (hereinafter referred to as the "Cure Period") which shall be sixty (60) Calendar Days. If an Affected System Interconnection Customer is the Breaching Party and the Breach results from a failure to provide payments or security under Article 4.1 of this Agreement, the other Affected System Interconnection Customers, either individually or in concert, may cure the Breach by paying the amounts owed or by providing adequate security, without waiver of contribution rights against the breaching Affected System Interconnection Customer. Such cure for the Breach of an Affected System Interconnection Customer is subject to the reasonable consent of Interconnecting Transmission Owner. Interconnecting Transmission Owner may also cure such Breach by funding the proportionate share of the Affected System Network Upgrade costs related to the Breach of Affected System Interconnection Customer. Interconnecting Transmission Owner must notify all Parties that it will exercise this option within thirty (30) Calendar Days of notification that an Affected System Interconnection Customer has failed to provide payments or security under Article 4.1.

**5.2.2** In the event the Breach is not cured within the Cure Period, the Breaching Party will be in Default of this Agreement, and the non-Defaulting Parties may (1) act in concert to amend the Agreement to remove an Affected System Interconnection Customer that is in Default from this Agreement for cause and to make other changes as necessary, or (2) either in concert or individually take whatever action at

law or in equity as may appear necessary or desirable to enforce the performance or observance of any rights, remedies, obligations, agreement, or covenants under this Agreement.

**5.3 Rights in the Event of Default.** Notwithstanding the foregoing, upon the occurrence of Default, the non-Defaulting Parties shall be entitled to exercise all rights and remedies it may have in equity or at law.

## **ARTICLE 6**

### **TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT**

**6.1 Expiration of Term.** Except as otherwise specified in this Article 6, the Parties' obligations under this Agreement shall terminate at the conclusion of the term of this Agreement.

**6.2 Termination and Removal.** Subject to the limitations set forth in Article 6.3, in the event of a Default, termination of this Agreement, as to a given Affected System Interconnection Customer or in its entirety, shall require a filing at FERC of a notice of termination, which filing must be accepted for filing by FERC.

**6.3 Disposition of Facilities Upon Termination of Agreement.**

**6.3.1 Interconnecting Transmission Owner Obligations.** Upon termination of this Agreement, unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties in writing, Interconnecting Transmission Owner:

- (a) shall, prior to the construction and installation of any portion of the Affected System Network Upgrade(s) and to the extent possible, cancel any pending orders of, or return, such equipment or material for such Affected System Network Upgrade(s);
- (b) may keep in place any portion of the Affected System Network Upgrade(s) already constructed and installed; and,
- (c) shall perform such work as may be necessary to ensure the safety of persons and property and to preserve the integrity of New England Transmission System (e.g., construction demobilization to return the system to its original state, wind-up work).

**6.3.2 Affected System Interconnection Customer Obligations.** Upon billing by Interconnecting Transmission Owner, each Affected System Interconnection Customer shall reimburse Interconnecting Transmission Owner for its share of any costs incurred by Interconnecting Transmission Owner in performance of the actions required or permitted by Article 6.3.1 and for its share of the cost of any Affected System Network Upgrade(s) described in Appendix A. Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall use Reasonable Efforts to minimize costs and shall offset the amounts owed by any salvage value of facilities, if applicable. Each Affected System Interconnection Customer shall pay these costs pursuant to Article 4.3 of this Agreement.

**6.3.3 Pre-construction or Installation.** Upon termination of this Agreement and prior to the construction and installation of any portion of the Affected System Network Upgrade(s), Interconnecting Transmission Owner may, at its option, retain any portion of such Affected System Network Upgrade(s) not cancelled or returned in accordance with Article 6.3.1(a), in which case Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall be responsible for all costs associated with procuring such Affected System Network Upgrade(s). To the extent that an Affected System Interconnection Customer has already paid Interconnecting Transmission Owner for any or all of such costs, Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall refund Affected System Interconnection Customer for those payments. If Interconnecting Transmission Owner elects to not retain any portion of such facilities, and one or more of Affected System Interconnection Customers wish to purchase such facilities, Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall convey and make available to the applicable Affected System Interconnection Customer(s) such facilities as soon as practicable after Affected System Interconnection Customer(s)' payment for such facilities.

**6.4 Survival of Rights.** Termination or expiration of this Agreement shall not relieve any Party of any of its liabilities and obligations arising hereunder prior to the date termination becomes effective, and each Party may take whatever judicial or administrative actions as appear necessary or desirable to enforce its rights hereunder. The applicable provisions of this Agreement will continue in effect after expiration, or early termination hereof, to the extent necessary to provide for (1) final billings, billing adjustments, and other billing procedures set forth in this Agreement; (2) the determination and enforcement of liability and indemnification obligations arising from acts or events that occurred while this Agreement was in effect; and (3) the confidentiality provisions set forth in Article 8.

## **ARTICLE 7**

### **SUBCONTRACTORS**

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**7.1 Subcontractors.** Nothing in this Agreement shall prevent a Party from utilizing the services of subcontractors, as it deems appropriate, to perform its obligations under this Agreement; provided, however, that each Party shall require its subcontractors to comply with all applicable terms and conditions of this Agreement in providing such services, and each Party shall remain primarily liable to the other Parties for the performance of such subcontractor.

**7.1.1 Responsibility of Principal.** The creation of any subcontract relationship shall not relieve the hiring Party of any of its obligations under this Agreement. In accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, each Party shall be fully responsible to the other Parties for the acts or omissions of any subcontractor it hires as if no subcontract had been made. Any applicable obligation imposed by this Agreement upon a Party shall be equally binding upon, and shall be construed as having application to, any subcontractor of such Party.

**7.1.2 No Third-Party Beneficiary.** Except as may be specifically set forth to the contrary herein, no subcontractor or any other party is intended to be, nor will it be deemed to be, a third-party beneficiary of this Agreement.

**7.1.3 No Limitation by Insurance.** The obligations under this Article 7 will not be limited in any way by any limitation of any insurance policies or coverages, including any subcontractor's insurance.

## **ARTICLE 8 CONFIDENTIALITY**

**8.1 Confidentiality.** Confidential Information shall include, without limitation, all information relating to a Party's technology, research and development, business affairs, and pricing, and any information supplied to the other Parties prior to the execution of this Agreement.

Information is Confidential Information only if it is clearly designated or marked in writing as confidential on the face of the document, or, if the information is conveyed orally or by inspection, if the Party providing the information orally informs the Party receiving the information that the information is confidential. The Parties shall maintain as confidential any information that is provided and identified by a Party as Critical Energy Infrastructure Information (CEII), as that term is defined in 18 CFR 388.113(c).

Such confidentiality will be maintained in accordance with this Article 8. If requested by the receiving Party, the disclosing Party shall provide in writing, the basis for asserting that the information referred to in this Article warrants confidential treatment, and the requesting Party may disclose such writing to the appropriate Governmental Authority. Each Party shall be responsible for the costs associated with affording confidential treatment to its information.

**8.1.1 Term.** During the term of this Agreement, and for a period of three (3) years after the expiration or termination of this Agreement, except as otherwise provided in this Article 8 or with regard to CEII, each Party shall hold in confidence and shall not disclose to any person Confidential Information. CEII shall be treated in accordance with FERC policies and regulations.

**8.1.2 Scope.** Confidential Information shall not include information that the receiving Party can demonstrate: (1) is generally available to the public other than as a result of a disclosure by the receiving Party; (2) was in the lawful possession of the receiving Party on a non-confidential basis before receiving it from the disclosing Party; (3) was supplied to the receiving Party without restriction by a non-Party, who, to the knowledge of the receiving Party after due inquiry, was under no obligation to the disclosing Party to keep such information confidential; (4) was independently developed by the receiving Party without reference to Confidential Information of the disclosing Party; (5) is, or becomes, publicly known, through no wrongful act or omission of the receiving Party or Breach of this Agreement; or (6) is required, in accordance with Article 8.1.6 of this Agreement, to be disclosed by any Governmental Authority or is otherwise required to be disclosed by law or subpoena, or is necessary in any legal proceeding establishing rights and obligations under this Agreement. Information designated as Confidential Information will no longer be deemed confidential if the Party that designated the information as confidential notifies the receiving Party that it no longer is confidential.

**8.1.3 Release of Confidential Information.** No Party shall release or disclose Confidential Information to any other person, except to its Affiliates (limited by the Standards of Conduct requirements), subcontractors, employees, agents, consultants, or to non-Parties that may be or are considering providing financing to or equity participation with Affected System Interconnection Customer(s), or to potential purchasers or assignees of Affected System Interconnection Customer(s), on a need-to-know basis in connection with this Agreement, unless such person has first been advised of the confidentiality provisions of this Article 8 and has agreed to comply with such provisions. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Party providing Confidential Information to any person shall remain primarily responsible for any release of Confidential Information in contravention of this Article 8.

**8.1.4 Rights.** Each Party shall retain all rights, title, and interest in the Confidential Information that it discloses to the receiving Party. The disclosure by a Party to the receiving Party of Confidential Information shall not be deemed a waiver by the disclosing Party or any other person or entity of the right to protect the Confidential Information from public disclosure.

**8.1.5 Standard of Care.** Each Party shall use at least the same standard of care to protect Confidential Information it receives as it uses to protect its own Confidential Information from unauthorized disclosure, publication, or dissemination. Each Party may use Confidential Information solely to fulfill its obligations to the other Party under this Agreement or its regulatory requirements.

**8.1.6 Order of Disclosure.** If a court or a Government Authority or entity with the right, power, and apparent authority to do so requests or requires any Party, by subpoena, oral deposition, interrogatories, requests for production of documents, administrative order, or otherwise, to disclose Confidential Information, that Party shall provide the disclosing Party with prompt notice of such request(s) or requirement(s) so that the disclosing Party may seek an appropriate protective order or waive compliance with the terms of this Agreement. Notwithstanding the absence of a protective order or waiver, the Party may disclose such Confidential Information which, in the opinion of its counsel, the Party is legally compelled to disclose. Each Party will use Reasonable Efforts to obtain reliable assurance that confidential treatment will be accorded any Confidential Information so furnished.

**8.1.7 Termination of Agreement.** Upon termination of this Agreement for any reason, each Party shall, within ten (10) Business Days of receipt of a written request from the other Party, use Reasonable Efforts to destroy, erase, or delete (with such destruction, erasure, and deletion certified in writing to the requesting Party) or return to the requesting Party any and all written or electronic Confidential Information received from the requesting Party, except that each Party may keep one copy for archival purposes, provided that the obligation to treat it as Confidential Information in accordance with this Article 8 shall survive such termination.

**8.1.8 Remedies.** The Parties agree that monetary damages would be inadequate to compensate a Party for another Party's Breach of its obligations under this Article 8. Each Party accordingly agrees that the disclosing Party shall be entitled to equitable relief, by way of injunction or otherwise, if the receiving Party Breaches or threatens to Breach its obligations under this Article 8, which equitable relief shall be granted without bond or proof of damages, and the Breaching Party shall not plead in defense that there

would be an adequate remedy at law. Such remedy shall not be deemed an exclusive remedy for the Breach of this Article 8, but it shall be in addition to all other remedies available at law or in equity. The Parties further acknowledge and agree that the covenants contained herein are necessary for the protection of legitimate business interests and are reasonable in scope. No Party, however, shall be liable for indirect, incidental, or consequential or punitive damages of any nature or kind resulting from or arising in connection with this Article 8.

**8.1.9 Disclosure to FERC, its Staff, or a State Regulatory Body.** Notwithstanding anything in this Article 8 to the contrary, and pursuant to 18 CFR 1b.20, if FERC or its staff, during the course of an investigation or otherwise, requests information from a Party that is otherwise required to be maintained in confidence pursuant to this Agreement, the Party shall provide the requested information to FERC or its staff, within the time provided for in the request for information. In providing the information to FERC or its staff, the Party must, consistent with 18 CFR 388.112, request that the information be treated as confidential and non-public by FERC and its staff and that the information be withheld from public disclosure. Parties are prohibited from notifying the other Parties to this Agreement prior to the release of the Confidential Information to FERC or its staff. The Party shall notify the other Parties to the Agreement when it is notified by FERC or its staff that a request to release Confidential Information has been received by FERC, at which time either of the Parties may respond before such information would be made public, pursuant to 18 CFR 388.112. Requests from a state regulatory body conducting a confidential investigation shall be treated in a similar manner if consistent with the applicable state rules and regulations.

**8.1.10** Subject to the exception in Article 8.1.9, any information that a disclosing Party claims is competitively sensitive, commercial, or financial information under this Agreement shall not be disclosed by the receiving Party to any person not employed or retained by the receiving Party, except to the extent disclosure is (1) required by law; (2) reasonably deemed by the disclosing Party to be required to be disclosed in connection with a dispute between or among the Parties, or the defense of litigation or dispute; (3) otherwise permitted by consent of the disclosing Party, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld; or (4) necessary to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement or as Interconnecting Transmission Owner or a balancing authority, including disclosing the Confidential Information to a regional or national reliability organization. The Party asserting confidentiality shall notify the receiving Party in writing of the information that Party claims is confidential. Prior to any disclosures of that Party's Confidential Information under this subparagraph, or if any non-Party or Governmental Authority makes any request or demand for any of the information described in this subparagraph, the Party that

received the Confidential Information from the disclosing Party agrees to promptly notify the disclosing Party in writing and agrees to assert confidentiality and cooperate with the disclosing Party in seeking to protect the Confidential Information from public disclosure by confidentiality agreement, protective order, or other reasonable measures.

## **ARTICLE 9**

### **INFORMATION ACCESS AND AUDIT RIGHTS**

**9.1 Information Access.** Each Party shall make available to the other Parties information necessary to verify the costs incurred by the other Parties for which the requesting Party is responsible under this Agreement and carry out obligations and responsibilities under this Agreement, provided that the Parties shall not use such information for purposes other than those set forth in this Article 9.1 and to enforce their rights under this Agreement.

**9.2 Audit Rights.** Subject to the requirements of confidentiality under Article 8 of this Agreement, the accounts and records related to the design, engineering, procurement, and construction of the Affected System Network Upgrade(s) shall be subject to audit during the period of this Agreement and for a period of twenty-four (24) months following Interconnecting Transmission Owner's issuance of a final invoice in accordance with Article 4.4. Affected System Interconnection Customers may, jointly or individually, at the expense of the requesting Party(ies), during normal business hours, and upon prior reasonable notice to Interconnecting Transmission Owner, audit such accounts and records. Any audit authorized by this Article 9.2 shall be performed at the offices where such accounts and records are maintained and shall be limited to those portions of such accounts and records that relate to obligations under this Agreement.

## **ARTICLE 10**

### **NOTICES**

**10.1 General.** Any notice, demand, or request required or permitted to be given by a Party to the other Parties, and any instrument required or permitted to be tendered or delivered by a Party in writing to another Party, may be so given, tendered, or delivered, as the case may be, by depositing the same with the United States Postal Service with postage prepaid, for transmission by certified or registered mail, addressed to the Parties, or personally delivered to the Parties, at the address set out below:

To Interconnecting Transmission Owner:

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To Affected System Interconnection Customers:

**10.2 Billings and Payments.** Billings and payments shall be sent to the addresses shown in Article 10.1 unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties.

**10.3 Alternative Forms of Notice.** Any notice or request required or permitted to be given by a Party to the other Parties and not required by this Agreement to be given in writing may be so given by telephone, facsimile, or email to the telephone numbers and email addresses set out below:

To Interconnecting Transmission Owner:

To Affected System Interconnection Customers:

**10.4 Execution and Filing.** Affected System Interconnection Customers shall either: (i) execute two originals of this tendered Agreement and return them to Interconnecting Transmission Owner; or (ii) request in writing that Interconnecting Transmission Owner file with FERC this Agreement in unexecuted form. As soon as practicable, but not later than ten (10) Business Days after receiving either the two executed originals of this tendered Agreement (if it does not conform with a FERC-approved standard form of this Agreement) or the request to file this Agreement unexecuted, Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall file this Agreement with FERC, together with its explanation of any matters as to which Affected System Interconnection Customers and Interconnecting Transmission Owner disagree and support for the costs that Interconnecting Transmission Owner proposes to charge to Affected System Interconnection Customers under this Agreement. An unexecuted version of this Agreement should contain terms and conditions deemed appropriate by Interconnecting Transmission Owner for the Affected System Interconnection Customers' generating facilities. If the Parties agree to proceed with

design, procurement, and construction of facilities and upgrades under the agreed-upon terms of the unexecuted version of this Agreement, they may proceed pending FERC action.

## **ARTICLE 11**

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

**11.1 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.

**11.2 Disclaimer of Warranty.** In conducting the duties described herein, 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, 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 carrying out such responsibilities. Affected System 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.

**11.3 Force Majeure, Liability and Indemnification.**

**11.3.1 Force Majeure.** Neither Interconnecting Transmission Owner nor an Affected System 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 Interconnecting Transmission Owner or the Affected System Interconnection Customer, whichever is appropriate, of the commencement and end of each event of Force Majeure.

**11.3.2 Liability.** Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall not be liable for money damages or other compensation to the Affected System 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. Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall not be liable for money damages or other compensation to the Affected System 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 Affected System Interconnection Customer has claims against Interconnecting Transmission Owner, the Affected System Interconnection Customer may only look to the assets of 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 Interconnecting Transmission Owner or Affiliate of either who, the Affected System Interconnection Customer acknowledges and agrees, have no personal or other liability for obligations of Interconnecting Transmission Owner by reason of their status as directors, members, shareholders, officers, employees or agents of Interconnecting Transmission Owner or Affiliate of either. In no event shall Interconnecting Transmission Owner or any Affected System 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 Affected System Interconnection Customer's obligations under the Indemnification section below.

**11.3.3 Indemnification.** Affected System Interconnection Customer shall at all times indemnify, defend, and save harmless 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 Interconnecting Transmission Owner under this Agreement, any bankruptcy filings made by the Affected System Interconnection Customer, or the actions or omissions of the Affected System Interconnection Customer in connection with this Agreement, except 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, 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 Affected System Interconnection Customer to indemnify Interconnecting Transmission Owners shall be several, and not joint or joint and several.

**11.4 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.

**11.5 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.

**11.6 Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, and each counterpart shall have the same force and effect as the original instrument.

**11.7 Amendment.** No amendment, modification or waiver of any term hereof shall be effective unless set forth in writing and signed by the Parties hereto.

**11.8 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.

**11.9 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.

**11.10 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.

**11.11 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.

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**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Parties have executed this Agreement in multiple originals, each of which shall constitute and be an original Agreement among the Parties.

Interconnecting Transmission Owner

**{Interconnecting Transmission Owner}**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Affected System Interconnection Customer

**{Affected System Interconnection Customer}**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Project No. \_\_\_\_\_

Affected System Interconnection Customer

**{Affected System Interconnection Customer}**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Project No. \_\_\_\_\_

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**Attachment A to Appendix 10**  
**Multiparty Affected System Facilities Construction Agreement**

**AFFECTED SYSTEM NETWORK UPGRADE(S), COST ESTIMATES AND RESPONSIBILITY,  
CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE, AND MONTHLY PAYMENT SCHEDULE**

This Appendix A is a part of the Multiparty Affected System Facilities Construction Agreement among Affected System Interconnection Customers and Interconnecting Transmission Owner.

**1.1 Affected System Network Upgrade(s) to be installed by Interconnecting Transmission Owner.**

{description}

**1.2 First Equipment Order (including permitting).**

{description}

**1.2.1. Permitting and Land Rights – Interconnecting Transmission Owner Affected System Network Upgrade(s)**

{description}

**1.3 Construction Schedule.** Where applicable, construction of the Affected System Network Upgrade(s) is scheduled as follows and will be periodically updated as necessary:

**Table 3: Interconnecting Transmission Owner Construction Activities**

<b>MILESTONE NUMBER</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>START DATE</b>	<b>END DATE</b>


Note: Construction schedule assumes that Interconnecting Transmission Owner has obtained final authorizations and security from Affected System Interconnection Customers and all necessary permits from Governmental Authorities as necessary prerequisites to commence construction of any of the Affected System Network Upgrade(s).

#### **1.4 Payment Schedule.**

##### **1.4.1 Timing of and Adjustments to Affected System Interconnection Customers' Payments and Security.**

{description}

**1.4.2 Monthly Payment Schedule.** Affected System Interconnection Customers' payment schedule is as follows.

{description}

**Table 4: Affected System Interconnection Customers' Payment/Security Obligations for Affected System Network Upgrade(s).**

<b>MILESTONE NUMBER</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>DATE</b>




\* Affected System Interconnection Customers’ proportionate responsibility for each payment is as follows:

Affected System Interconnection Customer 1 \_\_\_\_.\_%

Affected System Interconnection Customer 2 \_\_\_\_.\_%

Affected System Interconnection Customer N \_\_\_\_.\_%

Note: Affected System Interconnection Customers’ payment or provision of security as provided in this Agreement operates as a condition precedent to Interconnecting Transmission Owner’s obligations to construct any Affected System Network Upgrade(s), and failure to meet this schedule will constitute a Breach pursuant to Article 5.1 of this Agreement.

## 1.5 Permits, Licenses, and Authorizations.

{description}

**Attachment B to Appendix 10**

**Multiparty Affected System Facilities Construction Agreement**

**NOTIFICATION OF COMPLETED CONSTRUCTION**

This Appendix B is a part of the Multiparty Affected System Facilities Construction Agreement among Affected System Interconnection Customers and Interconnecting Transmission Owner. Where applicable, when Interconnecting Transmission Owner has completed construction of the Affected System Network Upgrade(s), Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall send notice to Affected System Interconnection Customers in substantially the form following:

{Date}

{Affected System Interconnection Customers Addresses}

Re: Completion of Affected System Network Upgrade(s)

Dear {Name or Title}:

This letter is sent pursuant to the Multiparty Affected System Facilities Construction Agreement among { Interconnecting Transmission Owner } and {Affected System Interconnection Customers}, dated \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

On {Date}, Interconnecting Transmission Owner completed to its satisfaction all work on the Affected System Network Upgrade(s) required to facilitate the safe and reliable interconnection and operation of Affected System Interconnection Customer's generating facilities. Interconnecting Transmission Owner confirms that the Affected System Network Upgrade(s) are in place.

Thank you.

{Signature}

{ Interconnecting Transmission Owner Representative}

**Attachment C to Appendix 10**

**Multiparty Affected System Facilities Construction Agreement**

**EXHIBITS**

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**Estimated Cost of Affected System Network Upgrade(s)**

	<b>Location</b>	<b>Facilities to Be Constructed by Transmission Provider</b>	<b>Estimate in Dollars</b>
		<b>Total:</b>	

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**THIS STANDARD SMALL GENERATOR INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT ("Agreement")**

is made and entered into this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, by and between \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_ organized and existing under the laws of the State/Commonwealth of \_\_\_\_\_ ("Interconnection Customer" with a Small Generating Facility), ISO New England Inc., a non-stock corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware ("System Operator"), and \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_ organized and existing under the laws of the State/Commonwealth of \_\_\_\_\_ ("Interconnecting Transmission Owner"). Under this Agreement the Interconnection Customer, System Operator, and Interconnecting Transmission Owner each may be referred to as a "Party" or collectively as the "Parties."

In consideration of the mutual covenants set forth herein, the Parties agree as follows

**Article 1. Scope and Limitations of Agreement**

**1.1 Applicability:**

This Agreement shall be used for all Interconnection Requests submitted under the Small Generator Interconnection Procedures (SGIP).

**1.2 Purpose**

This Agreement governs the terms and conditions under which the Interconnection Customer's Small Generating Facility will interconnect with, and operate in parallel with, the Interconnecting Transmission Owner's facilities that are part of the Administered Transmission System.

**1.3 No Agreement to Purchase or Deliver Power**

This Agreement does not constitute an agreement to purchase or deliver the Interconnection Customer's power. The purchase or delivery of power and other services that the Interconnection Customer may require will be covered under separate agreements, if any. The Interconnection Customer will be responsible for separately making all necessary arrangements (including scheduling) for delivery of electricity with the applicable Party.

**1.4 Limitations**

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Nothing in this Agreement is intended to affect any other agreement between the Parties.

1.5 Responsibilities of the Parties

- 1.5.1 The Parties shall perform all obligations of this Agreement in accordance with all Applicable Laws and Regulations, Operating Requirements, and Good Utility Practice.
- 1.5.2 The Interconnection Customer shall construct, interconnect, operate and maintain its Small Generating Facility and construct, operate, and maintain its Interconnection Facilities in accordance with the applicable manufacturer's recommended maintenance schedule, and in accordance with this Agreement, and with Good Utility Practice.
- 1.5.3 The Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall construct, operate, and maintain its transmission facilities and Interconnection Facilities in accordance with this Agreement, and with Good Utility Practice.
- 1.5.4 The Interconnection Customer agrees to construct its facilities or systems in accordance with applicable specifications that meet or exceed those provided by the National Electrical Safety Code, the American National Standards Institute, IEEE, Underwriter's Laboratory, and Operating Requirements in effect at the time of construction and other applicable national and state codes and standards. The Interconnection Customer agrees to design, install, maintain, and operate its Small Generating Facility so as to reasonably minimize the likelihood of a disturbance adversely affecting or impairing the system or equipment of the Interconnecting Transmission Owner, the New England Transmission System and any Affected Systems.
- 1.5.5 Each Party shall operate, maintain, repair, and inspect, and shall be fully responsible for the facilities that it now or subsequently may own unless otherwise specified in the Attachments to this Agreement. Each Party shall be responsible for the safe installation, maintenance, repair and condition of their respective lines and appurtenances on their respective sides of the point of change of ownership. The Interconnecting Transmission Owner and the Interconnection Customer, as appropriate, shall provide Interconnection Facilities that adequately protect the New England Transmission System [or

Interconnecting Transmission Owner's transmission facilities], personnel, and other persons from damage and injury. The allocation of responsibility for the design, installation, operation, maintenance and ownership of Interconnection Facilities shall be delineated in the Attachments to this Agreement.

- 1.5.6 The System Operator, with input from the Interconnecting Transmission Owner, shall coordinate with all Affected Systems to support the interconnection.
- 1.5.7 The Interconnection Customer shall ensure “frequency ride through” capability and “voltage ride through” capability of its Small Generating Facility. The Interconnection Customer shall enable these capabilities such that its Small Generating Facility shall not disconnect automatically or instantaneously from the system or equipment of the Interconnecting Transmission Owner, the New England Transmission System and any Affected Systems for a defined under-frequency or over-frequency condition, or an under-voltage or over-voltage condition, as tested pursuant to Article 2.1 of this Agreement. The defined conditions shall be in accordance with Good Utility Practice and consistent with any standards and guidelines that are applied to other generating facilities in the New England Control Area on a comparable basis. The Small Generating Facility's protective equipment settings shall comply with the Interconnecting Transmission Owner's automatic load-shed program. The System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall review the protective equipment settings to confirm compliance with the automatic load-shed program. The term “ride through” as used herein shall mean the ability of a Small Generating Facility to stay connected to and synchronized with the system or equipment of the Interconnecting Transmission Owner, the New England Transmission System and any Affected Systems during system disturbances within a range of conditions, in accordance with Good Utility Practice and consistent with any standards and guidelines that are applied to other generating facilities in the New England Control Area on a comparable basis. The term “frequency ride through” as used herein shall mean the ability of a Small Generating Facility to stay connected to and synchronized with the system or equipment of the Interconnecting Transmission Owner, the New England Transmission System and any Affected Systems during system disturbances within a range of under-frequency and over-frequency conditions, in accordance with Good Utility Practice and consistent with any standards and guidelines that are applied to other generating facilities in the New England Control

Area on a comparable basis. The term “voltage ride through” as used herein shall mean the ability of a Small Generating Facility to stay connected to and synchronized with the system or equipment of the Interconnecting Transmission Owner, the New England Transmission System and any Affected Systems during system disturbances within a range of under-voltage and over-voltage conditions, in accordance with Good Utility Practice and consistent with any standards and guidelines that are applied to other generating facilities in the New England Control Area on a comparable basis. For abnormal frequency conditions and voltage conditions within the “no trip zone” defined by Reliability Standard PRC-024-3 or successor mandatory ride through Applicable Reliability Standards, the non-synchronous Small Generating Facility must ensure that, within any physical limitations of the Small Generating Facility, its control and protection settings are configured or set to (1) continue active power production during disturbance and post disturbance periods at pre-disturbance levels unless providing primary frequency response or fast frequency response; (2) minimize reductions in active power and remain within dynamic voltage and current limits, if reactive power priority mode is enabled, unless providing primary frequency response or fast frequency response; (3) not artificially limit dynamic reactive power capability during disturbances; and (4) return to pre-disturbance active power levels without artificial ramp rate limits if active power is reduced, unless providing primary frequency response or fast frequency response.

## 1.6 Parallel Operation Obligations; Limited Operation; Provisional Interconnection Service

1.6.1 Parallel Operation Obligations. Once the Small Generating Facility has been authorized to commence parallel operation, the Interconnection Customer shall abide by all rules and procedures pertaining to the parallel operation of the Small Generating Facility in the applicable control area, including, but not limited to the ISO New England Operating Documents, and the Operating Requirements set forth in Attachment 5 of this Agreement.

1.6.2 Limited Operation. If any of the Interconnecting Transmission Owner’s Interconnection Facilities or Network Upgrades are not reasonably expected to be completed prior to the Commercial Operation Date of the Small Generating Facility, System Operator and the Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall, upon the request and at the expense of Interconnection Customer, perform operating studies on a timely basis to determine the extent to which the Small Generating Facility and the Interconnection

Customer's Interconnection Facilities may operate prior to the completion of the Interconnecting Transmission Owner's Interconnection Facilities or Network Upgrades consistent with Applicable Laws and Regulations, Applicable Reliability Standards, Good Utility Practice, and this SGIA. System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall permit Interconnection Customer to operate the Small Generating Facility and the Interconnection Customer's Interconnection Facilities in accordance with the results of such studies.

1.6.3 Provisional Interconnection Service. Upon the request of Interconnection Customer, and prior to completion of requisite Interconnection Facilities, Network Upgrades, Distribution Upgrades, or System Protection Facilities, System Operator and the Interconnecting Transmission Owner may execute a Provisional Small Generator Interconnection Agreement or Interconnection Customer may request the filing of an unexecuted Provisional Small Generator Interconnection Agreement with the Interconnection Customer for Provisional Interconnection Service at the discretion of System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner based upon an evaluation that will consider the results of available studies. System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall determine, through available studies or additional studies as necessary, whether stability, short circuit, thermal, and/or voltage issues would arise if Interconnection Customer interconnects without modifications to the Small Generating Facility or the New England Transmission System. System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall determine whether any Interconnection Facilities, Network Upgrades, Distribution Upgrades, or System Protection Facilities that are necessary to meet the requirements of NERC, or any applicable Regional Entity for the interconnection of a new, modified and/or expanded Small Generating Facility are in place prior to the commencement of Interconnection Service from the Small Generating Facility. Where available studies indicate that such Interconnection Facilities, Network Upgrades, Distribution Upgrades, and/or System Protection Facilities that are required for the interconnection of a new, modified and/or expanded Small Generating Facility are not currently in place, System Operator will perform a study, at the Interconnection Customer's expense, to confirm the facilities that are required for Provisional Interconnection Service. The maximum permissible output of the Small Generating Facility in the Provisional Small Generator Interconnection Agreement shall be studied and updated each time the conditions assumed in the studies supporting the Provisional Interconnection Service change. Provisional Interconnection Service is an optional procedure and it will not alter the Interconnection Customer's Queue Position and associated cost and upgrade responsibilities. Interconnection Customer assumes all risk and liabilities with respect to changes between the Provisional Small Generator Interconnection Agreement and the Small Generator Interconnection Agreement, including changes in output limits and

Interconnection Facilities, Network Upgrades, Distribution Upgrades, and/or System Protection Facilities cost responsibilities.

#### 1.7 Metering

The Interconnection Customer shall be responsible for the Interconnecting Transmission Owner's reasonable and necessary cost for the purchase, installation, operation, maintenance, testing, repair, and replacement of metering and data acquisition equipment specified in Attachment 2 of this Agreement. The Interconnection Customer's metering (and data acquisition, as required) equipment shall conform to applicable industry rules and Operating Requirements. Any metering necessitated by the use of the Small Generating Facility shall be installed at the Interconnection Customer's expense in accordance with Commission, state, or local regulatory requirements and with ISO New England Operating Documents, Applicable Reliability Standards, or successor documents.

#### 1.8 Reactive Power and Primary Frequency Response

##### 1.8.1 Power Factor Design Criteria

1.8.1.1 Synchronous Generation. The Interconnection Customer shall design its Small Generating Facility to maintain a composite power delivery at continuous rated power output at the Point of Interconnection with dynamic reactive capability over the power factor range of 0.95 leading to 0.95 lagging, unless the System Operator or Interconnecting Transmission Owner has established different requirements that apply to all similarly situated synchronous (and non-wind non-synchronous generators as specified in Appendix G, Section A.ii.4, to the LGIA) generators on a comparable basis and in accordance with Operating Requirements.

1.8.1.2 Non-Synchronous Generation. Generating Facilities shall be subject to the power factor design criteria specified in Appendix G to the LGIA. Wind and inverter-based Generating Facilities shall be subject to the Low Voltage Ride-Through Capability requirements specified in Appendix G to the LGIA.

1.8.2 Interconnection Customers shall be compensated for reactive power service in accordance with Schedule 2 of Section II of the Tariff.

### 1.8.3 Primary Frequency Response

Interconnection Customer with an Interconnection System Impact Study that commenced before May 15, 2018 is obligated to provide and maintain a functioning governor on all generating units comprising the Small Generating Facility in accordance with applicable provisions of the ISO New England Operating Documents, Applicable Reliability Standards, or successor documents. Interconnection Customer with an Interconnection System Impact Study that commenced on or after May 15, 2018 shall ensure the primary frequency response capability of its Small Generating Facility by installing, maintaining, and operating a functioning governor or equivalent controls. The term “functioning governor or equivalent controls” as used herein shall mean the required hardware and/or software that provides frequency responsive real power control with the ability to sense changes in system frequency and autonomously adjust the Small Generating Facility’s real power output in accordance with the droop and deadband parameters and in the direction needed to correct frequency deviations. Interconnection Customer is required to install a governor or equivalent controls with the capability of operating: (1) with a maximum 5 percent droop and  $\pm 0.036$  Hz deadband; or (2) in accordance with the relevant droop, deadband, and timely and sustained response settings from an approved NERC Reliability Standard providing for equivalent or more stringent parameters. The droop characteristic shall be: (1) based on the nameplate capacity of the Small Generating Facility, and shall be linear in the range of frequencies between 59 to 61 Hz that are outside of the deadband parameter; or (2) based on an approved NERC Reliability Standard providing for an equivalent or more stringent parameter. The deadband parameter shall be: the range of frequencies above and below nominal (60 Hz) in which the governor or equivalent controls is not expected to adjust the Small Generating Facility’s real power output in response to frequency deviations. The deadband shall be implemented: (1) without a step to the droop curve, that is, once the frequency deviation exceeds the deadband parameter, the expected change in the Small Generating Facility’s real power output in response to frequency deviations shall start from zero and then increase (for under-frequency deviations) or decrease (for over-frequency deviations) linearly in proportion to the magnitude of the frequency deviation; or (2) in accordance with an approved NERC Reliability Standard providing for an equivalent or more stringent parameter. Interconnection Customer shall notify System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner that the primary frequency response capability of

the Small Generating Facility has been tested and confirmed during commissioning. Once Interconnection Customer has synchronized the Small Generating Facility with the New England Transmission System, Interconnection Customer shall operate the Small Generating Facility consistent with the provisions specified in Articles 1.8.3.1 and 1.8.3.2 of this Agreement. The primary frequency response requirements contained herein shall apply to both synchronous and non-synchronous Small Generating Facilities.

1.8.3.1 Governor or Equivalent Controls. Whenever the Small Generating Facility is operated in parallel with the New England Transmission System, Interconnection Customer shall operate the Small Generating Facility with its governor or equivalent controls in service and responsive to frequency. Interconnection Customer shall: (1) in coordination with System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner, set the deadband parameter to: (1) a maximum of  $\pm 0.036$  Hz and set the droop parameter to a maximum of 5 percent; or (2) implement the relevant droop and deadband settings from an approved NERC Reliability Standard that provides for equivalent or more stringent parameters. Interconnection Customer shall be required to provide the status and settings of the governor or equivalent controls to System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner upon request. If Interconnection Customer needs to operate the Small Generating Facility with its governor or equivalent controls not in service, Interconnection Customer shall immediately notify System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner, and provide both with the following information: (1) the operating status of the governor or equivalent controls (i.e., whether it is currently out of service or when it will be taken out of service); (2) the reasons for removing the governor or equivalent controls from service; and (3) a reasonable estimate of when the governor or equivalent controls will be returned to service. Interconnection Customer shall make Reasonable Efforts to return its governor or equivalent controls into service as soon as practicable. Interconnection Customer shall make Reasonable Efforts to keep outages of the Small Generating Facility's governor or equivalent controls to a minimum whenever the Small Generating Facility is operated in parallel with the New England Transmission System.



1.8.3.2 Timely and Sustained Response. Interconnection Customer shall ensure that the Small Generating Facility's real power response to sustained frequency deviations outside of the deadband setting is automatically provided and shall begin immediately after frequency deviates outside of the deadband, and to the extent the Small Generating Facility has operating capability in the direction needed to correct the frequency deviation. Interconnection Customer shall not block or otherwise inhibit the ability of the governor or equivalent controls to respond and shall ensure that the response is not inhibited, except under certain operational constraints including, but not limited to, ambient temperature limitations, physical energy limitations, outages of mechanical equipment, or regulatory requirements. The Small Generating Facility shall sustain the real power response at least until system frequency returns to a value within the deadband setting of the governor or equivalent controls. A Commission-approved Reliability Standard with equivalent or more stringent requirements shall supersede the above requirements.

1.8.3.3 Exemptions. Small Generating Facilities that are regulated by the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission shall be exempt from Articles 1.8.3, 1.8.3.1, and 1.8.3.2 of this Agreement. Small Generating Facilities that are behind the meter generation that is sized-to-load (i.e., the thermal load and the generation are near-balanced in real-time operation and the generation is primarily controlled to maintain the unique thermal, chemical, or mechanical output necessary for the operating requirements of its host facility) shall be required to install primary frequency response capability in accordance with the droop and deadband capability requirements specified in Article 1.8.3, but shall be otherwise exempt from the operating requirements in Articles 1.8.3, 1.8.3.1, 1.8.3.2, and 1.8.3.4 of this Agreement.

1.8.3.4 Electric Storage Resources. Interconnection Customer interconnecting a Small Generating Facility that contains an electric storage resource shall establish an operating range in Attachment 5 of its SGIA that specifies a minimum state of charge and a maximum state of charge between which the electric storage resource will be required to provide primary frequency response consistent with the conditions set forth in Articles 1.8.3, 1.8.3.1, 1.8.3.2 and 1.8.3.3 of this

Agreement. Attachment 5 shall specify whether the operating range is static or dynamic, and shall consider: (1) the expected magnitude of frequency deviations in the interconnection; (2) the expected duration that system frequency will remain outside of the deadband parameter in the interconnection; (3) the expected incidence of frequency deviations outside of the deadband parameter in the interconnection; (4) the physical capabilities of the electric storage resource; (5) operational limitations of the electric storage resource due to manufacturer specifications; and (6) any other relevant factors agreed to by System Operator, Interconnecting Transmission Owner and Interconnection Customer. If the operating range is dynamic, then Attachment 5 must establish how frequently the operating range will be reevaluated and the factors that may be considered during its reevaluation.

Interconnection Customer's electric storage resource is required to provide timely and sustained primary frequency response consistent with Article 1.8.3.2 of this Agreement when it is online and dispatched to inject electricity to the New England Transmission System and/or receive electricity from the New England Transmission System. This excludes circumstances when the electric storage resource is not dispatched to inject electricity to the New England Transmission System and/or dispatched to receive electricity from the New England Transmission System. If Interconnection Customer's electric storage resource is charging at the time of a frequency deviation outside of its deadband parameter, it is to increase (for over-frequency deviations) or decrease (for under-frequency deviations) the rate at which it is charging in accordance with its droop parameter. Interconnection Customer's electric storage resource is not required to change from charging to discharging, or vice versa, unless the response necessitated by the droop and deadband settings requires it to do so and it is technically capable of making such a transition.

1.9 Capitalized terms used herein shall have the meanings specified in the Glossary of Terms in Attachment 1 or the body of this Agreement. Capitalized terms in Schedule 23 that are not defined in the Glossary of Terms shall have the meanings specified in Sections I.2.2. of the Tariff.

1.10 Scope of Service

1. 10.1 Interconnection Product Options. Interconnection Customer has selected the following (checked) type of Interconnection Service:

- ☐ NR for NR Interconnection Service (NR Capability Only)
- ☐ CNR for CNR Interconnection Service (NR Capability and CNR Capability)

1.10.1.1 Capacity Network Resource Interconnection Service (CNR Interconnection Service)

- (a) The Product. The System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner must conduct the necessary studies and the Interconnecting Transmission Owner and Internal Affected Parties must construct the Network Upgrades needed to interconnect the Small Generating Facility in a manner comparable to that in which all other CNRs are interconnected under the CC Interconnection Standard. CNR Interconnection Service allows the Interconnection Customer's Small Generating Facility to be designated as a CNR to participate in the New England Markets, in accordance with Market Rule 1, Section III of the Tariff, up to the net CNR Capability, or as otherwise provided in Market Rule 1, Section III of the Tariff, on the same basis as all other existing Capacity Network Resources, and to be studied as a Capacity Network Resource on the assumption that such a designation will occur.

1.10.1.2 Network Resource Interconnection Service (NR Interconnection Service).

- (a) The Product. The System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner must conduct the necessary studies and Interconnecting Transmission Owner and Internal Affected Parties must construct the Network Upgrades needed to interconnect the Small Generating Facility in a manner comparable to that in which all other Network Resources are interconnected under the NC Interconnection Standard.

NR Interconnection Service allows the Interconnection Customer's Small Generating Facility to participate in the New England Markets, in accordance with Market Rule, Section III of the Tariff, up to the gross and net NR Capability or as otherwise provided in Market Rule 1, Section III of the Tariff. Notwithstanding the above, the portion of a Small Generating Facility that has been designated as a Network Resource interconnected under the NC Interconnection Standard cannot be a capacity resource under Section III.13 of the Tariff, except pursuant to a new Interconnection Request for CNR Interconnection Service.

- 1.10.1.3 Provision of Service. System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall provide Interconnection Service for the Small Generating Facility at the Point of Interconnection.
- 1.10.1.4 Performance Standards. Each Party shall perform all of its obligations under this SGIA in accordance with Applicable Laws and Regulations, the ISO New England Operating Documents, Applicable Reliability Standards, or successor documents, and Good Utility Practice, and to the extent a Party is required or prevented or limited in taking any action by such requirements and standards, such Party shall not be deemed to be in Breach of this SGIA for its compliance therewith. If such Party is the Interconnecting Transmission Owner, then that Party shall amend the SGIA and System Operator, in conjunction with the Interconnecting Transmission Owner, shall submit the amendment to the Commission for approval.
- 1.10.1.5 No Transmission Service Delivery. The execution of this SGIA does not constitute a request for, nor the provision of, any service except for Interconnection Service, including, but not limited to, transmission delivery service, local delivery service, distribution service, capacity service, energy service, or Ancillary Services under any applicable tariff, and does not convey any right to deliver electricity to any specific customer or Point of Delivery.

1.10.1.6 Transmission Delivery Service Implications. CNR Interconnection Service and NR Interconnection Service allow the Interconnection Customer's Small Generating Facility to be designated by any Network Customer under the Tariff on the New England Transmission System as a Capacity Network Resource or Network Resource, up to the net CNR Capability or NR Capability, respectively, on the same basis as all other existing Capacity Network Resources and Network Resources interconnected to the New England Transmission System, and to be studied as a Capacity Network Resource or a Network Resource on the assumption that such a designation will occur. Although CNR Interconnection Service and NR Interconnection Service do not convey a reservation of transmission service, any Network Customer can utilize its network service under the Tariff to obtain delivery of capability from the Interconnection Customer's Small Generating Facility in the same manner as it accesses Capacity Network Resources and Network Resources. A Small Generating Facility receiving CNR Interconnection Service or NR Interconnection Service may also be used to provide Ancillary Services, in accordance with the Tariff and Market Rule 1, after technical studies and/or periodic analyses are performed with respect to the Small Generating Facility's ability to provide any applicable Ancillary Services, provided that such studies and analyses have been or would be required in connection with the provision of such Ancillary Services by any existing Capacity Network Resource or Network Resource. However, if an Interconnection Customer's Small Generating Facility has not been designated as a Capacity Network Resource or as a Network Resource by any load, it cannot be required to provide Ancillary Services except to the extent such requirements extend to all Generating Facilities that are similarly situated.

CNR Network Interconnection Service and NR Interconnection Service do not necessarily provide the Interconnection Customer with the capability to physically deliver the output of its Small Generating Facility to any particular load on the New England Transmission System without incurring congestion costs. In the event of transmission constraints on the New England Transmission System, the Interconnection Customer's Small Generating

Facility shall be subject to the applicable congestion management procedures for the New England Transmission System in the same manner as other Capacity Network Resources or Network Resources.

There is no requirement either at the time of study or interconnection, or at any point in the future, that the Interconnection Customer's Small Generating Facility be designated as a Capacity Network Resource or as a Network Resource by a Network Customer under the Tariff or that the Interconnection Customer identify a specific buyer (or sink). To the extent a Network Customer does designate the Small Generating Facility as either a Capacity Network Resource or a Network Resource, it must do so pursuant to the Tariff.

Once an Interconnection Customer satisfies the requirements for obtaining CNR Interconnection Service or NR Interconnection Service, as long as the Small Generating Facility has not been deemed to be retired, any future transmission service request for delivery from the Small Generating Facility on the New England Transmission System of any amount of capacity capability and/or energy capability will not require that any additional studies be performed or that any further upgrades associated with such Small Generating Facility be undertaken, regardless of whether or not such Small Generating Facility is ever designated by a Network Customer as a Capacity Network Resource or Network Resource and regardless of changes in ownership of the Small Generating Facility. To the extent the Interconnection Customer enters into an arrangement for long-term transmission service for deliveries from the Small Generating Facility outside the New England Transmission System, or if the unit has been deemed to be retired, such request may require additional studies and upgrades in order for Interconnecting Transmission Owner to grant such request.

## **Article 2.      Inspection, Testing, Authorization, and Right of Access**

### **2.1      Equipment Testing and Inspection**

- 2.1.1. The Interconnection Customer shall test and inspect its Small Generating Facility and Interconnection Facilities prior to interconnection. The Interconnection Customer shall notify the System Operator and the Interconnecting Transmission Owner of such activities no fewer than five Business Days (or as may be agreed to by the Parties) prior to such testing and inspection. Testing and inspection shall occur on a Business Day. The Interconnecting Transmission Owner may, at its own expense, send qualified personnel to the Small Generating Facility site to inspect the interconnection and observe the testing. The Interconnection Customer shall provide the Interconnecting Transmission Owner a written test report when such testing and inspection is completed.
- 2.1.2 The Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall provide the Interconnection Customer and the System Operator written acknowledgment that it has received the Interconnection Customer's written test report. Such written acknowledgment shall not be deemed to be or construed as any representation, assurance, guarantee, or warranty by the Interconnecting Transmission Owner of the safety, durability, suitability, or reliability of the Small Generating Facility or any associated control, protective, and safety devices owned or controlled by the Interconnection Customer or the quality of power produced by the Small Generating Facility.
- 2.1.3 Commissioning tests of the Interconnection Customer's installed equipment shall be performed pursuant to applicable codes and standards. The System Operator and the Interconnecting Transmission Owner must be given at least five (5) Business Days written notice, or as otherwise mutually agreed to by the Parties, of the tests and may be present to witness the commissioning tests.

## 2.2 Authorization Required Prior to Parallel Operation

- 2.2.1 The Interconnecting Transmission Owner [and System Operator] shall use Reasonable Efforts to list applicable parallel operation requirements in Attachment 5 of this Agreement. Additionally, the Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall notify the Interconnection Customer of any changes to these requirements as soon as they are known. The Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall make Reasonable Efforts to cooperate with the Interconnection Customer in meeting requirements necessary for the Interconnection Customer to commence parallel operations by the in-service date.

2.2.2 The Interconnection Customer shall not operate its Small Generating Facility in parallel with the New England Transmission System [or Interconnecting Transmission Owner's transmission facilities] without prior written authorization of the Interconnecting Transmission Owner. The Transmission Provider will provide such authorization once the Transmission Provider receives notification that the Interconnection Customer has complied with all applicable parallel operation requirements. Such authorization shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned, or delayed.

2.3 Right of Access

2.3.1 Upon reasonable notice, the Interconnecting Transmission Owner may send a qualified person to the premises of the Interconnection Customer at or immediately before the time the Small Generating Facility first produces energy to inspect the interconnection, and observe the commissioning of the Small Generating Facility (including any required testing), startup, and operation for a period of up to three Business Days after initial start-up of the unit. In addition, the Interconnection Customer shall notify the Interconnecting Transmission Owner at least five Business Days prior to conducting any on-site verification testing of the Small Generating Facility.

2.3.2 Following the initial inspection process described above, at reasonable hours, and upon reasonable notice, or at any time without notice in the event of an emergency or hazardous condition, the Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall have access to the Interconnection Customer's premises for any reasonable purpose in connection with the performance of the obligations imposed on it by this Agreement or if necessary to meet its legal obligation to provide service to its customers.

2.3.3 Each Party shall be responsible for its own costs associated with following this article.

**Article 3. Effective Date, Term, Termination, and Disconnection**

3.1 Effective Date

This Agreement shall become effective upon execution by the Parties subject to acceptance by the Commission (if applicable), or if filed unexecuted, upon the date specified by the Commission.

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System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall promptly file this Agreement with the Commission upon execution, if required.

### 3.2 Term of Agreement

This Agreement shall become effective on the Effective Date and by mutual agreement of the Parties shall remain in effect for a period of \_\_\_\_ years, (Term to be specified in individual Agreements, but in no case should the term be less than ten years from the Effective Date or such other longer period as the Interconnection Customer may request) and shall be automatically renewed for each successive one-year period thereafter, unless terminated earlier in accordance with article 3.3 of this Agreement.

### 3.3 Termination

No termination shall become effective until the Parties have complied with all Applicable Laws and Regulations applicable to such termination, including the filing with the Commission of a notice of termination of this Agreement (if required), which notice has been accepted for filing by the Commission.

3.3.1 The Interconnection Customer may terminate this Agreement at any time by giving the System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner 20 Business Days written notice.

3.3.2 Each Party may terminate this Agreement after Default pursuant to article 7.6.

3.3.3 Upon termination of this Agreement, the Small Generating Facility will be disconnected from the Interconnecting Transmission Owner's Interconnection Facilities. All costs required to effectuate such disconnection shall be borne by the terminating Party, unless such termination resulted from the non-terminating Party's Default of this SGIA or such non-terminating Party otherwise is responsible for these costs under this SGIA.

3.3.4 The termination of this Agreement shall not relieve any Party of its liabilities and obligations, owed or continuing at the time of the termination.

3.3.5 The provisions of this article shall survive termination or expiration of this Agreement.

### 3.4 Temporary Disconnection

Temporary disconnection shall continue only for so long as reasonably necessary under Good Utility Practice.

#### 3.4.1 Emergency Conditions

“Emergency Condition” shall mean a condition or situation: (1) that in the judgment of the Party making the claim is likely to endanger life or property; or (2) that, in the case of the Interconnecting Transmission Owner, is likely (as determined in a non-discriminatory manner) to cause a material adverse effect on the security of, or damage to the New England Transmission System, the Interconnecting Transmission Owner’s Interconnection Facilities or any Affected System to which the New England Transmission System is directly connected; or (3) that, in the case of the Interconnection Customer, is likely (as determined in a non-discriminatory manner) to cause a material adverse effect on the security of, or damage to, the Small Generating Facility or the Interconnection Customer's Interconnection Facilities. The System Operator and the Interconnecting Transmission Owner may immediately suspend interconnection service and temporarily disconnect the Small Generating Facility in accordance with applicable provisions of the Operating Requirements. The System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall notify the Interconnection Customer promptly when it becomes aware of an Emergency Condition that may reasonably be expected to affect the Interconnection Customer's operation of the Small Generating Facility. The Interconnection Customer shall notify the System Operator and Interconnecting Transmission Owner promptly when it becomes aware of an Emergency Condition that may reasonably be expected to affect the New England Transmission System or any Affected Systems. To the extent information is known, the notification shall describe the Emergency Condition, the extent of the damage or deficiency, the expected effect on the operation of the Parties' facilities and operations, its anticipated duration, and the necessary corrective action.

#### 3.4.2 Routine Maintenance, Construction, and Repair

3.4.2.1 Outage Authority and Coordination. The System Operator shall have the authority to coordinate facility outages in accordance with the ISO New England Operating Documents, Applicable Reliability Standards, or successor documents. Each Party may in accordance with the ISO New England Operating Documents, Applicable Reliability Standards, or successor documents, in coordination with the other Party(ies), remove from service any of its respective Interconnection Facilities or Network Upgrades that may impact the other Party's(ies') facilities as necessary to perform maintenance or testing or to install or replace equipment, subject to the oversight of System Operator in accordance with the ISO New England Operating Documents, Applicable Reliability Standards, or successor documents.

3.4.2.2 Outage Schedules. Outage scheduling, and any related compensation, shall be in accordance with the applicable provisions of the ISO New England Operating Documents, Applicable Reliability Standards, or successor documents.

3.4.2.3 Interruption of Service. In accordance with the ISO New England Operating Documents, Applicable Reliability Standards, or successor documents, the System Operator or Interconnecting Transmission Owner may require Interconnection Customer to interrupt or reduce deliveries of electricity if such delivery of electricity could adversely affect System Operator's or Interconnecting Transmission Owner's ability to perform such activities as are necessary to safely and reliably operate and maintain the New England Transmission System.

### 3.4.3 Forced Outages

During any forced outage, the Interconnecting Transmission Owner [and the System Operator] may suspend interconnection service to effect immediate repairs on the New England Transmission System. The Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall use Reasonable Efforts to provide the Interconnection Customer with prior notice. If prior notice is not given, the Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall, upon request, provide

the Interconnection Customer written documentation after the fact explaining the circumstances of the disconnection.

#### 3.4.4 Adverse Operating Effects

The Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall notify the Interconnection Customer and the System Operator as soon as practicable if, based on Good Utility Practice, operation of the Small Generating Facility may cause disruption or deterioration of service to other customers served from the same electric system, or if operating the Small Generating Facility could cause damage to the New England Transmission System or Affected Systems. Supporting documentation used to reach the decision to disconnect shall be provided to the Interconnection Customer upon request. If, after notice, the Interconnection Customer fails to remedy the adverse operating effect within a reasonable time, the Interconnecting Transmission Owner may disconnect the Small Generating Facility. The Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall provide the Interconnection Customer and the System Operator with five Business Day notice of such disconnection, unless the provisions of article 3.4.1 apply.

#### 3.4.5 Modification of the Small Generating Facility

The Interconnection Customer must receive written authorization from: (1) the Interconnecting Transmission Owner before making any change to the Small Generating Facility that may have a material impact on the safety or reliability of the Interconnecting Transmission Owner's Interconnection Facilities; and (2) the System Operator before making any change to the Small Generating Facility that may have a material impact on the safety or reliability of the New England Transmission System. Such authorization shall not be unreasonably withheld. Modifications shall be done in accordance with Good Utility Practice. If the Interconnection Customer makes such modification without the System Operator's or the Interconnecting Transmission Owner's, as appropriate, prior written authorization, the latter shall have the right to temporarily disconnect the Small Generating Facility.

#### 3.4.6 Reconnection

The Parties shall cooperate with each other to restore the Small Generating Facility, Interconnection Facilities, and the New England Transmission System to their normal operating state as soon as reasonably practicable following a temporary disconnection.

#### **Article 4. Cost Responsibility for Interconnection Facilities and Distribution Upgrades**

##### **4.1 Interconnection Facilities**

4.1.1 The Interconnection Customer shall pay for the cost of the Interconnection Facilities itemized in Attachment 2 of this Agreement. The Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall provide a best estimate cost, including overheads, for the purchase and construction of its Interconnection Facilities and provide a detailed itemization of such costs. Costs associated with Interconnection Facilities may be shared with other entities that may benefit from such facilities by agreement of the Interconnection Customer, such other entities, and the Interconnecting Transmission Owner.

4.1.2 The Interconnection Customer shall be responsible for its share of all reasonable expenses, including overheads, associated with (1) owning, operating, maintaining, repairing, and replacing its own Interconnection Facilities, and (2) operating, maintaining, repairing, and replacing the Interconnecting Transmission Owner's Interconnection Facilities.

##### **4.2 Distribution Upgrades**

The Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall design, procure, construct, install, and own the Distribution Upgrades described in Attachment 6 of this Agreement. If the Interconnecting Transmission Owner and the Interconnection Customer agree, the Interconnection Customer may construct Distribution Upgrades that are located on land owned by the Interconnection Customer. The actual cost of designing, procuring, constructing, and installing the Distribution Upgrades, including overheads, shall be directly assigned to the Interconnection Customer except to the extent that a retail tariff of, or an agreement with, the Interconnecting Transmission Owner or its distribution company affiliate, if appropriate, provides otherwise.

#### **Article 5. Cost Responsibility for Network Upgrades**

### 5.1 Applicability

No portion of this article 5 shall apply unless the interconnection of the Small Generating Facility requires Network Upgrades, including Stand Alone Network Upgrades.

### 5.2 Network Upgrades

The Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall design, procure, construct, install, and own the Network Upgrades described in Attachment 6 of this Agreement. If the Interconnecting Transmission Owner and the Interconnection Customer agree, the Interconnection Customer may construct Network Upgrades that are located on land owned by the Interconnection Customer. Unless the Interconnecting Transmission Owner elects to pay for Network Upgrades, the actual cost of the Network Upgrades, including overheads, shall be borne by the Interconnection Customer.

5.2.1.1 Cost Allocation. Cost allocation of Generator Interconnection Related Upgrades shall be in accordance with Schedule 11 of Section II of the Tariff.

5.2.1.2 Compensation. Any compensation due to the Interconnection Customer for increases in transfer capability to the PTF resulting from its Generator Interconnection Related Upgrade shall be determined in accordance with Sections II and III of the Tariff.

### 5.3 Special Provisions for Affected Systems

The Interconnection Customer shall enter into separate related facilities agreements to address any upgrades to the Affected System(s) or Internal Affected Systems that are necessary for safe and reliable interconnection of the Interconnection Customer's Small Generating Facility.

### 5.4 Rights Under Other Agreements

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, nothing herein shall be construed as relinquishing or foreclosing any rights, including but not limited to firm transmission rights, capacity rights, transmission congestion rights, or transmission credits, that the Interconnection Customer shall be entitled to, now or in the future, under any other agreement or tariff as a result of, or otherwise associated with, the transmission capacity, if any, created by the Network Upgrades.

## **Article 6. Billing, Payment, Milestones, and Financial Security**

### **6.1 Billing and Payment Procedures and Final Accounting**

6.1.1 The Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall bill the Interconnection Customer for the design, engineering, construction, and procurement costs of Interconnection Facilities and Upgrades contemplated by this Agreement on a monthly basis, or as otherwise agreed by the Parties. The Interconnection Customer shall pay each bill within 30 calendar days of receipt, or as otherwise agreed to by the Parties.

6.1.2 Within three months of completing the construction and installation of the Interconnecting Transmission Owner's Interconnection Facilities and/or Upgrades described in the Attachments to this Agreement, the Transmission Provider shall provide the Interconnection Customer with a final accounting report of any difference between (1) the Interconnection Customer's cost responsibility for the actual cost of such facilities or Upgrades, and (2) the Interconnection Customer's previous aggregate payments to the Interconnecting Transmission Owner for such facilities or Upgrades. If the Interconnection Customer's cost responsibility exceeds its previous aggregate payments, the Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall invoice the Interconnection Customer for the amount due and the Interconnection Customer shall make payment to the Interconnecting Transmission Owner within 30 calendar days. If the Interconnection Customer's previous aggregate payments exceed its cost responsibility under this Agreement, the Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall refund to the Interconnection Customer an amount equal to the difference within 30 calendar days of the final accounting report.

## 6.2 Milestones

The Parties shall agree on milestones for which each Party is responsible and list them in Attachment 4 of this Agreement. A Party's obligations under this provision may be extended by agreement. If a Party anticipates that it will be unable to meet a milestone for any reason other than a Force Majeure Event, it shall immediately notify the other Party(ies) of the reason(s) for not meeting the milestone and (1) propose the earliest reasonable alternate date by which it can attain this and future milestones, and (2) requesting appropriate amendments to Attachment 4. The Party affected by the failure to meet a milestone shall not unreasonably withhold agreement to such an amendment unless (1) it will suffer significant uncompensated economic or operational harm from the delay, (2) attainment of the same milestone has previously been delayed, or (3) it has reason to believe that the delay in meeting the milestone is intentional or unwarranted notwithstanding the circumstances explained by the Party proposing the amendment.

## 6.3 Financial Security Arrangements

At least 20 Business Days prior to the commencement of the design, procurement, installation, or construction of a discrete portion of the Interconnecting Transmission Owner's Interconnection Facilities and Upgrades, the Interconnection Customer shall provide the Interconnecting Transmission Owner a guarantee, a surety bond, letter of credit or other form of security that is reasonably acceptable to the Interconnecting Transmission Owner in accordance with Section 7 of Schedule 11 of the Tariff. Such security for payment shall be in an amount sufficient to cover the costs for constructing, designing, procuring, and installing the applicable portion of the Interconnecting Transmission Owner's Interconnection Facilities and Upgrades. In addition:

- 6.3.1 The guarantee must be made by an entity that meets the creditworthiness requirements of the Interconnecting Transmission Owner, and contain terms and conditions that guarantee payment of any amount that may be due from the Interconnection Customer, up to an agreed-to maximum amount.
- 1.3.2 The letter of credit or surety bond must be issued by a financial institution or insurer reasonably acceptable to the Interconnecting Transmission Owner and must specify a reasonable expiration date.



**Article 7. Assignment, Liability, Indemnity, Force Majeure, Consequential Damages, and Default**

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the liability, indemnification and insurance provisions of the Transmission Operating Agreement (“TOA”) or other applicable operating agreements shall apply to the relationship between the System Operator and the Interconnection Transmission Owner and the liability, indemnification and insurance provisions of the Tariff apply to the relationship between the System Operator and the Interconnection Customer and between the Interconnecting Transmission Owner and the Interconnection Customer.

**7.1 Assignment**

This Agreement may be assigned by a Party upon 15 Business Days prior written notice and opportunity to object by the other Parties; provided that:

- 7.1.1 The Parties may assign this Agreement without the consent of the other Parties to any affiliate of the assigning Party with an equal or greater credit rating and with the legal authority and operational ability to satisfy the obligations of the assigning Party under this Agreement, provided that the Interconnection Customer promptly notifies the other Parties of any such assignment.
- 7.1.2 The Interconnection Customer shall have the right to assign this Agreement, without the consent of the Interconnecting Transmission Owner or the System Operator, for collateral security purposes to aid in providing financing for the Small Generating Facility, provided that the Interconnection Customer will promptly notify the Interconnecting Transmission Owner and the System Operator of any such assignment.
- 7.1.3 Any attempted assignment that violates this article is void and ineffective. Assignment shall not relieve a Party of its obligations, nor shall a Party's obligations be enlarged, in whole or in part, by reason thereof. An assignee is responsible for meeting the same financial, credit, and insurance obligations as the Interconnection Customer. Where required, consent to assignment will not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed.

## 7.2 Limitation of Liability

Each Party's liability to the other Party(ies) for any loss, cost, claim, injury, liability, or expense, including reasonable attorney's fees, relating to or arising from any act or omission in its performance of this Agreement, shall be limited to the amount of direct damage actually incurred. In no event shall a Party be liable to another Party for any indirect, special, consequential, or punitive damages, except as authorized by this Agreement.

## 7.3 Indemnity

7.3.1 This provision protects each Party from liability incurred to third parties as a result of carrying out the provisions of this Agreement. Liability under this provision is exempt from the general limitations on liability found in article 7.2.

7.3.2 Each Party shall at all times indemnify, defend, and hold the other Parties harmless from, any and all damages, losses, claims, including claims and actions relating to injury to or death of any person or damage to property, demand, suits, recoveries, costs and expenses, court costs, attorney fees, and all other obligations by or to third parties, arising out of or resulting from the other Party's(ies') action or failure to meet its obligations under this Agreement on behalf of the indemnifying Party, except in cases of gross negligence or intentional wrongdoing by the indemnified Party.

7.3.3 If an indemnified person is entitled to indemnification under this article as a result of a claim by a third party, and the indemnifying Party fails, after notice and reasonable opportunity to proceed under this article, to assume the defense of such claim, such indemnified person may at the expense of the indemnifying Party contest, settle or consent to the entry of any judgment with respect to, or pay in full, such claim.

7.3.4 If an indemnifying Party is obligated to indemnify and hold any indemnified person harmless under this article, the amount owing to the indemnified person shall be the amount of such indemnified person's actual loss, net of any insurance or other recovery.

7.3.5 Promptly after receipt by an indemnified person of any claim or notice of the commencement of any action or administrative or legal proceeding or investigation as to

which the indemnity provided for in this article may apply, the indemnified person shall notify the indemnifying Party of such fact. Any failure of or delay in such notification shall not affect a Party's indemnification obligation unless such failure or delay is materially prejudicial to the indemnifying Party.

#### 7.4 Consequential Damages

Other than as expressly provided for in this Agreement, in no event shall a Party be liable under any provision of this Agreement for any losses, damages, costs or expenses for any special, indirect, incidental, consequential, or punitive damages, including but not limited to loss of profit or revenue, loss of the use of equipment, cost of capital, cost of temporary equipment or services, whether based in whole or in part in contract, in tort, including negligence, strict liability, or any other theory of liability; provided, however, that damages for which a Party may be liable to another Party under another agreement will not be considered to be special, indirect, incidental, or consequential damages hereunder.

#### 7.5 Force Majeure

7.5.1 As used in this article, a Force Majeure Event shall mean "any act of God, labor disturbance, act of the public enemy, war, insurrection, riot, fire, storm or flood, explosion, breakage or accident to machinery or equipment, any order, regulation or restriction imposed by governmental, military or lawfully established civilian authorities, or any other cause beyond a Party's control. A Force Majeure Event does not include an act of negligence or intentional wrongdoing."

7.5.2 If a Force Majeure Event prevents a Party from fulfilling any obligations under this Agreement, the Party affected by the Force Majeure Event shall promptly notify the other Party(ies), either in writing or via the telephone, of the existence of the Force Majeure Event. The notification must specify in reasonable detail the circumstances of the Force Majeure Event, its expected duration, and the steps that the Party affected is taking to mitigate the effects of the event on its performance. The Party affected shall keep the other Party(ies) informed on a continuing basis of developments relating to the Force Majeure Event until the event ends. The Party affected will be entitled to suspend or modify its performance of obligations under this Agreement (other than the obligation to

make payments) only to the extent that the effect of the Force Majeure Event cannot be mitigated by the use of Reasonable Efforts. The Party affected will use Reasonable Efforts to resume its performance as soon as possible.

## 7.6 Default

- 7.6.1 No Default shall exist where such failure to discharge an obligation (other than the payment of money) is the result of a Force Majeure Event as defined in this Agreement or the result of an act or omission of the other Party(ies). Upon a Default, the non-defaulting Party shall give written notice of such Default to the defaulting Party. Except as provided in article 7.6.2, the defaulting Party shall have 60 calendar days from receipt of the Default notice within which to cure such Default; provided however, if such Default is not capable of cure within 60 calendar days, the defaulting Party shall commence such cure within 20 calendar days after notice and continuously and diligently complete such cure within six months from receipt of the Default notice; and, if cured within such time, the Default specified in such notice shall cease to exist.
- 7.6.2 If a Default is not cured as provided in this article, or if a Default is not capable of being cured within the period provided for herein, the non-defaulting Party(ies) shall have the right to terminate this Agreement by written notice at any time until cure occurs, and be relieved of any further obligation hereunder and, whether or not those Parties terminate this Agreement, to recover from the defaulting Party all amounts due hereunder, plus all other damages and remedies to which it is entitled at law or in equity. The provisions of this article will survive termination of this Agreement.

## **Article 8. Insurance Requirements**

### 8.1 General Liability

The Interconnection Customer shall, at its own expense, maintain in force general liability insurance without any exclusion for liabilities related to the interconnection undertaken pursuant to this Agreement. The amount of such insurance shall be sufficient to insure against all reasonably foreseeable direct liabilities given the size and nature of the generating equipment being interconnected, the interconnection itself, and the characteristics of the system to which the

interconnection is made. The Interconnection Customer shall obtain additional insurance only if necessary as a function of owning and operating a generating facility. Such insurance shall be obtained from an insurance provider authorized to do business in the State where the interconnection is located. Certification that such insurance is in effect shall be provided upon request of the Interconnecting Transmission Owner, except that the Interconnection Customer shall show proof of insurance to the Interconnecting Transmission Owner no later than ten Business Days prior to the anticipated commercial operation date. An Interconnection Customer of sufficient credit-worthiness may propose to self-insure for such liabilities, and such a proposal shall not be unreasonably rejected.

## 8.2 Insurer Requirements and Endorsements

All required insurance shall be carried by reputable insurers qualified to underwrite insurance in the state where the interconnection is located having a Best Rating of “A-”. In addition, all insurance shall, (a) include Interconnecting Transmission Owner and System Operator as additional insureds; (b) contain a severability of interest clause or cross-liability clause; (c) provide that Interconnecting Transmission Owner and System Operator shall not incur liability to the insurance carrier for payment of premium for such insurance; and (d) provide for thirty (30) calendar days’ written notice to Interconnecting Transmission Owner and System Operator prior to cancellation, termination, or material change of such insurance; provided that to the extent the Interconnection Customer is satisfying the requirements of subpart (d) of this paragraph by means of a presently existing insurance policy, the Interconnection Customer shall only be required to make good faith efforts to satisfy that requirement and will assume the responsibility for notifying the Interconnecting Transmission Owner and System Operator as required above.

If the requirement of clause (a) in the paragraph above prevents Interconnection Customer from obtaining the insurance required without added cost or due to written refusal by the insurance carrier, then upon Interconnection Customer’s written notice to Interconnecting Transmission Owner and System Operator, the requirements of clause (a) shall be waived.

## 8.3 Evidence of Insurance

Evidence of the insurance required shall state that coverage provided is primary and is not in excess to or contributing with any insurance or self-insurance maintained by Interconnection Customer.

The Interconnection Customer is responsible for providing the Interconnecting Transmission Owner and the System Operator with evidence of insurance in compliance with this Tariff on an annual basis.

Prior to the Interconnecting Transmission Owner commencing work on Interconnection Facilities, Network Upgrades and Distribution Upgrades, the Interconnection Customer shall have its insurer furnish to the Interconnecting Transmission Owner and the System Operator certificates of insurance evidencing the insurance coverage required above. The Interconnection Customer shall notify and send to the Interconnecting Transmission Owner and the System Operator a certificate of insurance for any policy written on a "claims-made" basis. The Interconnecting Transmission Owner and the System Operator may at their discretion require the Interconnection Customer to maintain tail coverage for three years on all policies written on a "claims-made" basis.

#### 8.4 Self Insurance

If Interconnection Customer is a company with a self-insurance program established in accordance with commercially acceptable risk management practices, Interconnection Customer may comply with the following in lieu of the above requirements as reasonably approved by the Interconnecting Transmission Owner and the System Operator:

- Interconnection Customer shall provide to Interconnecting Transmission Owner and System Operator, at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to the Date of Initial Operation, evidence of such program to self-insure to a level of coverage equivalent to that required.
- If Interconnection Customer ceases to self-insure to the standards required hereunder, or if Interconnection Customer is unable to provide continuing evidence of Interconnection Customer's financial ability to self-insure, Interconnection Customer agrees to promptly obtain the coverage required under Article 8.1.

#### 8.5 Interconnecting Transmission Owner Insurance

The Interconnecting Transmission Owner agrees to maintain general liability insurance or self-insurance consistent with the Interconnecting Transmission Owner's commercial practice. Such insurance or self-insurance shall not exclude coverage for the Interconnecting Transmission Owner's liabilities undertaken pursuant to this Agreement.

## **Article 9. Confidentiality**

9.1 Confidential Information shall include without limitation, all information governed by the ISO New England Information Policy, all information obtained from third parties under confidentiality agreements, and any confidential and/or proprietary information provided by a Party to the another Party that is clearly marked or otherwise designated "Confidential." For purposes of this Agreement all design, operating specifications, and metering data provided by the Interconnection Customer shall be deemed Confidential Information regardless of whether it is clearly marked or otherwise designated as such.

9.2 Confidential Information does not include information previously in the public domain, required to be publicly submitted or divulged by Governmental Authorities (after notice to the other Party(ies) and after exhausting any opportunity to oppose such publication or release), or necessary to be divulged in an action to enforce this Agreement. Each Party receiving Confidential Information shall hold such information in confidence and shall not disclose it to any third party nor to the public without the prior written authorization from the Party providing that information, except to fulfill obligations under this Agreement, or to fulfill legal or regulatory requirements.

9.2.1 Each Party shall employ at least the same standard of care to protect Confidential Information obtained from the other Party(ies) as it employs to protect its own Confidential Information.

9.2.2 Each Party is entitled to equitable relief, by injunction or otherwise, to enforce its rights under this provision to prevent the release of Confidential Information without bond or proof of damages, and may seek other remedies available at law or in equity for breach of this provision.

- 9.3 Notwithstanding anything in this article to the contrary, and pursuant to 18 CFR § 1b.20, if the Commission, during the course of an investigation or otherwise, requests information from one of the Parties that is otherwise required to be maintained in confidence pursuant to this Agreement, the Party shall provide the requested information to the Commission, within the time provided for in the request for information. In providing the information to the Commission, the Party may, consistent with 18 CFR § 388.112, request that the information be treated as confidential and non-public by the Commission and that the information be withheld from public disclosure. Parties are prohibited from notifying the other Party(ies) to this Agreement prior to the release of the Confidential Information to the Commission. The Party shall notify the other Party(ies) to this Agreement when it is notified by the Commission that a request to release Confidential Information has been received by the Commission, at which time either of the Parties may respond before such information would be made public, pursuant to 18 CFR § 388.112. Requests from a state regulatory body conducting a confidential investigation shall be treated in a similar manner if consistent with the applicable state rules and regulations.

## **Article 10. Disputes**

- 10.1 Submission.** In the event a Party has a dispute, or asserts a claim, that arises out of or in connection with this LGIA or its performance, such Party (the “disputing Party”) shall provide the other Party(ies) with written notice of the dispute or claim (“Notice of Dispute”). Such dispute or claim shall be referred to a designated senior representative of each Party for resolution on an informal basis as promptly as practicable after receipt of the Notice of Dispute by the other Party(ies). In the event the designated representatives are unable to resolve the claim or dispute through unassisted or assisted negotiations within thirty (30) Calendar Days of the other Party’s(ies’) receipt of the Notice of Dispute, such claim or dispute may, upon mutual agreement of the Parties, be submitted to arbitration and resolved in accordance with the arbitration procedures set forth below. In the event the Parties do not agree to submit such claim or dispute to arbitration, each Party may exercise whatever rights and remedies it may have in equity or at law consistent with the terms of this SGIA.
- 10.2 External Arbitration Procedures.** Any arbitration initiated under this SGIA shall be conducted before a single neutral arbitrator appointed by the Parties. If the Parties fail to agree upon a single arbitrator within ten (10) Calendar Days of the submission of the dispute to arbitration, each Party shall choose one arbitrator who shall sit on a three-member arbitration panel. The arbitrator so chosen by the System Operator shall chair the arbitration panel. In either case, the arbitrators



shall be knowledgeable in electric utility matters, including electric transmission and bulk power issues, and shall not have any current or past substantial business or financial relationships with any party to the arbitration (except prior arbitration). The arbitrator(s) shall provide each of the Parties an opportunity to be heard and, except as otherwise provided herein, shall conduct the arbitration in accordance with the Commercial Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association (“Arbitration Rules”) and any applicable Commission regulations or RTO rules; provided, however, in the event of a conflict between the Arbitration Rules and the terms of this Article 10, the terms of this Article 10 shall prevail

**10.3 Arbitration Decisions.** Unless otherwise agreed by the Parties, the arbitrator(s) shall render a decision within ninety (90) Calendar Days of appointment and shall notify the Parties in writing of such decision and the reasons therefore. The arbitrator(s) shall be authorized only to interpret and apply the provisions of this SGIA and shall have no power to modify or change any provision of this Agreement in any manner. The decision of the arbitrator(s) shall be final and binding upon the Parties, and judgment on the award may be entered in any court having jurisdiction. The decision of the arbitrator(s) may be appealed solely on the grounds that the conduct of the arbitrator(s), or the decision itself, violated the standards set forth in the Federal Arbitration Act or the Administrative Dispute Resolution Act. The final decision of the arbitrator must also be filed with the Commission if it affects jurisdictional rates, terms and conditions of service, Interconnection Facilities, or Network Upgrades.

**10.4 Costs.** Each Party shall be responsible for its own costs incurred during the arbitration process and for the following costs, if applicable: (1) the cost of the arbitrator chosen by the Party to sit on the three member panel; or (2) a pro rata share of the cost of a single arbitrator chosen by the Parties.

## **Article 11. Taxes**

**11.1** The Parties agree to follow all applicable tax laws and regulations, consistent with Commission policy and Internal Revenue Service requirements.

**11.2** Each Party shall cooperate with the other to maintain the other Party's(ies') tax status. Nothing in this Agreement is intended to adversely affect the Interconnecting Transmission Owner's tax

exempt status with respect to the issuance of bonds including, but not limited to, local furnishing bonds.

## **Article 12. Miscellaneous**

### **12.1 Governing Law, Regulatory Authority, and Rules**

The validity, interpretation and enforcement of this Agreement and each of its provisions shall be governed by the laws of the state of \_\_\_\_\_ (where the Point of Interconnection is located), without regard to its conflicts of law principles. This Agreement is subject to all Applicable Laws and Regulations. Each Party expressly reserves the right to seek changes in, appeal, or otherwise contest any laws, orders, or regulations of a Governmental Authority.

### **12.2 Amendment**

The Parties may amend this Agreement by a written instrument duly executed by the Parties, or under article 12.12 of this Agreement.

### **12.3 No Third-Party Beneficiaries**

This Agreement is not intended to and does not create rights, remedies, or benefits of any character whatsoever in favor of any persons, corporations, associations, or entities other than the Parties, and the obligations herein assumed are solely for the use and benefit of the Parties, their successors in interest and where permitted, their assigns.

### **12.4 Waiver**

The failure of a Party to this Agreement to insist, on any occasion, upon strict performance of any provision of this Agreement will not be considered a waiver of any obligation, right, or duty of, or imposed upon, such Party.

12.4.1 Any waiver at any time by a Party of its rights with respect to this Agreement shall not be deemed a continuing waiver or a waiver with respect to any other failure to comply with any other obligation, right, duty of this Agreement. Termination or default of this

Agreement for any reason by Interconnection Customer shall not constitute a waiver of the Interconnection Customer's legal rights to obtain an interconnection from the Interconnecting Transmission Owner. Any waiver of this Agreement shall, if requested, be provided in writing.

12.5 Entire Agreement

Except for the ISO New England Operating Documents, Applicable Reliability Standards, or successor documents, this Agreement, including all Attachments, constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties with reference to the subject matter hereof, and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous understandings or agreements, oral or written, between the Parties with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement. Except for the ISO New England Operating Documents, Applicable Reliability Standards, or successor documents, there are no other agreements, representations, warranties, or covenants which constitute any part of the consideration for, or any condition to, either Party's compliance with its obligations under this Agreement.

12.6 Multiple Counterparts

This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which is deemed an original but all constitute one and the same instrument.

12.7 No Partnership

This Agreement shall not be interpreted or construed to create an association, joint venture, agency relationship, or partnership between the Parties or to impose any partnership obligation or partnership liability upon any Party. No Party shall have any right, power or authority to enter into any agreement or undertaking for, or act on behalf of, or to act as or be an agent or representative of, or to otherwise bind, the other Parties.

12.8 Severability

If any provision or portion of this Agreement shall for any reason be held or adjudged to be invalid or illegal or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction or other Governmental Authority, (1) such portion or provision shall be deemed separate and independent, (2) the Parties

shall negotiate in good faith to restore insofar as practicable the benefits to each Party that were affected by such ruling, and (3) the remainder of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

#### 12.9 Security Arrangements

Infrastructure security of the New England Transmission System equipment and operations and control hardware and software is essential to ensure day-to-day reliability and operational security. The Commission expects the System Operator, Interconnecting Transmission Owners, market participants, and Interconnection Customers interconnected to the New England Transmission System to comply with the recommendations offered by the President's Critical Infrastructure Protection Board and, eventually, best practice recommendations from the electric reliability authority. All public utilities are expected to meet basic standards for system infrastructure and operational security, including physical, operational, and cyber-security practices.

#### 12.10 Environmental Releases

Each Party shall notify the other Party(ies), first orally and then in writing, of the release of any hazardous substances, any asbestos or lead abatement activities, or any type of remediation activities related to the Small Generating Facility or the Interconnection Facilities, each of which may reasonably be expected to affect the other Party(ies). The notifying Party shall (1) provide the notice as soon as practicable, provided such Party makes a good faith effort to provide the notice no later than 24 hours after such Party becomes aware of the occurrence, and (2) promptly furnish to the other Party(ies) copies of any publicly available reports filed with any governmental authorities addressing such events.

#### 12.11 Subcontractors

Nothing in this Agreement shall prevent a Party from utilizing the services of any subcontractor as it deems appropriate to perform its obligations under this Agreement; provided, however, that each Party shall require its subcontractors to comply with all applicable terms and conditions of this Agreement in providing such services and each Party shall remain primarily liable to the other Party(ies) for the performance of such subcontractor.

12.11.1 The creation of any subcontract relationship shall not relieve the hiring Party of any of its obligations under this Agreement. The hiring Party shall be fully responsible to the other Party(ies) for the acts or omissions of any subcontractor the hiring Party hires as if no subcontract had been made; provided, however, that in no event shall the Interconnecting Transmission Owner be liable for the actions or inactions of the Interconnection Customer or its subcontractors with respect to obligations of the Interconnection Customer under this Agreement. Any applicable obligation imposed by this Agreement upon the hiring Party shall be equally binding upon, and shall be construed as having application to, any subcontractor of such Party.

12.11.2 The obligations under this article will not be limited in any way by any limitation of subcontractor's insurance.

#### 12.12 Reservation of Rights

Consistent with Section 4.8 of Schedule 23, the Interconnecting Transmission Owner and the System Operator shall have the right to make a unilateral filing with the Commission to modify this Agreement with respect to any rates, terms and conditions, charges, classifications of service, rule or regulation under section 205 or any other applicable provision of the Federal Power Act and the Commission's rules and regulations thereunder, and the Interconnection Customer shall have the right to make a unilateral filing with the Commission to modify this Agreement under any applicable provision of the Federal Power Act and the Commission's rules and regulations; provided that each Party shall have the right to protest any such filing by the other Party(ies) and to participate fully in any proceeding before the Commission in which such modifications may be considered. Nothing in this Agreement shall limit the rights of the Parties or of the Commission under sections 205 or 206 of the Federal Power Act and the Commission's rules and regulations, except to the extent that the Parties otherwise agree as provided herein.

### **Article 13.     Notices**

#### 13.1 General

Unless otherwise provided in this Agreement, any written notice, demand, or request required or authorized in connection with this Agreement ("Notice") shall be deemed properly given if delivered in person, delivered by recognized national carrier service, or sent by first class mail, postage prepaid, to the person specified below:

If to the Interconnection Customer:

[To be supplied]

If to the Interconnecting Transmission Owner:

[To be supplied]

If to the System Operator:

ISO New England Inc.

Attention: Generation Interconnection, Transmission Planning Department

One Sullivan Road

Holyoke, MA 01040-2841

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: 413-540-4203

With a copy to:

Billing Department

ISO New England Inc.

One Sullivan Road

Holyoke, MA 01040-2841

### 13.2 Billing and Payment

Billings and payments shall be sent to the addresses set out below:

Interconnection Customer: [To be supplied]

Interconnecting Transmission Owner[To be supplied]

System Operator: ISO New England Inc.

Effective Date: 5/3/25 – ER25-2149-000

Attention: Generation Interconnection, Transmission Planning Department

One Sullivan Road

Holyoke, MA 01040-2841

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: 413-540-4203

With a copy to:

Billing Department

ISO New England Inc.

One Sullivan Road

Holyoke, MA 01040-2841

### 13.3 Alternative Forms of Notice

Any notice or request required or permitted to be given by a Party to the other Party(ies) and not required by this Agreement to be given in writing may be so given by telephone, facsimile or e-mail to the telephone numbers and e-mail addresses set out below:

If to the Interconnection Customer:

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

If to the Interconnecting Transmission Owner:

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

If to the System Operator:

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: 413-540-4203

E-mail: [geninterconn@iso-ne.com](mailto:geninterconn@iso-ne.com)

With a copy to:

Billing Department  
Facsimile: (413) 535-4024  
E-mail: [billingdept@iso-ne.com](mailto:billingdept@iso-ne.com)

#### 13.4 Designated Operating Representative

The Parties may also designate operating representatives to conduct the communications which may be necessary or convenient for the administration of this Agreement. This person will also serve as the point of contact with respect to operations and maintenance of the Party's facilities.

Interconnection Customer's Operating Representative:

[To be supplied]

Interconnecting Transmission Owner's Operating Representative:

[To be supplied]

System Operator's Operating Representative:

ISO New England Inc.  
Attention: Generation Interconnection, Transmission Planning Department  
One Sullivan Road  
Holyoke, MA 01040-2841  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: (413) 540-4203  
E-mail: [geninterconn@iso-ne.com](mailto:geninterconn@iso-ne.com)

DUNS Numbers:

Interconnection Customer: [To be supplied]

Interconnecting Transmission Owner: [To be supplied]

#### 13.5 Changes to the Notice Information



A Party may change this information by giving five Business Days written notice prior to the effective date of the change.

**Article 14.      Signatures**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused this Agreement to be executed by their respective duly authorized representatives.

***[Insert name of]* (Interconnecting Transmission Owner)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

***[Insert name of]* (Interconnection Customer)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**ISO New England Inc. (System Operator)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **ATTACHMENTS TO SGIA**

Attachment 1	Glossary of Terms
Attachment 2	Description and Costs of the Small Generating Facility, Interconnection Facilities, and Metering Equipment
Attachment 3	One-line Diagram Depicting the Small Generating Facility, Interconnection Facilities, Metering Equipment and Upgrades
Attachment 4	Milestones
Attachment 5	Additional Operating Requirements for the New England Transmission System and Affected Systems Needed to Support the Interconnection Customer's Needs
Attachment 6	Interconnecting Transmission Owner's Description of its Upgrades, and Best Estimates of Upgrade Costs
Attachment 7	Commercial Operation Date

## Glossary of Terms

**Administered Transmission System** shall mean the PTF and the Non-PTF.

**Adverse System Impact** shall mean any significant negative effects on the stability, reliability or operating characteristics of the electric system.

**Affected Party** shall mean the entity that owns, operates or controls an Affected System, or any other entity operating outside of the New England Control Area that otherwise may be a necessary party to the interconnection process.

**Affected System** shall mean any electric system that is outside the New England Control Area that may be affected by the proposed interconnection.

**Affected System Facilities Construction Agreement** shall mean the agreement contained in Appendix 9 to this SGIP that is made between Interconnecting Transmission Owner and Affected System Interconnection Customer to facilitate the construction of and to set forth cost responsibility for necessary Affected System Network Upgrades on the New England Transmission System.

**Affected System Interconnection Customer** shall mean any entity that submits an interconnection request for a generating facility to a transmission system outside of the New England Control Area that may cause the need for Affected System Network Upgrades on the New England Transmission System.

**Affected System Network Upgrades** shall mean the additions, modifications, and upgrades to New England Transmission System required to accommodate Affected System Interconnection Customer's proposed interconnection to a transmission system other than New England-Transmission System.

**Affected System Operator** shall mean the entity that operates an Affected System.

**Affected System Queue Position** shall mean the queue position of an Affected System Interconnection Customer in System Operator's interconnection queue relative to System Operator's Interconnection Customers' Queue Positions.

**Affected System Study** shall mean the evaluation of Affected System Interconnection Customers' proposed interconnection(s) to a transmission system outside the New England Control Area that have an impact on the New England Transmission System, as described in Section 9 of this SGIP.

**Affected System Study Agreement** shall mean the agreement contained in Appendix 7 to this SGIP that is made between System Operator and Affected System Interconnection Customer to conduct an Affected System Study pursuant to Section 9 of this SGIP.

**Affected System Study Report** shall mean the report issued following completion of an Affected System Study pursuant to Section 9.6 of this SGIP.

**Affiliate** shall mean, with respect to a corporation, partnership or other entity, each such other corporation, partnership or other entity that directly or indirectly, through one or more intermediaries, controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with, such corporation, partnership or other entity.

**Applicable Laws and Regulations** shall mean all duly promulgated applicable federal, state and local laws, regulations, rules, ordinances, codes, decrees, judgments, directives, or judicial or administrative orders, permits and other duly authorized actions of any Governmental Authority.

**Applicable Reliability Council** shall mean the reliability council applicable to the New England Control Area.

**Applicable Reliability Standards** shall mean the requirements and guidelines of NERC, the NPCC and the New England Control Area, including publicly available local reliability requirements of Interconnecting Transmission Owners or other Affected Parties or Internal Affected Parties.

**At-Risk Expenditure** shall mean money expended for the development of the Generating Facility that cannot be recouped if the Interconnection Customer were to withdraw the Interconnection Request for the Generating Facility. At-Risk Expenditure may include, but is not limited to, money expended on: (i) costs of federal, state, local, regional and town permits, (ii) Site Control, (iii) site-specific design and surveys, (iv) construction activities, and (v) non-refundable deposits for major equipment components. For purposes of this definition, At-Risk Expenditure shall not include costs associated with the Interconnection Studies.

**Base Case** shall have the meaning specified in Section 2.3.

**Base Case Data** shall mean the Base Case power flow, short circuit, and stability data bases used for the Interconnection Studies by the System Operator, Interconnection Customer, Interconnecting Transmission Owner, or any Affected Party or Internal Affected Party as deemed appropriate by the System Operator in accordance with applicable codes of conduct and confidentiality requirements.

**Breach** shall mean the failure of a Party to perform or observe any material term or condition of the Standard Small Generator Interconnection Agreement.

**Breaching Party** shall mean a Party that is in Breach of the Standard Small Generator Interconnection Agreement.

**Calendar Day** shall mean any day including Saturday, Sunday or a Federal Holiday.

**Capacity Capability Interconnection Standard (“CC Interconnection Standard”)** shall mean the criteria required to permit the Interconnection Customer to interconnect a Generating Facility seeking Capacity Network Resource Interconnection Service or an Elective Transmission Upgrade seeking Capacity Network Import Interconnection Service in a manner that avoids any significant adverse effect on the reliability, stability, and operability of the New England Transmission System, including protecting against the degradation of transfer capability for interfaces affected by the Generating Facility seeking Capacity Network Resource Interconnection Service or an Elective Transmission Upgrade seeking Capacity Network Import Interconnection Service, and in a manner that ensures intra-zonal deliverability by avoidance of the redispatch of other Capacity Network Resources or Elective Transmission Upgrades with Capacity Network Import Interconnection Service, as detailed in the ISO New England Planning Procedures.

**Capacity Network Resource (“CNR”)** shall mean that portion of a Generating Facility that is interconnected to the Administered Transmission System under the Capacity Capability Interconnection Standard.

**Capacity Network Resource Capability (“CNR Capability”)** shall mean the MW quantity associated with CNR Interconnection Service, calculated as described in Section II.48 of the Tariff.

**Capacity Network Resource Group Study (“CNR Group Study”)** shall mean the study performed by the System Operator under Section III.13.1.1.2.3 of the Tariff to determine which resources qualify to participate in a Forward Capacity Auction.

**Capacity Network Resource Interconnection Service (“CNR Interconnection Service”)** shall mean the Interconnection Service selected by the Interconnection Customer to interconnect its Small Generating Facility with the Administered Transmission System in accordance with the Capacity Capability Interconnection Standard. An Interconnection Customer’s CNR Interconnection Service shall be for the megawatt amount of CNR Capability. CNR Interconnection Service does not in and of itself convey transmission service.

**Cluster** shall mean a group of one or more Interconnection Requests that are studied together for the purpose of conducting a Cluster Study, Cluster Interconnection System Impact Study, and Cluster Interconnection Facilities Study.

**Cluster Enabling Transmission Upgrade (“CETU”)** shall mean new significant transmission line infrastructure that consists of AC transmission lines and related terminal equipment having a nominal voltage rating at or above 115 kV or HVDC transmission lines and HVDC terminal equipment that is identified through the Clustering Enabling Transmission Upgrade Regional Planning Study conducted in accordance with Attachment K, Section II of the Tariff. The CETU shall be considered part of a Generator Interconnection Related Upgrade and be categorized as Interconnection Facilities or Network Upgrades.

**Cluster Enabling Transmission Upgrade Regional Planning Study (“CRPS”)** shall mean a study conducted by the System Operator under Attachment K, Section II of the Tariff to identify the Cluster Enabling Transmission Upgrade and associated system upgrades to enable the interconnection of Interconnection Requests for which the conditions identified in Section 4.2.1 have been triggered.

**Cluster Interconnection Facilities Study (“CFAC”)** shall mean an Interconnection Facilities Study performed using Clustering pursuant to Section 4.2.4.

**Cluster Interconnection System Impact Study (“CSIS”)** shall mean an Interconnection System Impact Study performed using Clustering pursuant to Section 4.2.3.

**CETU Participation Deposit** shall mean a Commercial Readiness Deposit as described in Section 4.2.

**Cluster Request Window** shall mean the time period set forth in Section 3.4.1 of this SGIP.

**Cluster Restudy** shall mean a restudy of a Cluster Study conducted pursuant to Section 7.5 of this SGIP.

**Cluster Restudy Report Meeting** shall mean the meeting held to discuss the results of a Cluster Restudy pursuant to Section 7.5 of this SGIP.

**Cluster Restudy Report** shall mean the report issued following completion of a Cluster Restudy pursuant to Section 7.5 of this SGIP.

**Cluster Study** shall mean the evaluation of one or more Interconnection Requests within a Cluster as described in Section 7 of this SGIP.

**Cluster Study Agreement** shall mean the agreement contained in Appendix 2 to this SGIP for conducting the Cluster Study.

**Cluster Study Process** shall mean the following processes, conducted in sequence: the Cluster Request Window; the Customer Engagement Window and Scoping Meetings therein; the Cluster Study; any needed Cluster Restudies; and the Interconnection Facilities Study.

**Cluster Study Report** shall mean the report issued following completion of a Cluster Study pursuant to Section 7 of this SGIP.

**Cluster Study Report Meeting** shall mean the meeting held to discuss the results of a Cluster Study pursuant to Section 7 of this SGIP.

**Clustering** shall mean the process whereby one or more Interconnection Requests are studied together, instead of serially, as described in Sections 4.2.3, 4.2.4, and 7 of this SGIP.

**Commercial Operation** shall mean the status of a Generating Facility that has commenced generating electricity for sale, excluding electricity generated during Trial Operation.



**Commercial Operation Date** of a unit shall mean the date on which the Generating Facility commences Commercial Operation as agreed to by the Parties pursuant to Attachment 7 to the Standard Small Generator Interconnection Agreement.

**Commercial Readiness Deposit** shall mean a deposit paid as set forth in Sections 3.4.2, 4.4.2, 5.1.1.3, 7.5, and 8.1 of this SGIP.

**Confidential Information** shall mean any confidential, proprietary or trade secret information of a plan, specification, pattern, procedure, design, device, list, concept, policy or compilation relating to the present or planned business of a Party, which is designated as confidential by the Party supplying the information, whether conveyed orally, electronically, in writing, through inspection, or otherwise. Confidential Information shall include, but not be limited to, information that is confidential pursuant to the ISO New England Information Policy.

**Contingent Facilities** shall mean those unbuilt Interconnection Facilities and Network Upgrades associated with an Interconnection Request with a higher Queue Position or a transmission project that is planned or proposed for the New England Transmission System upon which the Interconnection Request's costs, timing, and study findings are dependent, and if delayed or not built, could cause a need for restudies of the Interconnection Request or a reassessment of the Interconnection Facilities and/or Network Upgrades and/or costs and timing.

**Customer Engagement Window** shall mean the time period set forth in Section 3.4.5 of this SGIP.

**Default** shall mean the failure of a Breaching Party to cure its Breach in accordance with Article 7.6 of the Standard Small Generator Interconnection Agreement.

**Dispute Resolution** shall mean the procedure for resolution of a dispute between the Parties in which they will first attempt to resolve the dispute on an informal basis.

**Distribution System** shall mean the Interconnecting Transmission Owner's facilities and equipment used to transmit electricity to ultimate usage points such as homes and industries directly from nearby generators or from interchanges with higher voltage transmission networks which transport bulk power over longer distances. The voltage levels at which distribution systems operate differ among areas.

**Distribution Upgrades** shall mean the additions, modifications, and upgrades to the Interconnecting Transmission Owner's Distribution System at or beyond the Point of Interconnection to facilitate interconnection of the Generating Facility and render the transmission service necessary to effect Interconnection Customer's wholesale sale of electricity in interstate commerce. Distribution Upgrades do not include Interconnection Facilities.

**Effective Date** shall mean the date on which the Standard Small Generator Interconnection Agreement becomes effective upon execution by the Parties subject to acceptance by the Commission or if filed unexecuted, upon the date specified by the Commission.

**Emergency Condition** shall mean a condition or situation: (1) that in the judgment of the Party making the claim is likely to endanger life or property; or (2) that, in the case of the Interconnecting Transmission Owner, is likely (as determined in a non-discriminatory manner) to cause a material adverse effect on the security of, or damage to the New England Transmission System, Interconnecting Transmission Owner's Interconnection Facilities or any Affected System to which the New England Transmission System is directly connected; or (3) that, in the case of Interconnection Customer, is likely (as determined in a non-discriminatory manner) to cause a material adverse effect on the security of, or damage to, the Generating Facility or Interconnection Customer's Interconnection Facilities. System restoration and black start shall be considered Emergency Conditions; provided that Interconnection Customer is not obligated by the Standard Small Generator Interconnection Agreement to possess black start capability.

**Engineering & Procurement ("E&P") Agreement** shall mean an agreement that authorizes the Interconnection Customer, Interconnecting Transmission Owner and any other Affected Party or Internal Affected Party to begin engineering and procurement of long lead-time items necessary for the establishment of the interconnection in order to advance the implementation of the Interconnection Request.

**Environmental Law** shall mean Applicable Laws or Regulations relating to pollution or protection of the environment or natural resources.

**Federal Power Act** shall mean the Federal Power Act, as amended, 16 U.S.C. §§ 791a et seq.

**Force Majeure** shall mean any act of God, labor disturbance, act of the public enemy, war, insurrection, riot, fire, storm or flood, explosion, breakage or accident to machinery or equipment, any order,

regulation or restriction imposed by governmental, military or lawfully established civilian authorities, or any other cause beyond a Party's control. A Force Majeure event does not include acts of negligence or intentional wrongdoing by the Party claiming Force Majeure.

**Generating Facility** shall mean Interconnection Customer's device(s) for the production and/or storage for later injection of electricity identified in the Interconnection Request, but shall not include Interconnection Customer's Interconnection Facilities.

**Governmental Authority** shall mean any federal, state, local or other governmental regulatory or administrative agency, court, commission, department, board, or other governmental subdivision, legislature, rulemaking board, tribunal, or other governmental authority having jurisdiction over the Parties, their respective facilities, or the respective services they provide, and exercising or entitled to exercise any administrative, executive, police, or taxing authority or power; provided, however, that such term does not include the System Operator, Interconnection Customer, Interconnecting Transmission Owner, or any Affiliate thereof.

**Hazardous Substances** shall mean any chemicals, materials or substances defined as or included in the definition of "hazardous substances," "hazardous wastes," "hazardous materials," "hazardous constituents," "restricted hazardous materials," "extremely hazardous substances," "toxic substances," "radioactive substances," "contaminants," "pollutants," "toxic pollutants" or words of similar meaning and regulatory effect under any applicable Environmental Law, or any other chemical, material or substance, exposure to which is prohibited, limited or regulated by any applicable Environmental Law.

**Initial Synchronization Date** shall mean the date upon which the Generating Facility is initially synchronized and upon which Trial Operation begins.

**In-Service Date** shall mean the date upon which the Interconnection Customer reasonably expects it will be ready to begin use of the Interconnecting Transmission Owner's Interconnection Facilities to obtain back feed power.

**Interconnecting Transmission Owner** shall mean a Transmission Owner that owns, leases or otherwise possesses an interest, or a Non-Incumbent Transmission Developer that is not a Participating Transmission Owner that is constructing, a portion of the Administered Transmission System at the Point

of Interconnection and shall be a Party to the Standard Small Generator Interconnection Agreement. The term Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall not be read to include the System Operator.

**Interconnecting Transmission Owner's Interconnection Facilities** shall mean all facilities and equipment owned, controlled, or operated by Interconnecting Transmission Owner from the Point of Change of Ownership to the Point of Interconnection as identified in Attachment 2 to the Standard Small Generator Interconnection Agreement, including any modifications, additions or upgrades to such facilities and equipment. Interconnecting Transmission Owner's Interconnection Facilities are sole use facilities and shall not include Distribution Upgrades, Stand Alone Network Upgrades or Network Upgrades.

**Interconnection Customer** shall mean any entity, including a transmission owner or its Affiliates or subsidiaries, that interconnects or proposes to interconnect its Generating Facility with the Administered Transmission System under this SGIP.

**Interconnection Customer's Interconnection Facilities** shall mean all facilities and equipment, as identified in Attachment 2 of the Standard Small Generator Interconnection Agreement, that are located between the Generating Facility and the Point of Change of Ownership, including any modification, addition, or upgrades to such facilities and equipment necessary to physically and electrically interconnect the Generating Facility to the Administered Transmission System. Interconnection Customer's Interconnection Facilities may be sole use facilities or subject to shared use pursuant to arrangements filed with and approved by the Commission.

**Interconnection Facilities** shall mean Interconnecting Transmission Owner's Interconnection Facilities and Interconnection Customer's Interconnection Facilities. Collectively, Interconnection Facilities include all facilities and equipment between the Generating Facility and the Point of Interconnection, including any modification, additions or upgrades that are necessary to physically and electrically interconnect the Generating Facility to the Administered Transmission System. Interconnection Facilities are sole use facilities and shall not include Distribution Upgrades, Stand Alone Network Upgrades or Network Upgrades.

**Interconnection Facilities Study** shall mean a study conducted by the System Operator, Interconnecting Transmission Owner, or a third party consultant for the Interconnection Customer to determine a list of facilities (including Interconnecting Transmission Owner's Interconnection Facilities and Network

Upgrades as identified in the Cluster Study, Cluster Restudy, or the Cluster Interconnection System Impact Study), the cost of those facilities, and the time required to interconnect the Generating Facility with the Administered Transmission System. The scope of the study is defined in Section 8 of this SGIP.

**Interconnection Facilities Study Agreement** shall mean the form of agreement contained in Appendix 3 of this SGIP for conducting the Interconnection Facilities Study.

**Interconnection Facilities Study Report** shall mean the report issued following completion of an Interconnection Facilities Study pursuant to Section 8 of this SGIP.

**Interconnection Request** shall mean an Interconnection Customer's request, in the form of Appendix 1 to this SGIP, in accordance with the Tariff, to: (i) interconnect a new Generating Facility to the Administered Transmission System as either a CNR or a NR; (ii) make a Material Modification to a proposed Generating Facility with an outstanding Interconnection Request; (iii) increase the energy capability or capacity capability of an existing Generation Facility; (iv) make a Material Modification to the design or operating characteristics of an existing Generating Facility, including its Interconnection Facilities, that is interconnected with the Administered Transmission System; (v) commence participation in the wholesale markets by an existing Generating Facility that is interconnected with the Administered Transmission System; or (vi) change from NR Interconnection Service to CNR Interconnection Service for all or part of a Generating Facility's capability. Interconnection Request shall not include a request to interconnect a Qualifying Facility (as defined by the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act, as amended by the Energy Policy Act of 2005 and the regulations thereto), where the Qualifying Facility's owner intent is to sell 100% of the Qualifying Facility's output to its interconnected electric utility.

**Interconnection Service** shall mean the service provided by the System Operator, and the Interconnecting Transmission Owner, associated with interconnecting the Interconnection Customer's Generating Facility to the Administered Transmission System and enabling the receipt of electric energy capability and/or capacity capability from the Generating Facility at the Point of Interconnection, pursuant to the terms of the SGIA and, if applicable, the Tariff.

**Interconnection Study** shall mean any of the following studies: Cluster Interconnection System Impact Study, Cluster Interconnection Facilities Study, the Cluster Study, the Cluster Restudy, the Surplus Interconnection Service System Impact Study, the Interconnection Facilities Study, the Affected System

Study, Optional Interconnection Study, and Material Modification assessment and the Optional Interconnection Study described in the SGIP.

**Interconnection Study Agreement** shall mean any of the following agreements: the Affected System Study Agreement, Cluster Study Agreement, the Interconnection Facilities Study Agreement, and the Optional Interconnection Study Agreement attached to this SGIP.

**Internal Affected Party** shall mean the entity that owns, operates or controls an Internal Affected System, or any other entity operating within the New England Control Area that otherwise may be a necessary party to the interconnection process.

**Internal Affected System** shall mean any electric system that is within the New England Control Area, including, but not limited to, generator owned facilities that may be affected by the proposed interconnection.

**IRS** shall mean the Internal Revenue Service.

**Small Generating Facility** shall mean a Generating Facility having a maximum gross capability at or above zero degrees F of more 20 MW or less.

**SGIA Deposit** shall mean the deposit Interconnection Customer submits when returning the executed SGIA, or within ten (10) Business Days of requesting that the SGIA be filed unexecuted at the Commission, in accordance with Section 11.3 of this SGIP.

**Loss** shall mean any and all losses relating to injury to or death of any person or damage to property, demand, suits, recoveries, costs and expenses, court costs, attorney fees, and all other obligations by or to third parties, arising out of or resulting from another Party's performance, or non-performance of its obligations under the Standard Small Generator Interconnection Agreement on behalf of the Indemnifying Party, except in cases of gross negligence or intentional wrongdoing by the Indemnifying Party.

**Major Permits** shall be as defined in Section III.13.1.1.2.2(a) of the Tariff.

**Material Modification** shall mean: (i) except as expressly provided in Section 4.4.1, those modifications to the Interconnection Request, including any of the technical data provided by the Interconnection

Customer in Appendix 1, Attachment A (and Attachment A-1, if applicable) to the Interconnection Request or to the interconnection configuration, requested by the Interconnection Customer, that either require significant additional study of the same Interconnection Request and could substantially change the interconnection design, or have a material impact (*i.e.*, an evaluation of the proposed modification cannot be completed in less than ten (10) Business Days) on the cost or timing of any Interconnection Studies or upgrades associated with an Interconnection Request with an equal or later Queue Position; (ii) a change to the design or operating characteristics of an existing Generating Facility, including its Interconnection Facilities, that is interconnected with the Administered Transmission System that may have a significant adverse effect on the reliability or operating characteristics of the New England Transmission System; or (iii) a delay to the Commercial Operation Date, In-Service Date, or Initial Synchronization Date of greater than three (3) years where the reason for delay is unrelated to construction schedules or permitting which delay is beyond the Interconnection Customer's control.

**Metering Equipment** shall mean all metering equipment installed or to be installed at the Generating Facility pursuant to the Standard Small Generator Interconnection Agreement at the metering points, including but not limited to instrument transformers, MWh-meters, data acquisition equipment, transducers, remote terminal unit, communications equipment, phone lines, and fiber optics.

**Multiparty Affected System Facilities Construction Agreement** shall mean the agreement contained in Appendix 12 to this SGIP that is made among Interconnecting Transmission Owner and multiple Affected System Interconnection Customers to facilitate the construction of and to set forth cost responsibility for necessary Affected System Network Upgrades on the New England Transmission System.

**Multiparty Affected System Study Agreement** shall mean the agreement contained in Appendix 8 to this SGIP that is made among Interconnecting Transmission Owner, System Operator and multiple Affected System Interconnection Customers to conduct an Affected System Study pursuant to Section 9 of this SGIP.

**Network Capability Interconnection Standard ("NC Interconnection Standard")** shall mean the minimum criteria required to permit the Interconnection Customer to interconnect a Generating Facility seeking Network Resource Interconnection Service or Elective Transmission Upgrade seeking Network Import Interconnection Service in a manner that avoids any significant adverse effect on the reliability, stability, and operability of the New England Transmission System, including protecting against the

degradation of transfer capability for interfaces affected by the Generating Facility seeking Network Resource Interconnection Service or Elective Transmission Upgrade seeking Network Import Interconnection Service, as detailed in the ISO New England Planning Procedures.

**Network Resource (“NR”)** shall mean the portion of a Generating Facility that is interconnected to the Administered Transmission System under the Network Capability Interconnection Standard.

**Network Resource Capability (“NR Capability”)** shall mean the MW quantity associated with NR Interconnection Service, calculated as described in Section II.48 of the Tariff.

**Network Resource Interconnection Service (“NR Interconnection Service”)** shall mean the Interconnection Service selected by the Interconnection Customer to interconnect its Generating Facility to the Administered Transmission System in accordance with the Network Capability Interconnection Standard. An Interconnection Customer’s NR Interconnection Service shall be solely for the megawatt amount of the NR Capability requested pursuant to Section 3.1 of this SGIP. NR Interconnection Service in and of itself does not convey transmission service.

**Network Upgrades** shall mean the additions, modifications, and upgrades to the New England Transmission System required at or beyond the Point of Interconnection to accommodate the interconnection of the Small Generating Facility to the Administered Transmission System.

**Notice of Dispute** shall mean a written notice of a dispute or claim that arises out of or in connection with the Standard Small Generator Interconnection Agreement or its performance.

**Optional Interconnection Study** shall mean a sensitivity analysis based on assumptions specified by the Interconnection Customer in the Optional Interconnection Study Agreement.

**Optional Interconnection Study Agreement** shall mean the form of agreement contained in Appendix 4 of this SGIP for conducting the Optional Interconnection Study.

**Party** shall mean the System Operator, Interconnection Customer and Interconnecting Transmission Owner or any combination of the above.



**Point of Change of Ownership** shall mean the point, as set forth in Attachment 2 to the Standard Small Generator Interconnection Agreement, where the Interconnection Customer's Interconnection Facilities connect to the Interconnecting Transmission Owner's Interconnection Facilities.

**Point of Interconnection** shall mean the point, as set forth in Attachment 2 to the Standard Small Generator Interconnection Agreement, where the Interconnection Facilities connect to the Administered Transmission System.

**Proportional Impact Method** shall mean a technical analysis conducted by the System Operator in accordance with the criteria and parameters specified in the ISO New England Planning Procedures to determine the degree to which each Generating Facility in the Cluster Study contributes to the need for a specific System Network Upgrade.

**Provisional Interconnection Service** shall mean Network Resource Interconnection Service provided by the System Operator, and the Interconnecting Transmission Owner, associated with interconnecting the Interconnection Customer's Generating Facility to the Administered Transmission System and enabling the receipt of electric energy capability from the Generating Facility at the Point of Interconnection on a limited and temporary basis, pursuant to the terms of the Provisional Large Generator Interconnection Agreement and, if applicable, the Tariff.

**Provisional Large Generator Interconnection Agreement** shall mean the Interconnection Agreement for Provisional Interconnection Service established between the System Operator, the Interconnecting Transmission Owner, and the Interconnection Customer. This agreement shall take the form of the Standard Small Generator Interconnection Agreement, modified for provisional purposes.

**Queue Position** shall mean the order of a valid request in the New England Control Area, relative to all other pending requests in the New England Control Area, that is established based upon the date and time of receipt of such request by the System Operator. Requests are comprised of interconnection requests for Generating Facilities, Elective Transmission Upgrades, and requests for transmission service.

**Reasonable Efforts** shall mean, with respect to an action required to be attempted or taken by a Party under the Standard Small Generator Interconnection Agreement, efforts that are timely and consistent

with Good Utility Practice and are otherwise substantially equivalent to those a Party would use to protect its own interests.

**Scoping Meeting** shall mean the meeting between representatives of System Operator, Interconnection Customer(s), Interconnecting Transmission Owner(s), or any Affected Party as deemed appropriate by the System Operator in accordance with applicable codes of conduct and confidentiality requirements, conducted for the purpose of discussing the proposed Interconnection Requests and any alternative interconnection options, exchanging information including any transmission data and earlier study evaluations that would be reasonably expected to impact such interconnection options, refining information and models provided by Interconnection Customer(s), discussing the Cluster Study materials posted to OASIS pursuant to Section 3.5 of this SGIP, and analyzing such information.

**Site Control** shall mean the exclusive ~~land~~ right to develop, construct, operate, and maintain the Generating Facility over the term of expected operation of the Generating Facility. Site Control of sufficient size to construct and operate may be demonstrated by documentation establishing: (a) that the Interconnection Customer is the owner in fee simple of the real property or holds an easement for which new interconnection is sought; (b) that the Interconnection Customer holds a valid written leasehold or other contractual interest in the real property for which new interconnection is sought; (c) that the Interconnection Customer holds a valid written option to purchase or a leasehold interest in the real property for which new interconnection is sought; (d) that the Interconnection Customer holds a duly executed written contract to purchase, acquire an easement, a license or a leasehold interest in the real property for which new interconnection is sought; or (e) that the Interconnection Customer has filed applications for required permits to site on federal or state property. System Operator will maintain acreage requirements for each Generating Facility type on its OASIS or public website.

**Stand Alone Network Upgrades** shall mean Network Upgrades that are not part of an Internal Affected System that an Interconnection Customer may construct without affecting day-to-day operations of the New England Transmission System during their construction. System Operator, Interconnection Customer, and Interconnecting Transmission Owner must agree as to what constitutes Stand Alone Network Upgrades and identify them in Attachment 2 to the Standard Small Generator Interconnection Agreement. If System Operator, Interconnecting Transmission Owner, and Interconnection Customer disagree about whether a particular Network Upgrade is a Stand Alone Network Upgrade, System Operator must provide the Interconnection Customer a written technical explanation outlining why

System Operator does not consider the Network Upgrade to be a Stand Alone Network Upgrade within fifteen (15) Business Days of its determination.

**Standard Small Generator Interconnection Agreement (“SGIA”)** shall mean the form of interconnection agreement applicable to an Interconnection Request pertaining to a Small Generating Facility, that is included in this Schedule 23 to the Tariff.

**Standard Small Generator Interconnection Procedures (“SGIP”)** shall mean the interconnection procedures applicable to an Interconnection Request pertaining to a Small Generating Facility that are included in this Schedule 23 to the Tariff.

**Study Case** shall have the meaning specified in Sections ~~6.2~~ 7.3 and 7.5 of this SGIP.

**Substation Network Upgrade** shall mean Network Upgrades comprising breakers, bus positions, and associated equipment that are required at the substation located at the Point of Interconnection.

**Surplus Interconnection Service** shall mean a form of Interconnection Service that allows an Interconnection Customer to use any Unused Capability of Interconnection Service established in an Interconnection Agreement for an ~~existing~~ Generating Facility, such that if Surplus Interconnection Service is utilized the total amount of Interconnection Service at the same Point of Interconnection would remain the same.

**System Network Upgrades** shall mean Network Upgrades that are required beyond the substations located at the Point of Interconnection.

**System Protection Facilities** shall mean the equipment, including necessary signal protection communications equipment, required to protect (1) the New England Transmission System from faults or other electrical disturbances occurring at the Generating Facility and (2) the Generating Facility from faults or other electrical system disturbances occurring on the New England Transmission System or on other delivery systems or other generating systems to which the New England Transmission System is directly connected.

**Transitional Capacity Network Resource Group Study (“Transitional CNR Group Study”)** shall mean the study performed by the System Operator under Section III.13.1.1.2.3A of the Tariff and Section 5.1.1.3 of this SGIP.

**Transitional Cluster Study** shall mean an Interconnection Study evaluating a Cluster of Interconnection Requests during the transition to the Cluster Study Process, as set forth in Section 5.1.1.2 of this SGIP.

**Transitional Cluster Study Report** shall mean the report issued following completion of a Transitional Cluster Study pursuant to Section 5.1.1.2 of this SGIP.

**Transitional Serial Interconnection Facilities Study** shall mean an Interconnection Facilities Study evaluating an Interconnection Request on a serial basis during the transition to the Cluster Study Process, as set forth in Section 5.1.1.1 of this SGIP.

**Transitional Serial Interconnection Facilities Study Report** shall mean the report issued following completion of a Transitional Interconnection Facilities Study pursuant to Section 5.1.1.1 of this SGIP.

**Trial Operation** shall mean the period during which Interconnection Customer is engaged in on-site test operations and commissioning of the Generating Facility prior to Commercial Operation.

**Unused Capability** shall mean: (i) in the case of NR Interconnection Service at a Generating Facility with an executed Interconnection Agreement, the MW quantity as determined by the Original Interconnection Customer (as defined in Section 3.3 of the SGIP), not to exceed the Generating Facility’s NR Interconnection Service as specified in its Interconnection Agreement; and (ii) in the case of CNR Interconnection Service at an existing, commercial Generating Facility, for Summer, the Summer CNR Capability as specified in its Interconnection Agreement minus the latest Summer Qualified Capacity, and for Winter, the Winter CNR Capability as specified in its Interconnection Agreement minus the latest Winter Qualified Capacity.

**Withdrawal Penalty** shall mean the penalty assessed by System Operator to an Interconnection Customer that chooses to withdraw or is deemed withdrawn from System Operator’s interconnection queue or whose Generating Facility does not otherwise reach Commercial Operation. The calculation of the Withdrawal Penalty is set forth in Section 3.7.1 of this SGIP.

**Description and Costs of the Small Generating Facility,  
Interconnection Facilities, and Metering Equipment**

*Equipment, including the Small Generating Facility, Interconnection Facilities, and metering equipment shall be itemized and identified as being owned by the Interconnection Customer or the Interconnecting Transmission Owner. The Interconnecting Transmission Owner will provide a best estimate itemized cost, including overheads, of its Interconnection Facilities and metering equipment, and a best estimate itemized cost of the annual operation and maintenance expenses associated with its Interconnection Facilities and metering equipment.*

I. DESCRIPTION OF MAJOR COMPONENTS

A. Small Generating Facility

(1) Description of Small Generating Facility.

[insert]

(2) The Small Generating Facility shall receive:

\_\_\_\_ Network Resource Interconnection Service for the NR Capability at a level not to exceed [insert gross and net at or above 50 degrees F] MW for Summer, and [insert gross and net at or above 0 degrees F] MW for Winter.

\_\_\_\_ Capacity Network Resource Interconnection Service for: (a)(i) the NR Capability at a level not to exceed [insert gross and net at or above 50 degrees F] MW for Summer and [insert gross and net at or above 0 degrees F] MW for Winter; and (ii) the CNR Capability at [insert net] MW for Summer and [insert net] MW for Winter, which shall not exceed [insert the maximum net MW electrical output of the Generating Facility at an ambient temperature at or above 90 degrees F for summer and at or above 20 degrees F for winter].

- (3) Detailed Description of Small Generating Facility and Generator Step-Up Transformer, if applicable:

Generator Data	
Number of Generators	
Manufacturer	
Model	
Designation of Generator(s)	
Excitation System Manufacturer	
Excitation System Model	
Voltage Regulator Manufacturer	
Voltage Regulator Model	
Generator Ratings	
Greatest Unit Gross and Net MW Output at Ambient Temperature at or above 90 Degrees F	
Greatest Unit Gross and Net MW Output at Ambient Temperature at or above 50 Degrees F	
Greatest Unit Gross and Net MW Output at Ambient Temperature at or above 20 Degrees F	
Greatest Unit Gross and Net MW Output at Ambient Temperature at or above zero Degrees F	
Station Service Load For Each Unit	
Overexcited Reactive Power at Rated MVA and Rated Power Factor	
Underexcited Reactive Power at Rated MVA and Rated Power Factor	

Generator Short Circuit and Stability Data	
Generator MVA rating	
Generator AC Resistance	
Subtransient Reactance (saturated)	
Subtransient Reactance (unsaturated)	
Transient Reactance (saturated)	
Negative sequence reactance	
Transformer Data	
Number of units	
Self Cooled Rating	
Maximum Rating	
Winding Connection (LV/LV/HV)	
Fixed Taps	
Z1 primary to secondary at self cooled rating	
Z1 primary to tertiary at self cooled rating	
Z1 secondary to tertiary at self cooled rating	
Positive Sequence X/R ratio primary to secondary	
Z0 primary to secondary at self cooled rating	
Z0 primary to tertiary at self cooled rating	
Z0 secondary to tertiary at self cooled rating	
Zero Sequence X/R ratio primary to tertiary	

B. Interconnection Facilities

[insert]

C. Metering Equipment

[insert]

D. Other Components

[insert]

II. INTERCONNECTION EQUIPMENT OWNERSHIP, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

A. Point of Change of Ownership; Point of Interconnection

[insert]

B. Description of Responsibilities

[insert]

III. PRICING ESTIMATES

A. Interconnection Facilities

[insert]

B. Metering Equipment

[insert]

C. Operation and Maintenance

[insert]



**Attachment 3**

**One-line Diagram Depicting the Small Generating Facility, Interconnection  
Facilities, Metering Equipment, and Upgrades**

*[insert]*

### Milestones

- 1. Milestones and Other Requirements:** The description and entries listed in the following table establish the required Milestones in accordance with the provisions of the SGIP and this SGIA. The referenced section of the SGIP or article of the SGIA should be reviewed to understand the requirements of each milestone.

Item No.	Milestone Description	Responsible Party	Date	SGIP/SGIA Reference
1	Submit updated data “as purchased”	Interconnection Customer	No later than 180 Calendar Days prior to Initial Synchronization Date	
2	Submit supplemental and/or updated data “as built/as-tested”	Interconnection Customer	Prior to Commercial Operation Date	
3	Provide quarterly written progress reports	Interconnection Customer and Interconnecting Transmission Owner	15 Calendar Days after the end of each quarter beginning the quarter that includes the date for Milestone #3 below and ending when the entire Small Generating Facility and all	

			required Interconnection Facilities and Network Upgrades are in place	
4	Deliver to Transmission Owner “as built” drawings, information and documents regarding Interconnection Customer’s Interconnection Facility	Interconnection Customer	If requested, within 120 Calendar Days after Commercial Operation date	

**2. Milestones Applicable If Facilities Study Has Been Waived by Interconnection Customer:**

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Milestone Description</b>	<b>Responsible Party</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>SGIP/SGIA Reference</b>
1	Siting approval for the Generating Facility and Interconnection Facilities	Interconnection Customer	As agreed to by the Parties	SGIP § 7.5
2	Engineering of Interconnection Facilities approved by Interconnecting Transmission Owner	Interconnection Customer	As agreed to by the Parties	SGIP § 7.5
3	Commit to the ordering of long lead time material	Interconnection Customer	As agreed to by the Parties	SGIP § 5.2

	for Interconnection Facilities and system upgrades			
4	In-Service Date	Interconnection Customer	Same as Interconnection Request unless subsequently modified	
5	Initial Synchronization Date	Interconnection Customer	Same as Interconnection Request unless subsequently modified	SGIP § 3.4.2, 4.4.4, 4.4.5, and 7.5
6	Commercial Operation Date	Interconnection Customer	Same as Interconnection Request unless subsequently modified	SGIP § 3.4.2, 4.4.4, 4.4.5, and 7.5
7	Provide evidence of 100% Site Control to System Operator	Interconnection Customer	Upon Execution of the LGIA	§ 11.3.1.1 of SGIP
8	Interconnection Customer with qualifying regulatory limitations must demonstrate 100% Site Control by or the LGIA may be terminated per Article 17 (Default) of this LGIA and the Interconnection	Interconnection Customer	180 days from the effective date of this LGIA	

	Customer may be subject to Withdrawal Penalties per Section 3.7.1.1 of the System Operator's LGIP (Calculation of the Withdrawal Penalty).			
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- 3. Milestones Applicable Solely for CNR Interconnection Service.** In addition to the Milestones above, for projects that achieve a Capacity Supply Obligation prior to September 4, 2025, the following Milestones apply to Interconnection Customers requesting CNR Interconnection Service:

Item #	Milestone	Responsible Party	Date	SGIP/SGIA Reference
1	Submit necessary requests for participation in the Forward Capacity Auction associated with the Generating Facility's requested Commercial Operation Date, in accordance with Section III.13 of the Tariff	Interconnection Customer		<a href="#">§ 3.2.1.3 of SGIP</a>
2	Participate in a CNR Group Study	Interconnection Customer; System Operator		<a href="#">§ 3.2.1.3 of SGIP</a>
3	Qualify and receive a Capacity Supply Obligation in accordance with Section III.13 of the Tariff	Interconnection Customer		<a href="#">§ 3.2.1.3 of SGIP</a>
4	Complete a re-study of the applicable Interconnection Study to determine the cost responsibility for facilities and upgrades necessary to accommodate the	System Operator		<a href="#">§ 3.2.1.3 of SGIP</a>

	Interconnection Request based on the results of the Forward Capacity Auction, Reconfiguration Auction or bilateral transaction through which the Interconnection Customer received a Capacity Supply Obligation			
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**Additional Operating Requirements for the  
New England Transmission System and Affected Systems Needed to Support  
the Interconnection Customer's Needs**

*The Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall also provide requirements that must be met by the Interconnection Customer prior to initiating parallel operation with the New England Transmission System.*

**I. OPERATING REQUIREMENTS**

*[Insert]*

**Interconnecting Transmission Owner's  
Description of its Upgrades  
and Best Estimate of Upgrade Costs**

*The Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall describe Upgrades and provide an itemized best estimate of the cost to design, procure, construct and install, including overheads, the Upgrades. The Interconnecting Transmission Owner shall functionalize Upgrade costs as either transmission or distribution related.*

I. DESCRIPTION OF UPGRADES

A. Distribution Upgrades

[Insert]

B. Network Upgrades

[Insert]

(1) Stand Alone Network Upgrades

(2) Other Network Upgrades

C. Affected System and/or Internal Affected System Upgrades

[Insert]

D. Contingent Facilities: [insert list of Contingent Facilities]

(1) Other Contingency Upgrades. [e.g., list of upgrades associated with higher queued Interconnection Requests with SGIA's prior to this SGIA and any other contingency upgrades that the Parties may deem necessary for the interconnection of the Small Generating Facility.]



E. Post-Forward Capacity Auction Re-study Upgrade Obligations.

*[Insert any changes in upgrade obligations that result from re-study conducted post receiving a Capacity Supply Obligation in accordance with the Tariff.]*

**Commercial Operation Date**

This Attachment 7 is a part of the SGIA between System Operator, Interconnecting Transmission Owner and Interconnection Customer.

[Date]

[Interconnecting Transmission Owner; Address]

Generator Interconnections  
Transmission Planning Department  
ISO New England Inc.  
One Sullivan Road  
Holyoke, MA 01040-2841

Re: \_\_\_\_\_ Small Generating Facility

Dear \_\_\_\_\_:

On [Date] [Interconnection Customer] has completed Trial Operation of Unit No. \_\_\_\_.  
This letter confirms that [Interconnection Customer] commenced commercial operation of Unit No. \_\_\_\_ at the Small Generating Facility, effective as of [Date plus one day].

Thank you.

[Signature]

[Interconnection Customer Representative]