

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. ~~The Interconnection Customer~~Interconnection Customer shall submit a separate Interconnection Request for each site ~~and may submit multiple Interconnection Requests for a single site. The Interconnection Customer must comply with the requirements specified in Section 3.4.1 for each Interconnection Request even when more than one request is submitted for a single 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~~its receipt of a valid Interconnection Request, System Operator shall submit a copy of ~~all valid the~~ 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 ~~the 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(s) of Interconnection to be studied no later than the execution of the ~~Interconnection Feasibility Study Agreement, or the Interconnection System Impact Study Agreement if the Interconnection Customer elects not to pursue the Interconnection Feasibility Study~~ Cluster Study Agreement. For purposes of Clustering of Interconnection Requests, System Operator, in its sole discretion, 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 Large Generating Facility capability. An Interconnection Customer that submits an Interconnection Request for Interconnection Service below the Large Generating Facility capability shall include in the Interconnection Request the proposed control technologies to restrict the Large Generating

Facility's output to the requested Interconnection Service levels. These requests for Interconnection Service shall be studied 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 ~~the~~ Interconnection Customer.

Interconnection Customers may be subject to additional control technologies as well as testing and validation of those technologies consistent with Article 6 of the LGIA. The necessary control technologies and protection systems shall be established in Appendix C of the executed, or requested to be filed unexecuted, LGIA.

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 LGIP 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 financial 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 (de) 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 LGIP 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 or surety bond shall be borne by the ~~Interconnection Customer~~ 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) [TBC BY SYSTEM OPERATOR] five (5)~~ Business Days to cure the deficiency.

If the System Operator removes the financial institution from the list, Interconnection Customer shall have ~~ten (10) [TBC BY SYSTEM OPERATOR] five (5)~~ 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 LGIP 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 LGIP 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 may shall be submitted in a form acceptable to the Interconnecting Transmission Owner.

3.2 Type of Interconnection Services ~~and Long Lead Time Facility Treatment~~

At the time the Interconnection Request is submitted, ~~the Interconnection Customer~~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, the Interconnection Customer~~Customer~~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 ~~the Interconnection Customer~~Interconnection Customer's NR Capability.~~At the time the Interconnection Request is submitted, the Interconnection Customer may also request Long Lead Facility treatment in accordance with Section 3.2.3.~~

3.2.1 Capacity Network Resource Interconnection Service

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 ~~the Interconnection Customer~~Interconnection Customer, System Operator, and Interconnecting Transmission Owner agree, such agreement shall not be unreasonably withheld.

3.4.32 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. ~~With the System Operator's acknowledgement of a valid Interconnection Request, the System Operator shall provide to the Interconnection Customer an Interconnection Feasibility Study Agreement in the form of Appendix 2 or an Interconnection System Impact Study Agreement in the form of Appendix 3.~~

3.4.34 Deficiencies in Interconnection Request.

An Interconnection Request will not be considered to be a valid Interconnection Request until all items in Section 3.4.42 of this LGIP 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 3.4.42 of this LGIP, the System Operator shall notify ~~the Interconnection Customer~~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. Failure by Interconnection Customer to comply with this Section 3.4.3 shall be treated in accordance with Section 3.7.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 LGIP), \$5,000 of the application fee is forfeited to System Operator, and any unspent portion of the application fee, and 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, all interested