



**Facility Study
For
Generator Interconnection
Request
GEN-2013-002**

*SPP Generator
Interconnection Studies*

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Summary

Lincoln Electric System (LES) performed a detailed Facility Study at the request of Southwest Power Pool (SPP) for Generation Interconnection request GEN-2013-002 (50.6 MW/Wind) located in Lancaster and Gage Counties, Nebraska. SPP has proposed the in-service date will be after the assigned Transmission Owner Interconnection Facilities and Non-Shared Network Upgrades are completed. Full Interconnection Service will require the Network Upgrades listed in the “Other Network Upgrades” section. The request for interconnection was placed with SPP in accordance with SPP’s Open Access Transmission Tariff, which covers new generation interconnections on SPP’s transmission system.

Phases of Interconnection Service

It is not expected that interconnection service will require phases however, interconnection service will not be available until all interconnection facilities and network upgrades can be placed in service.

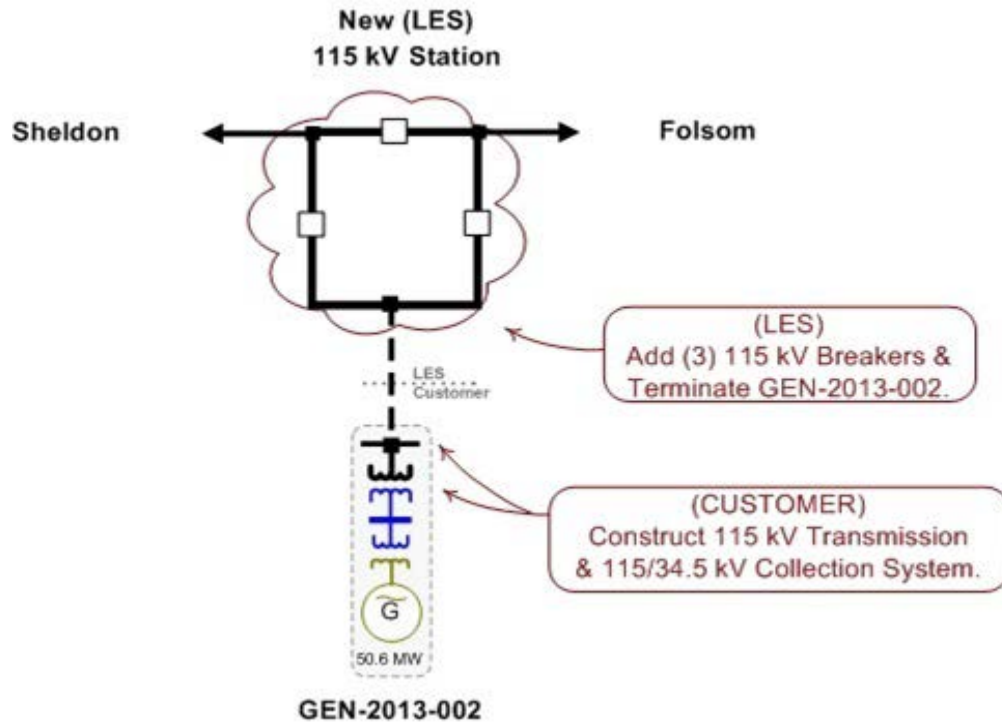
Interconnection Customer Interconnection Facilities

The Interconnection Customer will be responsible for all of the transmission facilities connecting the customer owned substation to the Point of Interconnection (POI), at a new Lincoln Electric System (LES) owned 115kV substation. The new LES 115kV substation will be a tap on the Sheldon Station – Folsom 115kV circuit. The Interconnection Customer will also be responsible for any equipment located at the Customer substation necessary to maintain a power factor of 0.95 lagging to 0.95 leading at the POI.

Transmission Owner Interconnection Facilities and Non-Shared Network Upgrades

To allow interconnection the Transmission Owner will need construct a three breaker ring bus along with associated terminal equipment that is acceptable for the addition of the Interconnection Customer’s Interconnection Facilities. LES has proposed a lead time of approximately twenty-four (24) months for the completion of the Interconnection Facilities and Non-Shared Network Upgrades. At this time GEN-2013-002 is responsible for \$3,399,285.00 of Transmission Owner Interconnection Facilities and Non-Shared Network Upgrades. Figure 1 is a one-line diagram for the GEN-2013-002 interconnection configuration.

Figure 1: Interconnection Configuration for GEN-2013-002



Shared Network Upgrades

The Interconnection Customer was studied within the DISIS-2013-001 Impact Study. At this time, the Interconnection Customer is allocated \$0.00 for Shared Network Upgrades. If higher queued interconnection customers withdraw from the queue, suspend or terminate their GIA, restudies will have to be conducted to determine the Interconnection Customers' allocation of Shared Network Upgrades. All studies have been conducted on the basis of higher queued interconnection requests and the upgrades associated with those higher queued interconnection requests being placed in service. At this time, the Interconnection Customer is allocated the following cost for Shared Network Upgrade:

Share Network Upgrade Description	Allocated Cost	Total Cost
None	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$0.00	

Other Network Upgrades

Certain Other Network Upgrades are currently not the cost responsibility of the Customer but will be required for full Interconnection Service. These Other Network Upgrades include:

1. Dixon County – Rasmussen 230kV circuit #1 build, assigned to DISIS-2012-002 Customer
2. West Brock - Sub 967 – Sub 968 – Sub 969 69kV circuit #1 terminal equipment upgrade, assigned to DISIS-2011-002 Customer

3. Twin Church – Dixon County 230kV circuit #1 conductor clearance increase, assigned to DISIS-2010

Depending upon the status of higher or equally queued customers, the Interconnection Customer's in-service date is at risk of being delayed or their Interconnection Service is at risk of being reduced until the in-service date of these Other Network Upgrades.

Conclusion

Interconnection Service for GEN-2013-002 will be delayed until the Transmission Owner Interconnection Facilities and Non-Shared Network Upgrades are constructed. The Interconnection Customer is responsible for \$3,399,285.00 of Transmission Owner Interconnection Facilities and Non-Shared Network Upgrades. At this time, the Interconnection Customer is allocated \$0.00 for Shared Network Upgrades. After all Interconnection Facilities and Network Upgrades have been placed into service, Interconnection Service for 50.6 MW, as requested by GEN-2013-002, can be allowed.

At this time the total allocation of costs assigned to GEN-2013-002 for Interconnection Service are estimated at \$3,399,285.00.



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50.6 MW Wind Generation Facilities

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Executive Summary

At the request of the Southwest Power Pool (SPP), Lincoln Electric System (LES) performed the following Facility Study to satisfy the Facility Study Agreement executed by the requesting Customer for SPP Generation Interconnection request Gen-2013-002. The request for interconnection was placed with SPP in accordance with SPP's Open Access Transmission Tariff, which covers new generation interconnections on SPP's transmission system.

The facilities needed for the generation interconnection consist of adding three 115-kV breakers in a new substation. The total cost for LES to construct the new 115-kV substation in a three terminal ring bus configuration, including a terminal for the Customer's wind farm interconnection, is estimated at \$3,399,285.

SPP's Definitive Interconnection System Impact Study (DISIS) did not identify any short circuit, stability, or power flow issues that required further study.

Introduction

The Southwest Power Pool has requested a Facility Study for the purpose of interconnecting 50.6 MW of wind generation to the portion of the Bulk Electric System owned by Lincoln Electric System (LES). The proposed 115-kV point of interconnection will be at a new substation connected to the 16-mile, Sheldon to Folsom & Pleasant Hill 115-kV transmission line (LN-1197). This substation will be owned by LES. The Customer's wind turbines would be located in Lancaster and Gage Counties, Nebraska.

Interconnected Facilities

The requirements for interconnection of the Customer's generation facilities (Gen-2013-002) consist of constructing a new 115-kV substation configured in a three breaker ring bus. It is assumed that the substation will be located in close proximity to the LES owned transmission line LN-1197, and therefore, there would be minimal 115-kV line right-of-way and construction costs associated with the project. This 115-kV substation shall be constructed and maintained by LES.

The total cost for LES to construct and interconnect the new 115-kV substation to LN-1197 is currently estimated at \$3,399,285. For a detailed cost breakdown, see the related SPP Standardized Cost Estimate Reporting Template (SCERT). The Customer is responsible for all costs necessary to interconnect their project to the newly constructed LES owned substation, and these costs are not included in the estimated costs. Should the project be delayed, LES may need to revise the cost estimate to reflect variances in the price of labor and materials.

This Facility Study does not address the availability of transmission service necessary to deliver the Customer generation to any specific point inside or outside the Southwest Power Pool (SPP) transmission system. The Customer must request firm transmission service under the SPP Open Access Transmission Tariff to determine Network Upgrades or new construction required to provide transmission service under the SPP OATT.

Schedule

The Customer has requested a commercial operation date of September, 2014, however, LES projects a lead time of roughly 24 months to construct and commission this facility once the Customer has made a final commitment.

Should the project be delayed, LES may need to revise the lead time estimate to reflect variances in work load and other construction projects.

Steady-State Evaluation

Power flow analysis has indicated, for the power flow cases that LES studied, it is possible to interconnect the Customer's generation facilities with its nameplate capacity of 50.6 MW to a new LES owned substation that is connected to its transmission line LN-1197. There are additional requirements for interconnection that are described in the LES document entitled "Requirements for Transmission System Interconnection to Generation, Transmission and End-User Facilities."

Stability Analysis

The Stability Analysis, performed by SPP, determined that there was no wind turbine tripping that occurred from interconnecting the wind farm at 100% of nameplate capacity, and no voltages were observed to exceed 1.20 pu or fall below 0.7 pu at any time after the fault was cleared.

Short Circuit Fault Duty Evaluation

It is standard practice for LES to recommend replacing a circuit breaker when the current through the breaker for a fault exceeds 100% of its interrupting rating. For this generator interconnection, LES determined that no existing LES breakers were found to exceed their interrupting capability after addition of the Customer's 50.6 MW generation facilities. Therefore, there is no short circuit upgrade costs associated with the Gen-2013-002 interconnection.