



# Large Generator Interconnection Procedures (LGIP)

**Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County, Washington**

## VERSION HISTORY

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1	3/12/2026	<p>Added definition of Inverter Based Resource and Permissible Modification.                      Replaced reference to Grant with “Transmission Provider”                      Added Section 2.5 regarding Modifications to Existing Generating Facilities.                      Revised Sections 3.4.2 (vi), 7.5 (b) and 8.1 (3) to remove reference to ‘surety bond’ acceptance.                      Updated Appendix 1 to include additional data fields for clarity.                      Revised Appendix 2, Section 7.3 , Appendix 3, Section 6.3, Appendix 4, Section 7.3 and Appendix 7, Section 7.3, Appendix 8, Section 7.3 disclosure obligations per legal.                      Revised Appendix 5, LGIA to align changes made to LGIP.                      Revised Appendix 9, Sections 4.5 and 4.6, and Appendix 10, Section 4.5 and 4.6 to reflect interest application in accordance with Grant’s CSP.                      Revised Section 13.1 Confidentiality language to recognize obligation to comply with RCW 42.56.</p>

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## 1. Definitions

**Affected System** - An electric system affected by a proposed interconnection in a different electric system.

**Affected System Facilities Construction Agreement** - The agreements contained in Appendix 9 and Appendix 10 to this LGIP that are made between Transmission Provider and Affected System Interconnection Customer(s) to facilitate the construction of and to set forth cost responsibility for necessary Affected System Network Upgrades on Transmission Provider's Transmission System.

**Affected System Interconnection Customer** - Any entity that submits an interconnection request for a generating facility to a transmission system other than Transmission Provider's Transmission System that may cause the need for Affected System Network Upgrades on Transmission Provider's Transmission System.

**Affected System Network Upgrades** - The additions, modifications, and upgrades to Transmission Provider's Transmission System required to accommodate Affected System Interconnection Customer's proposed interconnection to a transmission system other than Transmission Provider's Transmission System.

**Affected System Operator** - The entity that operates an Affected System.

**Affected System Queue Position** - The queue position of an Affected System Interconnection Customer in Transmission Provider's interconnection queue relative to Transmission Provider's Interconnection Customers' Queue Positions.

**Affected System Study** - The evaluation of Affected System Interconnection Customers' proposed interconnection(s) to a transmission system other than Transmission Provider's Transmission System that have an impact on Transmission Provider's Transmission System, as described in Section 9 of this LGIP.

**Affected System Study Agreement** - The agreements contained in Appendix 7 and Appendix 8 to this LGIP that are made between Transmission Provider and Affected System Interconnection Customer(s) to conduct an Affected System Study.

**Affected System Study Report** - The report issued following completion of an Affected System Study pursuant to Section 9.7 of this LGIP.

**Affiliate** - 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.

**Ancillary Services** - Those services that are necessary to support the transmission of capacity and energy from resources to loads while maintaining reliable operation of Transmission Provider's Transmission System in accordance with Good Utility Practice.

**Applicable Laws and Regulations** - 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 Standards** - The requirements and guidelines of the Electric Reliability Organization and the Balancing Authority Area of the Transmission System to which the Generating Facility is directly interconnected.

**Balancing Authority** - The responsible entity that integrates resource plans ahead of time, maintains demand and resource balance within a Balancing Authority Area, and supports interconnection frequency in real time.

**Balancing Authority Area** - The collection of generation, transmission, and loads within the metered boundaries of the Balancing Authority. The Balancing Authority maintains load-resource balance within this area.

**Base Case** - The base case power flow, short circuit, and stability data bases used for the Interconnection Studies by Transmission Provider or Interconnection Customer.

**Breach** - The failure of a Party to perform or observe any material term or condition of the Standard Large Generator Interconnection Agreement.

**Breaching Party** - A Party that is in Breach of the Standard Large Generator Interconnection Agreement.

**Business Day** - Monday through Friday, excluding Federal Holidays.

**Calendar Day** - Any day including Saturday, Sunday or a Federal Holiday.

**Cluster** - A group of one or more Interconnection Requests that are studied together for the purpose of conducting a Cluster Study.

**Cluster Request Window** - The time period set forth in Section 3.4.1 of this LGIP.

**Cluster Restudy** - A restudy of a Cluster Study conducted pursuant to Section 7.5 of this LGIP.

**Cluster Restudy Report** - The report issued following completion of a Cluster Restudy pursuant to Section 7.5 of this LGIP.

**Cluster Restudy Report Meeting** - The meeting held to discuss the results of a Cluster Restudy pursuant to Section 7.5 of this LGIP.

**Cluster Study** - The evaluation of one or more Interconnection Requests within a Cluster as described in Section 7 of this LGIP.

**Cluster Study Agreement** - The agreement contained in Appendix 2 to this LGIP for conducting the Cluster Study.

**Cluster Study Process** - 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** - The report issued following completion of a Cluster Study pursuant to Section 7 of this LGIP.

**Cluster Study Report Meeting** - The meeting held to discuss the results of a Cluster Study pursuant to Section 7 of this LGIP.

**Clustering** - The process whereby one or more Interconnection Requests are studied together, instead of serially, as described in Section 7 of this LGIP.

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

**Commercial Operation Date** - The date on which the Generating Facility commences Commercial Operation as agreed to by the Parties pursuant to Appendix E to the Standard Large Generator Interconnection Agreement.

**Commercial Readiness Deposit** - A deposit paid as set forth in Sections 3.4.2, 7.5, and 8.1 of this LGIP.

**Confidential Information** - 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.

**Customer Engagement Window** - The time period set forth in Section 3.4.5 of this LGIP.

**Default** - The failure of a Breaching Party to cure its Breach in accordance with Section 17 of the Standard Large Generator Interconnection Agreement.

**Dispute Resolution** - 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** - Transmission Provider'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** - The additions, modifications, and upgrades to Transmission Provider'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.

**Electric Reliability Organization** - The North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) or its successor organization.

**Emergency Condition** - A condition or situation: (1) that in the judgment of the Party making the claim is imminently likely to endanger life or property; or (2) that, in the case of a Transmission Provider, is imminently likely (as determined in a non-discriminatory manner) to cause a material adverse effect on the security of, or damage to Transmission Provider's Transmission System, Transmission Provider's Interconnection Facilities or the electric systems of others to which Transmission Provider's Transmission System is directly connected; or (3) that, in the case of Interconnection Customer, is imminently 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 Large Generator Interconnection Agreement to possess black start capability.

**Energy Resource Interconnection Service** - An Interconnection Service that allows Interconnection Customer to connect its Generating Facility to Transmission Provider's Transmission System to be eligible to deliver the Generating Facility's electric output using the existing firm or non-firm capacity of Transmission Provider's Transmission System on an as available basis. Energy Resource Interconnection Service in and of itself does not convey transmission service.

**Engineering & Procurement (E&P) Agreement** - An agreement that authorizes Transmission Provider 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** - Applicable Laws or Regulations relating to pollution or protection of the environment or natural resources.

**Federal Power Act** - The Federal Power Act, as amended, 16 U.S.C. §§ 791a et seq.

**FERC** - The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) or its successor.

**Force Majeure** - Any act of God, labor disturbance, act of the public enemy, war, insurrection, riot, fire, storm or flood, pandemic, epidemic, 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** - 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.

**Generating Facility Capacity** - The net capacity of the Generating Facility or the aggregate net capacity of the Generating Facility where it includes more than one device for the production and/or storage for later injection of electricity.

**Good Utility Practice** - Any of the practices, methods and acts engaged in or approved by a significant portion of the electric industry during the relevant time period, or any of the practices, methods and acts which, in the exercise of reasonable judgment in light of the facts known at the time the decision was made, could have been expected to accomplish the desired result at a reasonable cost consistent with good business practices, reliability, safety and expedition. Good Utility Practice is not intended to be limited to the optimum practice, method, or act to the exclusion of all others, but rather to be acceptable practices, methods, or acts generally accepted in the region.

**Governmental Authority** - 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 Interconnection Customer, Transmission Provider, or any Affiliate thereof.

**Hazardous Substances** - 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** - The date upon which the Generating Facility is initially synchronized and upon which Trial Operation begins.

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

**Interconnection Customer** - Any entity, including Transmission Provider, Transmission Owner or any of the Affiliates or subsidiaries of either, that proposes to interconnect its Generating Facility with Transmission Provider's Transmission System.

**Interconnection Customer's Interconnection Facilities** - All facilities and equipment, as identified in Appendix A of the Standard Large 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 Transmission Provider's Transmission System. Interconnection Customer's Interconnection Facilities are sole use facilities.

**Interconnection Facilities** - Transmission Provider'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 Transmission Provider's Transmission System. Interconnection Facilities are sole use facilities and shall not include Distribution Upgrades or Network Upgrades.

**Interconnection Facilities Study** - A study conducted by Transmission Provider or a third-party consultant for Interconnection Customer to determine a list of facilities (including Transmission Provider's Interconnection Facilities and Network Upgrades as identified in Cluster Study), the cost of those facilities, and the time required to interconnect the Generating Facility with Transmission Provider's Transmission System. The scope of the study is defined in Section 8 of this LGIP.

**Interconnection Facilities Study Agreement** - The form of agreement contained in Appendix 3 of this LGIP for conducting the Interconnection Facilities Study.

**Interconnection Facilities Study Report** - The report issued following completion of an Interconnection Facilities Study pursuant to Section 8 of this LGIP.

**Interconnection Request** - An Interconnection Customer's request, in the form of Appendix 1 to this LGIP, to interconnect a new Generating Facility, or to increase the capacity of, or make a Material Modification to the operating characteristics of, an existing Generating Facility that is interconnected with Transmission Provider's Transmission System.

**Interconnection Service** - The service provided by Transmission Provider associated with interconnecting Interconnection Customer's Generating Facility to Transmission Provider's Transmission System and enabling it to receive electric energy and capacity from the Generating Facility at the Point of Interconnection, pursuant to the terms of the Standard Large Generator Interconnection Agreement and, if applicable, Transmission Provider's Tariff.

**Interconnection Study** - Any of the following studies: the Cluster Study, the Cluster Restudy, the Surplus Interconnection Service study, the Interconnection Facilities Study, the Affected System Study, the Optional Interconnection Study, and a Material Modification assessment, described in this LGIP.

**Inverter Based Resource** - A plant/facility consisting of individual devices that are capable of exporting Real Power through a power electronic interface(s) such as an inverter or converter, and that are operated together as a single resource at a common point of interconnection to the electric system. Examples include, but are not limited to, plants/facilities with solar photovoltaic (PV), Type 3 and Type 4 wind, battery energy storage system (BESS), and fuel cell devices.

**IRS** - The Internal Revenue Service.

**Joint Operating Committee** - A group made up of representatives from Interconnection Customers and Transmission Provider to coordinate operating and technical considerations of Interconnection Service.

**Large Generating Facility** - A Generating Facility having a Generating Facility Capacity of more than 20 MW.

**LGIA Deposit** - The deposit Interconnection Customer submits when returning the executed LGIA.

**Loss** - 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 the other Party's performance, or non-performance of its obligations under the Standard Large Generator Interconnection Agreement on behalf of the Indemnifying Party, except in cases of gross negligence or intentional wrongdoing by the Indemnifying Party.

**Material Modification** - Those modifications that have a material impact on the cost or timing of any Interconnection Request with an equal or later Queue Position.

**Metering Equipment** - All metering equipment installed or to be installed at the Generating Facility pursuant to the Standard Large 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** - The agreement contained in Appendix 10 to this LGIP that is made among Transmission Provider and multiple Affected System Interconnection Customers to facilitate the construction of and to set forth cost responsibility for necessary Affected System Network Upgrades on Transmission Provider's Transmission System.

**Multiparty Affected System Study Agreement** - The agreement contained in Appendix 8 to this LGIP that is made among Transmission Provider and multiple Affected System Interconnection Customers to conduct an Affected System Study pursuant to Section 9 of this LGIP.

**Natural and Cultural Resource Review Process (NCRRP)** – A project review process conducted by the Transmission Provider, or its designee, to ensure compliance with environmental permitting, land use permitting, and cultural resources.

**Network Resource** - Any designated generating resource owned, purchased, or leased by a Network Customer for the purpose of using Network Integration Transmission Service. Network Resources do not include any resource, or any portion thereof, that is committed for sale to third parties or otherwise cannot be called upon to meet the Network Customer's Network Load on a non-interruptible basis except for purposes of fulfilling obligations under a reserve sharing program.

**Network Resource Interconnection Service** - An Interconnection Service that allows Interconnection Customer to integrate its Large Generating Facility with Transmission Provider's Transmission System (1) in a manner comparable to that in which Transmission Provider integrates its generating facilities to serve native load customers; or (2) in an RTO or ISO with market-based congestion management, in the same manner as Network Resources. Network Resource Interconnection Service in and of itself does not convey transmission service.

**Network Upgrades** - The additions, modifications, and upgrades to Transmission Provider's Transmission System required at or beyond the point at which the Interconnection Facilities connect to Transmission Provider's Transmission System to accommodate the interconnection of the Large Generating Facility to the Transmission Provider's Transmission System.

**Non-Usage** – Non-Usage refers to charges that do not depend on actual generation of the facility. For instance, a firm reservation charge that is paid regardless of whether any generation occurred, is a Non-Usage based charge. Charges that depend on a measurement of energy or demand do not qualify as Non-Usage charges.

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

**Open Access Same-Time Information System (OASIS)** - An electronic posting system that the Transmission Service Provider maintains or subscribes to for the posting of transmission access data and that allows all transmission customers to view the data simultaneously, and/or a webpage or a collection of webpages on which information and links relevant to this LGIP are posted.

**Optional Interconnection Study** - A sensitivity analysis based on assumptions specified by Interconnection Customer in the Optional Interconnection Study Agreement.

**Optional Interconnection Study Agreement** - The form of agreement contained in Appendix 4 of this LGIP for conducting the Optional Interconnection Study.

**Party or Parties** - Transmission Provider, Transmission Owner, Interconnection Customer or any combination of the above.

**Permissible Modification** – Any modification permitted under Section 2.5 of this LGIP.

**Permissible Technological Advancement** – Proposed technological change to turbines, inverters, plant supervisory control, or other similar advancements proposed in the Interconnection Request that does not (i) increase the capability of the Generating Facility as specified in the original Interconnection Request, (ii) represent a different fuel type from the original Interconnection Request; or (iii) cause any material adverse impact(s) on the Transmission System with regard to short circuit capability limits, steady-state thermal and voltage limits, or dynamic system stability and response.

**Point of Change of Ownership** - The point, as set forth in Appendix A to the Standard Large Generator Interconnection Agreement, where Interconnection Customer's Interconnection Facilities connect to Transmission Provider's Interconnection Facilities.

**Point of Interconnection** - The point, as set forth in Appendix A to the Standard Large Generator Interconnection Agreement, where the Interconnection Facilities connect to Transmission Provider's Transmission System.

**Predicate Facilities** - Those unbuilt Interconnection Facilities and Network Upgrades 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.

**Proportional Impact Method** - A technical analysis conducted by Transmission Provider to determine the degree to which each Generating Facility in the Cluster Study contributes to the need for a specific System Network Upgrade.

**Regulatory Limitations** - A federal, state, Tribal, or local law that makes it practically infeasible to obtain site control within the time frame detailed in the pro forma LGIP. Failure to obtain a permit to construct a Generating Facility is not in itself a Regulatory Limitation.

**Qualified Change** – Any change that (i) increases the capability of the Generating Facility as specified in the original Interconnection Request, (ii) represents a different fuel type from the original Interconnection Request; or (iii) causes any material adverse impact(s) on the Transmission System with regard to short circuit capability limits, steady-state thermal and voltage limits, or dynamic system stability and response.

**Qualified Small Generating Facility** - A Small Generating Facility that has a Generating Facility Capacity of at least 10 kW that does not meet the criteria for the Fast Track Process as described in Transmission Provider's SGIP.

**Queue Position** - The order of a valid Interconnection Request, relative to all other pending valid Interconnection Requests, established pursuant to Section 4.1 of this LGIP.

**Reasonable Efforts** - With respect to an action required to be attempted or taken by a Party under the Standard Large Generator Interconnection Agreement or this LGIP, 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** - The meeting between representatives of Interconnection Customer(s) and Transmission Provider conducted for the purpose of discussing the proposed Interconnection Request 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 LGIP, and analyzing such information.

**Site Control** - 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 may be demonstrated by documentation establishing: (1) ownership of, a leasehold interest in, or a right to develop a site of sufficient size to construct and operate the Generating Facility; (2) an option to purchase or acquire a leasehold site of sufficient size to construct and operate the Generating Facility; or 3) any other documentation that clearly demonstrates the right of Interconnection Customer to exclusively occupy a site of sufficient size to construct and operate the Generating Facility. Transmission Provider will maintain acreage requirements for selected Generating Facility types on its OASIS or public website.

**Small Generating Facility** - A Generating Facility that has a Generating Facility Capacity of no more than 20 MW.

**Small Generator Interconnection Agreement (SGIA)** - The form of interconnection agreement applicable to an Interconnection Request pertaining to a Small Generating Facility.

**Small Generator Interconnection Procedures (SGIP)** - The interconnection procedures applicable to an Interconnection Request pertaining to a Small Generating Facility.

**Standard Large Generator Interconnection Agreement (LGIA)** - The form of interconnection agreement applicable to an Interconnection Request pertaining to a Large Generating Facility.

**Standard Large Generator Interconnection Procedures (LGIP)** - The interconnection procedures applicable to an Interconnection Request pertaining to a Large Generating Facility and a Qualified Small Generating Facility as specified in Transmission Provider's SGIP.

**Substation Network Upgrades** - Network Upgrades that are required at the substation located at the Point of Interconnection.

**Surplus Interconnection Service** - Any unneeded portion of Interconnection Service established in a Standard Large Generator Interconnection Agreement, such that if Surplus Interconnection Service is utilized, the total amount of Interconnection Service at the Point of Interconnection would remain the same.

**System Network Upgrades** - Network Upgrades that are required beyond the substation located at the Point of Interconnection.

**System Protection Facilities** - The equipment, including necessary protection signal communications equipment, required to protect (1) Transmission Provider's 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 Transmission Provider's Transmission System or on other delivery systems or other generating systems to which Transmission Provider's Transmission System is directly connected.

**Tariff** - The Transmission Provider's Open Access Transmission Tariff as approved by the Transmission Provider's Board of Commissioners. Prior to the Transmission Provider's Board of Commissioners' approval of an Open Access Transmission Tariff, Tariff includes any agreement executed between Customer and Transmission Provider's governing transmission service and interconnection service.

**Transmission Owner** - An entity that owns, leases or otherwise possesses an interest in the portion of the Transmission System at the Point of Interconnection and may be a Party to the Standard Large Generator Interconnection Agreement to the extent necessary.

**Transmission Planning Guidelines** - A Transmission Provider document that specifies certain technical requirements for expanding the Transmission Provider Transmission System.

**Transmission Provider** - Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County, Washington.

**Transmission Provider's Interconnection Facilities** - All facilities and equipment owned, controlled, or operated by Transmission Provider from the Point of Change of Ownership to the Point of Interconnection as identified in Appendix A to the Standard Large Generator Interconnection Agreement, including any modifications, additions or upgrades to such facilities and equipment. Transmission Provider's Interconnection Facilities are sole use facilities and shall not include Distribution Upgrades or Network Upgrades.

**Transmission System** - The facilities owned, controlled or operated by Transmission Provider or Transmission Owner that are used to provide transmission service.

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

**Withdrawal Penalty** - The penalty assessed by Transmission Provider to an Interconnection Customer that chooses to withdraw or is deemed withdrawn from Transmission Provider's interconnection queue or whose Generating Facility does not otherwise reach Commercial Operation as determined by the Transmission Provider. The calculation of the Withdrawal Penalty is set forth in Section 3.7.1 of this LGIP.

## **2. Scope and Application**

### **2.1 Application of Standard Large Generator Interconnection Procedures**

Sections 2 through 13 of this LGIP apply to processing an Interconnection Request pertaining to a Large Generating Facility. Unless otherwise stated in Transmission Provider's Small Generator Interconnection Procedures, Sections 2 through 10, 13.3, 13.4 of this LGIP and the applicable appendices of this LGIP that apply to processing an Interconnection Request pertain to a Qualified Small Generating Facility. A Qualified Small Generating Facility will be considered a Large Generating Facility for the purpose of implementing the applicable sections of this LGIP. Upon completion of the study process, a Qualified Small Generating Facility will be offered an SGIA per the terms of the SGIP.

### **2.2 Comparability**

Transmission Provider shall receive, process and analyze all Interconnection Requests in a timely manner as set forth in this LGIP. Transmission Provider shall process and analyze Interconnection Requests from all Interconnection Customers comparably, regardless of whether the Generating Facilities are owned by Transmission Provider, its subsidiaries, Affiliates or others.

### **2.3 Base Case Data**

Transmission Provider shall maintain base power flow, short circuit and stability databases, including all underlying assumptions, and contingency list on either its OASIS site or a password-protected website, subject to confidentiality provisions in LGIP Section 13.1. In addition, Transmission Provider shall maintain network models and underlying assumptions on either its OASIS site or a password-protected 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. If Transmission Provider posts this information on a password-protected website, a link to the information must be provided on Transmission Provider's OASIS site. Transmission Provider is permitted to require that Interconnection Customers, OASIS site users and password-protected website users sign a confidentiality agreement before the release of commercially sensitive information or Critical Energy Infrastructure Information in the Base Case data. Such databases and lists, hereinafter referred to as Base Cases, shall include all (1) generation projects and (2) transmission projects, including merchant transmission projects that are proposed for the Transmission System for which a business case proposal has been submitted and approved by the Transmission Provider's capital project approval process.

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

Nothing in this LGIP shall constitute a request for transmission service or confer upon an Interconnection Customer any right to receive transmission service.

## **2.5 Modifications to Existing Generating Facilities**

### **2.5.1 Permissible Modifications**

An Interconnection Customer with an existing Generating Facility is permitted to make modifications to the Existing Generating Facility under this Section 2.5.1, if the modifications do not increase the Generating Facility Capacity or have an impact on the Transmission System that would require a new Interconnection Request.

### **2.5.2 Transmission Provider's Sole Discretion**

Transmission Provider, at its sole discretion, will determine whether the proposed changes by Interconnection Customer require a new Interconnection Request. Transmission Provider may perform any necessary additional studies to determine whether the proposed modifications require a new Interconnection Request. Interconnection Customer shall be responsible for any cost of additional studies.

### **2.5.3 Modifications to Applicable Agreements**

Transmission Provider shall determine the necessary changes to Interconnection Customer's applicable LGIA and/or other interconnection agreements. Prior to making any Permissible Modifications under Section 2.5.1, Interconnection Customer shall sign a revised LGIA and/or interconnection agreement.

## **3. Interconnection Requests**

### **3.1 Study Deposit**

Interconnection Customer shall submit to Transmission Provider, during a Cluster Request Window, an Interconnection Request in the form of Appendix 1 to this LGIP, a non-refundable application fee of \$5,000, and a refundable study deposit of:

- a. \$20,000 plus \$1,000 per requested MW for Interconnection Request  $\leq$  20 MW, or:

- b. \$35,000 plus \$1,000 per requested MW for Interconnection Requests > 20 MW < 80 MW; or
- c. \$150,000 for Interconnection Requests  $\geq$  80 MW < 200 MW; or
- d. \$250,000 for Interconnection Requests  $\geq$  200 MW.

Transmission Provider shall apply the study deposit toward the cost of the Cluster Study Process.

### **3.1.1 Submission**

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. An Interconnection Request to evaluate one site at two different voltage levels shall be treated as two Interconnection Requests.

At Interconnection Customer's option, Transmission Provider and Interconnection Customer 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(s) of Interconnection to be studied no later than the execution of the Cluster Study Agreement. For purposes of clustering Interconnection Requests, Transmission Provider may propose changes to the requested Point of Interconnection to facilitate efficient interconnection of Interconnection Customers at common Point(s) of Interconnection. Transmission Provider 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.

Transmission Provider shall have a process in place to consider requests for Interconnection Service below the Generating Facility Capacity. These requests for Interconnection Service shall be studied at the level of Interconnection Service requested for purposes of Interconnection Facilities, Network Upgrades, and associated costs, but 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. If after the additional studies are complete, Transmission Provider determines that additional Network Upgrades are necessary, then Transmission Provider must: (1) specify which additional Network Upgrade costs are based on which studies; and (2) provide a detailed explanation of why the additional Network Upgrades are necessary. Any Interconnection Facility and/or Network Upgrade costs required for safety and reliability also would be borne by Interconnection Customer. Interconnection Customers may be subject to additional control technologies as well as testing and validation of those technologies consistent with Section 6 of the LGIA. The necessary control technologies and protection systems shall be established in Appendix C of that executed LGIA.

Transmission Provider shall have a process in place to study Generating Facilities that include at least one electric storage resource using operating assumptions that reflect the proposed charging behavior of the Generating Facility as requested by Interconnection Customer, unless (1) Transmission Provider determines that Good Utility Practice, including Applicable Reliability Standards, otherwise requires the use of different operating assumptions or (2) Transmission Provider determines the proposed charging behavior is not practical to incorporate in the Cluster Study, in which case Transmission Provider will use a charging behavior Transmission Provider considers practical. If Transmission Provider finds Interconnection Customer's requested operating assumptions conflict with Good Utility Practice or are not considered practical, Transmission Provider must provide Interconnection Customer an explanation in writing of why the submitted operating assumptions are insufficient or inappropriate by no later than thirty (30) Calendar Days before the end of the Customer Engagement Window and allow Interconnection

Customer to revise and resubmit requested operating assumptions one time at least ten (10) Calendar Days prior to the end of the Customer Engagement Window. Transmission Provider shall study these requests for Interconnection Service, with the study costs borne by Interconnection Customer, using the submitted operating assumptions for purposes of Interconnection Facilities, Network Upgrades, and associated costs. 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. Interconnection Customer's Generating Facility may be subject to additional control technologies as well as testing and validation of such additional control technologies consistent with Section 6 of the LGIA. The necessary control technologies and protection systems shall be set forth in Appendix C of Interconnection Customer's LGIA.

## **3.2 Identification of Types of Interconnection Services**

At the time the Interconnection Request is submitted, Interconnection Customer must request either Energy Resource Interconnection Service or Network Resource Interconnection Service, as described; provided, however, any Interconnection Customer requesting Network Resource Interconnection Service may also request that it be concurrently studied for Energy Resource Interconnection Service, up to the point when an Interconnection Facilities Study Agreement is executed. Interconnection Customer may then elect to proceed with Network Resource Interconnection Service or to proceed under Energy Resource Interconnection Services to the extent that only certain upgrades will be completed.

### **3.2.1 Energy Resource Interconnection Service**

#### **3.2.1.1 The Product**

Energy Resource Interconnection Service allows Interconnection Customer to connect the Large Generating Facility to the Transmission System and be eligible to deliver the Large Generating Facility's output using the existing firm or non-firm capacity of the Transmission System on an "as available" basis. Energy Resource Interconnection Service does not in and of itself convey any right to deliver electricity to any specific customer or Point of Delivery.

#### **3.2.1.2 The Study**

The study consists of short circuit/fault duty, steady state (thermal and voltage) and stability analyses. The short circuit/fault duty analysis would identify direct Interconnection Facilities required and the Network Upgrades necessary to address short circuit issues associated with the Interconnection Facilities. The stability and steady state studies would identify necessary upgrades to allow full output of the proposed Large Generating Facility, except for Generating Facilities that include at least one electric storage resource that request to use operating assumptions pursuant to Section 3.1.2, unless the Transmission Provider (1) determines that Good Utility Practice, including Applicable Reliability Standards, otherwise requires the use of different operating assumptions or (2) Transmission Provider determines the assumptions to not be practical for the study process, and would also identify the maximum allowed output, at the time the study is performed, of the interconnecting Large Generating Facility without requiring additional Network Upgrades.

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

#### **3.2.2.1 The Product**

Transmission Provider must conduct the necessary studies and construct the Network Upgrades needed to integrate the Large Generating Facility (1) in a manner comparable to that in which Transmission Provider integrates its generating facilities to serve native load customers; or (2) in an ISO or RTO with market-based congestion management, in the same manner as Network Resources. Network Resource Interconnection Service allows Interconnection Customer's Large Generating Facility to be designated as a Network Resource, up to the Large Generating Facility's full output, on the same basis as existing Network Resources interconnected to Transmission Provider's Transmission System, and to be studied as a Network Resource on the assumption that such a designation will occur.

### **3.2.2.2 The Study**

The Interconnection Study for Network Resource Interconnection Service shall assure that Interconnection Customer's Large Generating Facility meets the requirements for Network Resource Interconnection Service and as a general matter, that such Large Generating Facility's interconnection is also studied with Transmission Provider's Transmission System at peak load, under a variety of severely stressed conditions, to determine whether, with the Large Generating Facility at full output, except for Generating Facilities that include at least one electric storage resource that request to use, and for which Transmission Provider approves, operating assumptions pursuant to Section 3.1.2, the aggregate of generation in the local area can be delivered to the aggregate of load on Transmission Provider's Transmission System, consistent with Transmission Provider's reliability criteria and procedures. This approach assumes that some portion of existing Network Resources are displaced by the output of Interconnection Customer's Large Generating Facility. Network Resource Interconnection Service in and of itself does not convey any right to deliver electricity to any specific customer or Point of Delivery. Transmission Provider may also study the Transmission System under non-peak load conditions. However, upon request by Interconnection Customer, Transmission Provider must explain in writing to Interconnection Customer why the study of non-peak load conditions is required for reliability purposes.

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

Transmission Provider must provide a process that allows an Interconnection Customer to utilize or transfer Surplus Interconnection Service at an existing Point of Interconnection. The original Interconnection Customer or one of its Affiliates shall have priority to utilize Surplus Interconnection Service. If the existing Interconnection Customer or one of its Affiliates does not exercise its priority, then that service may be made available to other potential Interconnection Customers at the discretion of the Transmission Provider.

### **3.3.1 Surplus Interconnection Service Requests**

Surplus Interconnection Service requests may be made by the existing Interconnection Customer or one of its Affiliates or may be submitted after the Interconnection Customer has executed the LGIA. Surplus Interconnection Service requests also may be made by another Interconnection Customer. Transmission Provider shall provide a process for evaluating Interconnection Requests for Surplus Interconnection Service. Studies for Surplus Interconnection Service shall consist of reactive power, short circuit/fault duty, stability analyses, and any other appropriate studies. Steady-state (thermal/voltage) analyses may be performed as necessary to ensure that all required reliability conditions are studied. 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 the 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.

Transmission Provider shall study Surplus Interconnection Service requests for a Generating Facility that includes at least one electric storage resource using operating assumptions that reflect the proposed charging behavior of the Generating Facility as requested by Interconnection Customer, unless Transmission Provider determines that Good Utility Practice, including Applicable Reliability Standards, otherwise requires the use of different operating assumptions or Transmission Provider determines the proposed charging behavior to not be practical for the study process as indicated in Section 3.1.2.

### **3.4 Valid Interconnection Request**

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

All applications for Interconnection Service submitted after October 1, 2023 will be subject to this LGIP. The timeline of the initial Cluster Request Window will be designated by Transmission Provider and will be communicated on Transmission Provider's public website.

Interconnection Requests received prior to October 1, 2023 may choose to participate in the initial Cluster. Any requests received prior to October 1, 2023 that participate in the initial Cluster will be subject to this LGIP in its entirety.

Successive Cluster Request Windows shall open as designated by Transmission Provider and will be communicated on Transmission Provider's public website.

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

An Interconnection Customer seeking to join the initial Cluster shall submit its Interconnection Request to Transmission Provider within, and no later than the close of, the initial Cluster Request Window as indicated in Section 3.4.1. Interconnection Requests submitted outside of the initial Cluster Request Window will be considered in a subsequent Cluster. To initiate an Interconnection Request, Interconnection Customer must submit all of the following:

- (i) Applicable study deposit amount, pursuant to Section 3.1.1.1 of this LGIP,
- (ii) A completed application in the form of Appendix 1, (inclusive of the network model in PowerWorld format with the technical data for the proposed project)
- (iii) Demonstration of no less than ninety percent (90%) Site Control or (1) a signed affidavit from an officer of the company indicating that Site Control is unobtainable due to Regulatory Limitations as such term is defined by the Transmission Provider; 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 deposit in lieu of Site Control of \$10,000 per MW, subject to a minimum of \$500,000 and a maximum of \$2,000,000. 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.
- (iv) Generating Facility Capacity (MW) (and requested Interconnection Service level if the

requested Interconnection Service is less than the Generating Facility Capacity),

- (v) If applicable, (1) the requested operating assumptions as approved by Transmission Provider subject to Section 3.2.2.2 to be used by Transmission Provider that reflect the proposed charging behavior of the Generating Facility that includes at least one electric storage resource, and (2) a description of any control technologies (software and/or hardware) that will limit the operation of the Generating Facility to the operating assumptions submitted by Interconnection Customer.
- (vi) A Commercial Readiness Deposit equal to two times the study deposit described in Section 3.1.1.1 of this LGIP in the form of an irrevocable letter of credit, cash, or other form of security that is reasonably acceptable to Transmission Provider. This Commercial Readiness Deposit is refunded to Interconnection Customer according to Section 3.7 of this LGIP,
- (vii) A Point of Interconnection, and
- (viii) Whether the Interconnection Request shall be studied for Network Resource Interconnection Service or for Energy Resource Interconnection Service, consistent with Section 3.2 of this LGIP.

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 Transmission Provider until Interconnection Customer provides the required Site Control demonstration for its point 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 LGIA.

Interconnection Customer shall promptly inform Transmission Provider of any material change to Interconnection Customer's demonstration of Site Control under Section 3.4.2(iii) of this LGIP. If Transmission Provider determines, based on Interconnection Customer's information, that Interconnection Customer no longer satisfies the Site Control requirement, Transmission Provider shall give Interconnection Customer ten (10) Business Days to demonstrate satisfaction with the applicable requirement subject to Transmission Provider's approval. Absent such, Transmission Provider shall deem the Interconnection Request withdrawn pursuant to Section 3.7 of this LGIP.

The proposed In-Service Date of the new Large Generating Facility or increase in capacity of the existing Generating Facility shall be no later than the process window for the regional expansion planning period (or in the absence of a regional planning process, the process window for Transmission Provider's expansion planning period) not to exceed seven (7) years from the date the Interconnection Request is received by Transmission Provider, unless Interconnection Customer demonstrates that engineering, permitting and construction of the new Large Generating Facility or increase in capacity of the existing Generating Facility will take longer than the regional expansion planning period. The expected In-Service Date shall be negotiated in good faith between the Transmission Provider and Interconnection Customer. The In-Service Date may succeed the date the Interconnection Request is received by Transmission Provider by a period up to ten (10) years, or longer where Interconnection Customer and Transmission Provider agree.

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

Transmission Provider shall acknowledge receipt of the Interconnection Request within fifteen (15) 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 request until all items in Section 3.4.2 of this LGIP have been received by Transmission Provider during the Cluster Request Window. If an Interconnection Request fails to meet the requirements set forth in Section 3.4.2 of this LGIP, Transmission Provider shall notify Interconnection Customer within fifteen (15) 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 Transmission Provider 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. At any time, if Transmission Provider finds that the technical data provided by Interconnection Customer is incomplete or contains errors, Interconnection Customer and Transmission Provider shall work expeditiously and in good faith to remedy such issues. In the event that Interconnection Customer fails to comply with this Section 3.4.4 of this LGIP, Transmission Provider shall deem the Interconnection Request withdrawn (without the cure period provided under Section 3.7 of this LGIP), the application fee is forfeited to Transmission Provider, 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, Transmission Provider shall open a sixty (60) Calendar Day period (Customer Engagement Window). During the Customer Engagement Window, Transmission Provider shall hold a Scoping Meeting with all interested Interconnection Customers. Notwithstanding the preceding requirements and upon written consent of all Interconnection Customers within the Cluster, Transmission Provider may shorten the Customer Engagement Window and begin the Cluster Study. Within ten (10) Business Days of the opening of the Customer Engagement Window, Transmission Provider 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 latitude and longitude coordinates; (3) the station or transmission line or lines where the interconnection will be made; (4) the proposed 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 Transmission Provider 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, Transmission Provider 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 LGIP shall be included in the Cluster Study. Any Interconnection Requests for which Interconnection Customer has not executed a Cluster Study Agreement at the close of the Cluster Engagement Window shall be deemed withdrawn (without the cure period provided under Section 3.7 of this LGIP) by Transmission Provider, the application fee shall be forfeited to Transmission Provider, and Transmission Provider shall return the study deposit and Commercial Readiness Deposit to

Interconnection Customer. Immediately following the Customer Engagement Window, Transmission Provider shall initiate the Cluster Study described in Section 7 of this LGIP.

### **3.4.6 Cluster Study Scoping Meeting**

During the Customer Engagement Window, Transmission Provider shall hold a Scoping Meeting with all Interconnection Customers whose valid Interconnection Requests were received in that Cluster Request Window.

The purpose of the Cluster Study Scoping Meeting shall be to discuss alternative interconnection options, to exchange information including any transmission data and earlier study evaluations that would reasonably be expected to impact such interconnection options, to discuss the Cluster Study materials posted to OASIS pursuant to Section 3.5 of this LGIP, if applicable, and to analyze such information. Transmission Provider and Interconnection Customer(s) will bring to the meeting such technical data, including, but not limited to: (i) general facility loadings, (ii) general instability issues, (iii) 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. Transmission Provider and Interconnection Customer(s) 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. Transmission Provider will identify valid Points of Interconnection for each Interconnection Customer. On the basis of the meeting, Interconnection Customer(s) shall designate its Point of Interconnection. 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, Transmission Provider 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 prior to a group Cluster Study Scoping Meeting, which will provide for confidentiality of identified information or commercially sensitive information pertaining to any other Interconnection Customers.

## **3.5 OASIS Posting**

### **3.5.1 OASIS Posting**

Transmission Provider will maintain on its OASIS a list of all Interconnection Requests. 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 In-Service Date; (v) the status of the Interconnection Request, including Queue Position; (vi) the type of Interconnection Service being requested; (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 LGIA. Before holding a Scoping Meeting with its Affiliate, Transmission Provider shall post on OASIS an advance notice of its intent to do so. Transmission Provider 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 Transmission Provider's OASIS site subsequent to the meeting between Interconnection Customer and Transmission Provider to discuss the applicable study results. Transmission Provider shall also post any known deviations in the Large Generating Facility's In-Service Date.

## **3.6 Coordination with Affected Systems**

Transmission Provider 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 Transmission Provider and any Affected System Operator in all matters related to the conduct of studies and the determination of modifications to Affected Systems.

The Affected System Operator whose system may be impacted by a proposed interconnection on another transmission provider's transmission system shall cooperate with the Transmission Provider in all matters related to the conduct of studies and the determination of modifications to applicable transmission provider's transmission system.

### **3.6.1 Initial Notification**

Transmission Provider 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, Transmission Provider must provide Interconnection Customer with a list of potential Affected Systems, along with relevant contact information.

### **3.6.2 Notification of Cluster Restudy**

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

### **3.6.3 Notification of Cluster Restudy Completion**

Upon the completion of Transmission Provider's Cluster Restudy, Transmission Provider 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, Transmission Provider 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 Transmission Provider. In addition, if Interconnection Customer fails to adhere to all requirements of this LGIP, except as provided in Section 13.5 (Disputes), Transmission Provider 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. Upon receipt of such written notice, Interconnection Customer shall have fifteen (15) Business Days in which to either respond with information or actions that cures the deficiency or to notify Transmission Provider of its intent to pursue Dispute Resolution.

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, Interconnection Customer's Interconnection Request is eliminated 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 Transmission Provider all costs that Transmission Provider prudently incurs with respect to that Interconnection Request prior to Transmission Provider's receipt of notice described above. Interconnection Customer must pay all monies due to Transmission Provider before it is allowed to obtain any Interconnection Study data or results.

If Interconnection Customer withdraws its Interconnection Request or is deemed withdrawn by Transmission Provider under Section 3.7 of this LGIP, Transmission Provider shall (i) update the OASIS Queue Position posting; (ii) impose the Withdrawal Penalty described in Section 3.7.1 of this LGIP; and (iii) refund to Interconnection Customer any portion of the refundable portion of Interconnection Customer's study deposit that exceeds the costs that Transmission Provider has incurred. Transmission Provider shall also 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, Transmission Provider, subject to the confidentiality provisions of Section 13.1 of this LGIP, shall provide, at Interconnection Customer's request, all information that Transmission Provider 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 as determined by the Transmission Provider 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 3.1.1.1 of this LGIP; 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 if no Cluster Restudy is required 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 LGIP, 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 LGIP, or after receipt of the draft LGIA but before Interconnection Customer has executed an LGIA, and has satisfied the other requirements described in Section 11.3 of this LGIP (i.e., Site Control demonstration, LGIA 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 LGIA and has satisfied the other requirements described in Section 11.3 of this LGIP (i.e., Site Control demonstration, LGIA 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, Transmission Provider shall hold all Withdrawal Penalty funds until all Interconnection Customers in that Cluster have either: (1) withdrawn or been deemed withdrawn; or (2) executed an LGIA. 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 LGIA. Next, after the Withdrawal Penalty funds are applied to relevant study costs in the same Cluster, Transmission Provider 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 Section 11.5 of the Transmission Provider's LGIA posted on Transmission Provider's public website 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 LGIA. 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 Transmission Provider's method in Section 13.3 of this LGIP for allocating the costs of Interconnection Studies conducted on a clustered basis. Transmission Provider shall post the balance of Withdrawal Penalty

funds held by Transmission Provider but not yet dispersed on its OASIS site and update this posting on a quarterly basis.

If an Interconnection Customer withdraws after it executes its LGIA, Transmission Provider 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 Transmission Provider's method in Section 13.3 of this LGIP 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, Transmission Provider 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 LGIP, 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 LGIA.

If Transmission Provider'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, Transmission Provider 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 LGIP). Transmission Provider 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; or (2) executed an LGIA. For the withdrawn Interconnection Customers that Transmission Provider 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 LGIP, Transmission Provider 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 LGIP 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 LGIP).

If Transmission Provider's assessment determines that there are shared cost assignments for Network Upgrades in the same Cluster, Transmission Provider 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 LGIA as described in Section 3.7.1.2.3(a) of this LGIP, or after such execution of an LGIA, as described in Section 3.7.1.2.3(b) of this LGIP.

As discussed in Section 3.7.1.2.4 of this LGIP, Transmission Provider will amend executed LGIAs 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 Section 11.5 in Transmission Provider's LGIA posted on Transmission Provider's public website, 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 its LGIA, Transmission Provider 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 Section 11.5 of Transmission Provider's LGIA posted on Transmission Provider's public website, Transmission Provider 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). Transmission Provider shall calculate this financial impact once all Interconnection Customers in the same Cluster either: (1) have withdrawn or have been deemed withdrawn; or (2) executed an LGIA. Transmission Provider will perform the financial impact calculation using the following steps.

First, Transmission Provider must determine which withdrawn Interconnection Customers shared an obligation to fund Network Upgrades with Interconnection Customers from the same Cluster that have LGIAs that are executed. Next, Transmission Provider 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 of an LGIA;
- (5) the restudy to the executed LGIA (if a restudy was performed after the Interconnection Facilities Study phase and before the execution of an LGIA).

If, based on the above calculations, Transmission Provider 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 LGIA was executed, 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 Transmission Provider 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 Section 11.5 of the Transmission Provider's LGIA posted on Transmission Provider's public website.

If Transmission Provider determines that more than one Interconnection Customer in the same Cluster was financially impacted by the same withdrawn Interconnection Customer, Transmission Provider 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 LGIP.

### **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 its LGIA, Transmission Provider 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.

Transmission Provider will determine the financial impact on the remaining Interconnection Customers in the same Cluster within thirty (30) calendar days after the withdrawal occurs. Transmission Provider 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, Transmission Provider 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 Transmission Provider.

### **3.7.1.2.4 Amending LGIA 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; or (2) executed an LGIA, Transmission Provider must perform the calculations described in Section 3.7.1.2.3(a) of this LGIP and provide such Interconnection Customers with an amended LGIA that provides the reduction in Network Upgrade cost assignment and associated reduction to Interconnection Customer's financial security requirements, under Section 11.5 of the Transmission Provider's LGIA posted on Transmission Provider's public website, due from Interconnection Customer to Transmission Provider.

Where an Interconnection Customer executes the LGIA and is later withdrawn or its LGIA is terminated, Transmission Provider 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 LGIP and provide such Interconnection Customers in the same Cluster with an amended LGIA that provides the reduction in Network Upgrade cost assignment and associated reduction to Interconnection Customer's financial security requirements, under Section 11.5 of Transmission Provider's LGIA posted on Transmission Provider's public website, due from Interconnection Customer to Transmission Provider.

Any repayment by Transmission Provider to Interconnection Customer under Section 11.4 of Transmission Provider's LGIA posted on Transmission Provider's public website of amounts advanced for Network Upgrades after

the Generating Facility achieves Commercial Operation shall be limited to the Interconnection Customer's total amount of Network Upgrade costs paid and associated financial security provided to Transmission Provider under Section 11.5 of the Transmission Provider's LGIA posted on Transmission Provider's public website..

#### **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, Transmission Provider 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 Predicate Facilities**

Transmission Provider shall identify the Predicate Facilities to Interconnection Customer at the conclusion of the Cluster Study and included in Interconnection Customer's Large Generator Interconnection Agreement. The Predicate Facilities shall be identified as those future transmission system improvements previously approved by the Transmission Provider's capital project approval process. Transmission Provider shall also provide, upon request of Interconnection Customer, the estimated Interconnection Facility and/or Network Upgrade costs and estimated in-service completion time of each identified Predicate Facility when this information is readily available and if not commercially sensitive.

## **4. Interconnection Request Evaluation Process**

Once an Interconnection Customer has submitted a valid Interconnection Request pursuant to Section 3.4 of this LGIP, such Interconnection Request shall become part of Transmission Provider's interconnection queue for further processing pursuant to the following procedures.

### **4.1 Queue Position**

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

Transmission Provider shall assign a Queue Position as follows: the Queue Position within the queue shall be assigned based upon the date and time of receipt of all items required pursuant to the provisions of Section 3.4 of this LGIP. All Interconnection Requests submitted and validated in a single Cluster Request Window shall be considered equally queued.

#### **4.1.2 Higher Queue Position**

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 Clusters initiated earlier in time than an instant Queue shall be considered to have a higher Queue Position than Interconnection Customers that are part of Clusters initiated later than an instant Queue.

### **4.2 General Study Process**

Interconnection Studies performed within the Cluster Study Process shall be conducted in such a manner to ensure the efficient implementation of the applicable regional transmission expansion plan in light of the Transmission System's capabilities at the time of each study and consistent with Good Utility Practice.

Transmission Provider may use subgroups in the Cluster Study Process. In all instances in which Transmission Provider elects to use subgroups in the Cluster Study Process, Transmission Provider must publish the criteria used to define and determine subgroups on its OASIS or public website.

#### **4.2.1 Cost Allocation for Interconnection Facilities and Network Upgrades**

(1) For Network Upgrades identified in Cluster Studies, Transmission Provider shall calculate each Interconnection Customer's share of the costs as follows:

- (a) Substation Network Upgrades, including all switching stations, shall be allocated first per capita to Interconnection Facilities interconnecting to the substation at the same voltage level and then per capita to each Generating Facility sharing the Interconnection Facility.
- (b) System Network Upgrades shall be allocated based on the proportional impact of each individual Generating Facility in the Cluster Study on the need for a specific System Network Upgrade.
  - (i) Thermal Network Upgrade costs within a Cluster or Cluster Area (if applicable) will be allocated based on the proportional impact (MW) from each Generating Facility within the Cluster or Cluster Area (if applicable), on the constrained facilities.
  - (ii) Voltage Network Upgrade costs within a Cluster or Cluster Area (if applicable) will be allocated based on the voltage proportional impact from each Generating Facility within the Cluster or Cluster Area (if applicable), on the most constrained bus under the most constraining contingency.
  - (iii) In instances when mitigation(s) resolve multiple types of constraints (such as thermal + voltage or thermal + voltage + transient stability) the cost will be allocated within a Cluster or Cluster Area (if applicable) based on the ratio share of the total cost of the independent mitigation types in order to equitably allocate the cost to all Generating Facilities contributing to constraints.
  - (iv) Transient stability Network Upgrade costs within a Cluster or Cluster Area (if applicable) will be cost allocated based on the pro-rata share of the total megawatt requests of all the Generating Facilities causing instability.
  - (v) Short Circuit Network Upgrade costs within a Cluster or Cluster Area (if applicable) will be allocated based on the impact (kA) from each Generating Facility within the Cluster or Cluster Area (if applicable), on the constrained facilities under the most constraining fault.
- (c) An Interconnection Customer that funds Substation Network Upgrades and/or System Network Upgrades shall be entitled to transmission credits as provided in Section 11.4 of the LGIA.

(2) The costs of any needed Interconnection Facilities identified in the Cluster Study Process will be directly assigned to Interconnection Customer(s) using such facilities. Where Interconnection Customers in the Cluster agree to share Interconnection Facilities, the cost of such Interconnection Facilities shall be allocated based on the number of Generating Facilities

sharing use of such Interconnection Facilities on a per capita basis (i.e., on a per Generating Facility basis), unless Parties mutually agree to a different cost sharing arrangement.

### **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. This Queue Position transfer will not invalidate the modification procedures and requirements outlined in section 4.4.

### **4.4 Modifications**

Interconnection Customer shall submit to Transmission Provider, in writing, modifications to any information provided in the Interconnection Request. Interconnection Customer shall retain its Queue Position if the modifications are in accordance with Sections 4.4.1, 4.4.2, or 4.4.5 of this LGIP, or are determined not to be Material Modifications or Qualified Change pursuant to Section 4.4.3 of this LGIP.

Notwithstanding the above, during the course of the Interconnection Studies, either Interconnection Customer or Transmission Provider 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 are acceptable to Transmission Provider and Interconnection Customer, such acceptance not to be unreasonably withheld, Transmission Provider shall modify the Point of Interconnection prior to return of the executed Cluster Study Agreement, and Interconnection Customer shall retain its Queue Position.

**4.4.1** Prior to the return of the executed Cluster Study Agreement to Transmission Provider, modifications permitted under this Section shall include specifically: (a) a decrease of up to sixty percent (60%) of electrical output (MW) of the proposed project, through either (1) a decrease in plant size or (2) a decrease in Interconnection Service level (consistent with the process described in Section 3.1 of this LGIP) accomplished by applying Transmission Provider-approved injection-limiting equipment; (b) modifying the technical parameters associated with the Large Generating Facility technology or the Large Generating Facility step-up transformer impedance characteristics; and (c) modifying the interconnection configuration. For plant increases, the incremental increase in plant output will go in the next Cluster Request Window for the purposes of cost allocation and study analysis.

**4.4.2** Prior to the return of the executed Interconnection Facilities Study Agreement to Transmission Provider, the modifications permitted under this Section shall include specifically: (a) additional fifteen percent (15%) decrease of electrical output of the proposed project through either (1) a decrease in plant size (MW) or (2) a decrease in Interconnection Service level (consistent with the process described in Section 3.1) accomplished by applying Transmission Provider-approved injection-limiting equipment; (b) Large Generating Facility technical parameters associated with modifications to Large Generating Facility technology and transformer impedances; provided, however, the incremental costs associated with those modifications are the responsibility of the requesting Interconnection Customer; and (c) a Permissible Technological Advancement for the Large Generating Facility after the submission of the Interconnection Request. Section 4.4.6 of this LGIP specifies a separate technological change procedure including the requisite information and process that will be followed to assess whether Interconnection Customer's proposed technological advancement under Section 4.4.2(c) of this LGIP is a Material Modification. Section 1 of this LGIP contains a definition of Permissible Technological Advancement.

**4.4.3** Prior to making any modification other than those specifically permitted by Sections 4.4.1, 4.4.2, and 4.4.5 of this LGIP, Interconnection Customer may first request that Transmission Provider evaluate whether such modification is a Material Modification or Qualified Change. In response to Interconnection Customer's request, Transmission Provider shall evaluate the proposed modifications prior to making them and inform Interconnection Customer in writing of whether the modifications would constitute a Material Modification or Qualified Change. Any change to the Point of Interconnection, except those deemed acceptable under Sections 3.1.2 or 4.4 of this LGIP 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. Transmission Provider shall study the addition of a Generating Facility that includes at least one electric storage resource using operating assumptions as approved by Transmission Provider subject to Section 3.2.2.2 that reflect the proposed charging behavior of the Generating Facility as requested by Interconnection Customer, unless (1) Transmission Provider determines that Good Utility Practice, including Applicable Reliability Standards, otherwise requires the use of different operating assumptions or (2) Transmission Provider determines the assumptions to not be practical for the study process.

**4.4.3.1** Interconnection Customer may request, and Transmission Provider 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. Transmission Provider 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 Transmission Provider. 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 permitted under this Section 4.4 of this LGIP, Transmission Provider shall commence and perform any necessary additional studies as soon as practicable, Transmission Provider will endeavor to commence such studies within 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 Appendix 1 of this LGIP.

**4.4.5** Extensions of less than three (3) cumulative years in the Commercial Operation Date of the Large Generating Facility to which the Interconnection Request relates are not material and should be handled through construction sequencing that is solely determined by Transmission Provider. 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 LGIA. After an LGIA is executed, the Commercial Operation Date reflected in the LGIA shall be used to calculate the permissible extension. Such cumulative extensions may not exceed three years including both extensions requested after execution of the LGIA by Interconnection Customer by Transmission Provider and those requested prior to execution of the LGIA by Interconnection Customer.

**4.4.6 Technological Change Procedures**

Prior to execution of an Interconnection Facilities Study Agreement, a technological change that satisfies the definition of Permissible Technology Advancement is a permissible modification that will not result in the Interconnection Customer losing its Queue Position.

An Interconnection Customer seeking to modify its proposed Generating Facility based upon a change to the turbines, inverters, or plant supervisory controls or other similar advancements to the existing technology proposed in the original Interconnection Request shall submit an Optional Interconnection Study Agreement in the form of Appendix 4, which shall be accompanied by a study deposit in the amount of specified in the Appendix, and any support relied on by the Interconnection Customer to show that the change is a Permissible Technological Advancement and not a Material Modification. Upon receipt of an Optional Interconnection Study Agreement that identifies a request for a technological change, the Transmission Provider, in consultation with the Interconnection Customer(s) to the extent practicable, shall first conduct a review of the technological change and supporting information to determine whether such change constitutes a Permissible Technological Advancement. If the study results demonstrate that the proposed technological change satisfies the definition of Permissible Technological Advancement then the technological change shall be approved without loss of Queue Position.

## **5. Procedures for Interconnection Requests Submitted Prior to Effective Date of this LGIP.**

### **5.1 Procedures Interconnection Requests Submitted Prior to October 1, 2023**

Interconnection Requests submitted prior to October 1, 2023 will be processed based on Transmission Provider's sequential study process in place on October 1, 2023. These processes may be revised by Transmission Provider as determined necessary by Transmission Provider. Interconnection Customer will be offered an LGIA per the LGIP which may be modified as determined by Transmission Provider. Any Interconnection Customer assigned a Queue Position prior to October 1, 2023 will maintain the assigned Queue Position. Interconnection Customer may choose to be subject to this LGIP by informing Transmission Provider within the appropriate Cluster Request Window and will then be part of the first Cluster Study and subject to all the terms of this LGIP.

### **5.2 Procedures for Interconnection Requests Received on or After October 1, 2023 and Prior to the Effective Date of this LGIP**

Interconnection Requests submitted on or after October 1, 2023 will be subject to all the terms and provisions of this LGIP, will be part of the first Cluster Study and will have a Queue Position equally queued with all requests studied in the first Cluster.

## **6. Interconnection Information Access**

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

Prior to the start of the initial Cluster Request Window, Transmission Provider shall maintain and make publicly available a table of the estimated incremental injection capacity (in megawatts) available at its transmission switchyards under N-1 conditions. These capacity estimates must be calculated based on the power flow model of the Transmission System with the transfer simulated from each point of interconnection to the whole Transmission Provider's footprint (to approximate 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 one hundred twenty (120) 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.

## **7. Cluster Study**

### **7.1 Cluster Study Agreement**

No later than ten (10) Business Days after the close of a Cluster Request Window, Transmission Provider shall tender to each Interconnection Customer that submitted a valid Interconnection Request a Cluster Study Agreement in the form of Appendix 2 to this LGIP. The Cluster Study Agreement shall require Interconnection Customer to compensate Transmission Provider for the actual cost of the Cluster Study pursuant to Section 13.3 of this LGIP. The specifications, assumptions, or other provisions in the appendices of the Cluster Study Agreement provided pursuant to Section 7.1 of this LGIP shall be subject to change by Transmission Provider following the conclusion of the Scoping Meeting.

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

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

If Interconnection Customer does not provide all required technical data when it delivers the Cluster Study Agreement, Transmission Provider shall notify Interconnection Customer of the deficiency within ten (10) Business Days of the receipt of the executed Cluster Study Agreement 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 Study Deposit.

## **7.3 Scope of Cluster Study**

The Cluster Study shall evaluate the impact of the proposed interconnection on the reliability of the Transmission System. The Cluster Study will consider the Base Case as well as all Generating Facilities (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 Transmission System; (ii) are interconnected to Affected Systems and may have an impact on the Interconnection Request; (iii) have a pending higher queued Interconnection Request to interconnect to the Transmission System; and (iv) have no Queue Position but have executed an LGIA.

For purposes of determining necessary Interconnection Facilities and Network Upgrades, the Cluster Study shall use the level of Interconnection Service requested by Interconnection Customers in the Cluster, except where the Transmission Provider otherwise determines that it must study the full Generating Facility Capacity due to safety or reliability concerns.

The Cluster Study will consist of power flow, stability, and short circuit analyses, the results of which are documented in a single Cluster Study Report, as applicable. At the conclusion of the Cluster Study, Transmission Provider 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 shall identify the Interconnection Facilities and Network Upgrades expected to be required to reliably interconnect the Generating Facilities in that Cluster Study at the requested Interconnection Service level and shall provide non-binding cost estimates for required Network Upgrades. The Cluster Study Report shall identify each Interconnection Customer's estimated allocated costs for Interconnection Facilities and Network Upgrades pursuant to the method in Section 4.2.1 of this LGIP. Transmission Provider shall hold an open stakeholder meeting pursuant to Section 7.4 of this LGIP.

For purposes of determining necessary Interconnection Facilities and Network Upgrades, the Cluster Study shall use operating assumptions (i.e., whether the interconnecting Generating Facility will or will not charge at peak load) that reflect the proposed charging behavior of a Generating Facility that includes at least one electric storage resource as requested by Interconnection Customer, unless (1) Transmission Provider

determines that Good Utility Practice, including Applicable Reliability Standards, otherwise requires the use of different operating assumptions or (2) Transmission Provider determines the proposed charging behavior is not practical to incorporate in the Cluster Study, in which case Transmission Provider will use a charging behavior Transmission Provider considers practical. Transmission Provider may require the inclusion of control technologies sufficient to limit the operation of the Generating Facility per the operating assumptions as set forth in the Interconnection Request and to respond to dispatch instructions by Transmission Provider. As determined by Transmission Provider, Interconnection Customer may be subject to testing and validation of those control technologies consistent with applicable manufacturer recommendations and/or industry standards.

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. Transmission Provider shall evaluate each identified alternative transmission technology and determine whether the above technologies should be used, consistent with Good Utility Practice, Applicable Reliability Standards, and Applicable Laws and Regulations. If any of the above technologies are used, Transmission Provider shall include an explanation of the results of Transmission Provider'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**

Transmission Provider shall coordinate the Cluster Study with any Affected System Operator that is affected by the Interconnection Request pursuant to Section 3.6 of this LGIP. Transmission Provider 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 Transmission Provider shall initiate the Cluster Study Process pursuant to Section 7 of this LGIP.

Transmission Provider shall endeavor to complete the Cluster Study within one hundred fifty (150) Calendar Days of the close of the Customer Engagement Window.

Within ten (10) Business Days of simultaneously furnishing a Cluster Study Report to each Interconnection Customer within the Cluster and posting such report on OASIS, Transmission Provider shall convene a Cluster Study Report Meeting.

At the request of Interconnection Customer or at any time Transmission Provider determines that it will not meet the desired time frame for completing the Cluster Study, Transmission Provider shall notify Interconnection Customers as to the schedule status of the Cluster Study. If Transmission Provider is unable to complete the Cluster Study within the specified time period, it shall notify Interconnection Customers and provide an estimated completion date with an explanation of the reasons why additional time is required. Upon request, Transmission Provider shall provide to Interconnection Customers all supporting documentation, workpapers and relevant pre-Interconnection Request and post-Interconnection Request power flow, short circuit and stability databases for the Cluster Study, subject to confidentiality arrangements consistent with Section 13.1 of this LGIP.

#### **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 LGIP; and

- (b) An additional deposit that brings the total Commercial Readiness Deposit submitted to Transmission Provider to 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, cash, or other form of security that is reasonable acceptable to Transmission Provider. Transmission Provider shall refund the deposit to Interconnection Customer upon withdrawal in accordance with Section 3.7 of this LGIP.

Interconnection Customer shall promptly inform Transmission Provider of any material change to Interconnection Customer's demonstration of Site Control under Section 3.4.2(iii) of this LGIP. Upon Transmission Provider determining that Interconnection Customer no longer satisfies the Site Control requirement, Transmission Provider shall notify Interconnection Customer. Within ten (10) Business Days of such notification, Interconnection Customer must demonstrate compliance with the applicable requirement subject to Transmission Provider's approval, not to be unreasonably withheld. Absent such demonstration, Transmission Provider shall deem the subject Interconnection Request withdrawn pursuant to Section 3.7 of this LGIP.

(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 LGIP after completion of the Cluster Study or Cluster Restudy, Transmission Provider 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 LGIP, Transmission Provider shall determine if a Cluster Restudy is necessary within thirty (30) Calendar Days after the Cluster Study Report Meeting. If Transmission Provider determines a Cluster Restudy is not necessary, Transmission Provider shall notify Interconnection Customers in the Cluster that a Cluster Restudy is not required and Transmission Provider 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 LGIP, and Transmission Provider determines a Cluster Restudy is necessary as a result, Transmission Provider 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. Transmission Provider shall continue with such restudies until Transmission Provider determines that no further restudies are required. If an Interconnection Customer withdraws or is deemed withdrawn pursuant to Section 3.7 of this LGIP during the Interconnection Facilities Study, or after other Interconnection Customers in the same Cluster have executed LGIAs, and Transmission Provider 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 LGIP, Transmission Provider shall so notify affected Interconnection Customers in writing. Except as provided in Section 3.7 of this LGIP 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 LGIP. Transmission Provider shall endeavor to complete the Cluster Restudy within one hundred fifty (150) Calendar Days of Transmission Provider informing the Interconnection Customers in the Cluster that restudy is needed. If Transmission Provider is unable to complete the Cluster Restudy within the specified time period, it shall notify Interconnection Customers and provide an estimated completion date with an explanation of the reasons why additional time is required. The results of the Cluster Restudy shall be combined into a single report (Cluster Restudy Report). Transmission Provider shall hold a meeting with Interconnection Customers in the Cluster (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 Transmission Provider shall follow the procedures of this Section 7.5 of this LGIP until such time that Transmission Provider determines that no further restudies are required. Transmission Provider shall notify each Interconnection Customer within the Cluster when no further restudies are required.

## **8. Interconnection Facilities Study**

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

Within ten (10) Business Days following Transmission Provider notifying each Interconnection Customer within the Cluster that no further Cluster Restudy is required (per Section 7.5 of this LGIP), Transmission Provider shall provide to Interconnection Customer an Interconnection Facilities Study Agreement in the form of Appendix 3 to this LGIP. Interconnection Customer shall compensate Transmission Provider for the actual cost of the Interconnection Facilities Study. Within ten (10) Business Days following the Cluster Report Meeting or Cluster Restudy Report Meeting if applicable, Transmission Provider shall provide to Interconnection Customer a non-binding good faith estimate of the cost and timeframe for completing the Interconnection Facilities Study.

Interconnection Customer shall execute the Interconnection Facilities Study Agreement and deliver the executed Interconnection Facilities Study Agreement to Transmission Provider 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 Transmission Provider in accordance with Section 3.4.2 of this LGIP; and
- (3) An additional deposit that brings the total Commercial Readiness Deposit submitted to Transmission Provider 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, cash, or other form of security that is reasonably acceptable to Transmission Provider. Transmission Provider shall refund the deposit to Interconnection Customer upon withdrawal in accordance with Section 3.7 of this LGIP.

Interconnection Customer shall promptly inform Transmission Provider of any material change to Interconnection Customer's demonstration of Site Control under Section 3.4.2(iii) of this LGIP. Upon Transmission Provider determining separately that Interconnection Customer no longer satisfies the Site Control requirement, Transmission Provider shall notify Interconnection Customer. Within ten (10) Business Days of such notification, Interconnection Customer must demonstrate compliance with the applicable requirement subject to Transmission Provider's approval, not to be unreasonably withheld. Absent such demonstration, Transmission Provider shall deem the subject Interconnection Request withdrawn pursuant to Section 3.7 of this LGIP.

### **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 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 Transmission Provider'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 will also identify any potential control equipment for (1) requests for Interconnection Service that are lower than the Generating Facility Capacity, and/or (2) requests to study a Generating Facility that includes at least one electric storage resource using operating assumptions that reflect its proposed charging behavior, as requested by Interconnection Customer, unless (1) Transmission Provider determines that Good Utility Practice, including Applicable Reliability Standards, otherwise require the use of different operating assumptions or (2) Transmission Provider determines the assumptions to not be practical for the study process.

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

Transmission Provider shall coordinate the Interconnection Facilities Study with any Affected System Operator pursuant to Section 3.6 of this LGIP. Transmission Provider shall utilize existing studies to the extent practicable in performing the Interconnection Facilities Study. Transmission Provider shall endeavor to complete the study and issue a draft Interconnection Facilities Study Report to Interconnection Customer within one hundred eighty (180) Calendar Days.

At the request of Interconnection Customer or at any time Transmission Provider determines that it will not meet the desired time frame for completing the Interconnection Facilities Study, Transmission Provider shall notify Interconnection Customer as to the schedule status of the Interconnection Facilities Study. If Transmission Provider is unable to complete the Interconnection Facilities Study and issue a draft Interconnection Facilities Study Report within the desired time, it shall notify Interconnection Customer and provide an estimated completion date and an explanation of the reasons why additional time is required.

Interconnection Customer may, within thirty (30) Calendar Days after receipt of the draft Interconnection Facilities Study Report, provide written comments to Transmission Provider, which Transmission Provider shall include in completing the final Interconnection Facilities Study Report. Transmission Provider shall endeavor to 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. Transmission Provider may reasonably extend such fifteen (15) Business Day period upon notice to Interconnection Customer if Interconnection Customer's comments require Transmission Provider to perform additional analyses or make other significant modifications prior to the issuance of the final Interconnection Facilities Study Report. Upon request, Transmission Provider shall provide Interconnection Customer supporting documentation, workpapers, and databases or data developed in the preparation of the Interconnection Facilities Study, subject to confidentiality arrangements consistent with Section 13.1 of this LGIP.

### **8.4 Meeting with Transmission Provider**

Within ten (10) Business Days of providing a draft Interconnection Facilities Study Report to Interconnection Customer, Transmission Provider and Interconnection Customer shall meet to discuss the results of the Interconnection Facilities Study.

### **8.5 Restudy**

If restudy of the Interconnection Facilities Study is required due to a higher or equally queued project withdrawing from the queue or a modification of a higher or equally queued project pursuant to Section 4.4

of this LGIP, Transmission Provider shall so notify Interconnection Customer in writing. Transmission Provider shall endeavor to complete such restudy within sixty (60) Calendar Days from the date of notice. Except as provided in Section 3.7 of this LGIP in the case of withdrawing Interconnection Customers, any cost of restudy shall be borne by Interconnection Customer being restudied.

## **9. Affected System Study**

### **9.1 Applicability**

This Section 9 outlines the duties of Transmission Provider when it receives notification that an Affected System Interconnection Customer's proposed interconnection to its host transmission provider may impact Transmission Provider's Transmission System.

### **9.2 Response to Notification**

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

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

By fifteen (15) Business Days after Transmission Provider responds with its affirmative intent to conduct an Affected System Study, Transmission Provider 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 ten (10) Business Days of receipt of notification of Cluster Restudy, Transmission Provider will send written notification to Affected System Interconnection Customer(s) involved in the Cluster Restudy and the host transmission provider that Transmission Provider intends to delay a planned or in-progress Affected System Study until after completion of the Cluster Restudy. If Transmission Provider decides to delay the Affected System Study, it is not required to meet its obligations under Section 9 of this LGIP until the time that it receives notification from the host transmission provider that the Cluster Restudy is complete. If Transmission Provider decides to move forward with its Affected System Study despite the Cluster Restudy, then it must meet the requirements under Section 9 of this LGIP.

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

Transmission Provider 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 Transmission Provider'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 LGIP, Transmission Provider 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 LGIP 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 LGIP.

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

Unless otherwise agreed, Transmission Provider 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 LGIP, as applicable, within ten (10) Business Days of Transmission Provider sharing the schedule for the Affected System Study per Section 9.2.1 of this LGIP.

Upon Affected System Interconnection Customer(s)' receipt of the Affected System Study Report, Affected System Interconnection Customer(s) shall compensate Transmission Provider 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. Transmission Provider 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 Transmission Provider, and provide the Affected System Study deposit within ten (10) Business Days of receipt. If Transmission Provider notifies Affected System Interconnection Customer(s) that it will delay the Affected System Study pursuant to Section 9.2.2 of this LGIP, 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, Transmission Provider 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 ten (10) 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 data 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 Transmission Provider's 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 to Transmission Provider's 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 LGIA or requested that an unexecuted LGIA be filed with FERC. Transmission Provider 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 Report 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**

Transmission Provider 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. Transmission Provider will endeavor to 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, Transmission Provider shall notify Affected System Interconnection Customer as to the status of the Affected System Study. If Transmission Provider is unable to complete the Affected System Study within the specified time period, it shall notify Affected System Interconnection Customer(s), as well as 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. Upon request, Transmission Provider 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 LGIP.

Transmission Provider must study an Affected System Interconnection Customer using the Energy Resource Interconnection Service modeling standard used for Interconnection Requests on its own 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 Meeting with Transmission Provider**

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

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

Transmission Provider 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 Section 4.2.1(1)(b) of this LGIP.

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

Transmission Provider 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 LGIP, 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. Transmission Provider shall execute the agreement within ten (10) 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, shall result in the loss of its Affected System Queue Position.

### **9.11 Restudy**

If restudy of the Affected System Study is required, Transmission Provider shall notify Affected System Interconnection Customer(s) in writing within thirty (30) Calendar Days of discovery of the need for restudy. Transmission Provider will endeavor to complete such restudy within 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.

## **10. Optional Interconnection Study**

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

On or after the date when Interconnection Customer receives Cluster Study results, Interconnection Customer may request, and Transmission Provider shall perform a reasonable number of Optional Interconnection Studies. The request shall describe the assumptions that Interconnection Customer wishes Transmission Provider to study within the scope described in Section 10.2 of this LGIP. Within twenty (20) Business Days after receipt of a request for an Optional Interconnection Study, Transmission Provider shall provide to 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 assumptions as to the type of Interconnection Service for Interconnection Requests remaining in the Optional Interconnection Study case, and (iii) Transmission Provider's estimate of the cost of the Optional Interconnection Study. To the extent known by Transmission Provider, such estimate shall include any costs expected to be incurred by any Affected System Operator whose participation is necessary to complete the Optional Interconnection Study. Notwithstanding the above, Transmission Provider 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 technical data and a \$10,000 deposit to Transmission Provider. Based on the complexity of the requested optional study, Transmission Provider may specify a different required deposit in the Optional Interconnection Study Agreement. If Transmission Provider specifies a different deposit, Transmission Provider will provide an explanation in writing to Interconnection Customer.

## **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 Transmission Provider'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 Optional Interconnection Study shall be performed solely for informational purposes. Transmission Provider shall use Reasonable Efforts to coordinate the study with any Affected Systems that may be affected by the types of Interconnection Services that are being studied. Transmission Provider shall utilize existing studies to the extent practicable in conducting the Optional Interconnection Study.

## **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 Transmission Provider within ten (10) Business Days of Interconnection Customer receipt of the Optional Interconnection Study Agreement. Transmission Provider 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 Transmission Provider is unable to complete the Optional Interconnection Study within such time period, it shall notify Interconnection Customer and provide an estimated completion date and an explanation of the reasons why additional time is required. Any difference between the study payment and the actual cost of the study shall be paid to Transmission Provider or refunded to Interconnection Customer, as appropriate. Upon request, Transmission Provider shall provide Interconnection Customer supporting documentation and workpapers and databases or data developed in the preparation of the Optional Interconnection Study, subject to confidentiality arrangements consistent with Section 13.1 of this LGIP.

# **11. Standard Large Generator Interconnection Agreement (LGIA)**

## **11.1 Tender**

Interconnection Customer shall tender comments on the draft Interconnection Facilities Study Report within thirty (30) Calendar Days of receipt of the report. Within sixty (60) Calendar Days after the comments are submitted or after Interconnection Customer notifies Transmission Provider that it will not provide comments, Transmission Provider shall tender a draft LGIA, together with draft appendices. The draft LGIA shall be in the form of Transmission Provider's standard form LGIA, which is in Appendix 5. Interconnection Customer shall execute and return the LGIA and completed draft appendices within thirty (30) Calendar Days, unless (1) the sixty (60) Calendar Day negotiation period under Section 11.2 of this LGIP has commenced, or (2) LGIA execution, has been delayed to await the Affected System Study Report pursuant to Section 11.2.1 of this LGIP.

## **11.2 Negotiation**

Notwithstanding Section 11.1 of this LGIP, at the request of Interconnection Customer, Transmission Provider shall begin negotiations with Interconnection Customer concerning the appendices to the LGIA at any time after Interconnection Customer executes the Interconnection Facilities Study Agreement.

Transmission Provider and Interconnection Customer shall negotiate concerning any disputed provisions of the appendices to the draft LGIA for not more than sixty (60) Calendar Days after tender of the final Interconnection Facilities Study Report. 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 LGIA pursuant to Section 11.1 of this LGIP and request the initiation of Dispute Resolution procedures pursuant to Section 13.5 of this LGIP. If Interconnection Customer requests termination of the negotiations, but within sixty (60) Calendar Days thereafter fails to request the initiation of 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 LGIA, or requested the initiation of Dispute Resolution procedures pursuant to Section 13.5 of this LGIP within sixty (60) Calendar Days of tender of draft LGIA, it shall be deemed to have withdrawn its Interconnection Request. Transmission Provider shall provide to Interconnection Customer a final LGIA within thirty (30) Business Days after the completion of the negotiation process.

#### **11.2.1 Delay in LGIA Execution 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 LGIA pursuant to Section 11.1 of this LGIP, Transmission Provider 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 LGIA execution to await Affected System Study Report, decides to proceed to LGIA execution without those results, it may notify Transmission Provider of its intent to proceed with LGIA execution pursuant to Section 11.1 of this LGIP. If Transmission Provider determines that further delay to the LGIA execution date would cause a material impact on the cost or timing of an equal- or lower-queued Interconnection Customer, Transmission Provider must notify Interconnection Customer of such impacts and set the deadline to execute the LGIA to thirty (30) Calendar Days after such notice is provided.

### **11.3 Execution**

Simultaneously with submitting the executed LGIA to Transmission Provider, Interconnection Customer shall provide Transmission Provider with the following (1) demonstration of continued Site Control pursuant to Section 8.1(2) of this LGIP; and (2) the LGIA Deposit equal to twenty percent (20%) of Interconnection Customer's estimated Network Upgrade costs identified in the draft LGIA minus the total amount of Commercial Readiness Deposits that Interconnection Customer has provided to Transmission Provider for its Interconnection Request. Transmission Provider shall use LGIA Deposit as (or as a portion of) Interconnection Customer's security required under LGIA Section 11.5. Interconnection Customer may not request to suspend its LGIA under LGIA Section 5.12 until Interconnection Customer has provided (1) and (2) to Transmission Provider. If Interconnection Customer fails to provide (1) and (2) to Transmission Provider within the thirty (30) Calendar Days allowed for returning the executed LGIA and appendices under LGIP Section 11.1, the Interconnection Request will be deemed withdrawn pursuant to Section 3.7 of this LGIP.

At the same time, Interconnection Customer also shall provide reasonable evidence that one or more of the following milestones in the development of the Large Generating Facility, at Interconnection Customer election, 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 Large Generating Facility; (ii) the execution of a contract for the supply of cooling water to the Large Generating Facility; (iii) execution of a contract for the engineering for, procurement of major equipment for, or construction of, the Large Generating Facility; (iv) execution of a contract (or comparable evidence) for the sale of electric energy or capacity from the Large Generating Facility; or (v) application for an air, water, or land use permit.

Transmission Provider will provide the executable version of the Standard Large Generator Interconnection Agreement and Interconnection Customer shall execute by electronic signature.

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

Upon Execution by Interconnection Customer of the final LGIA, Transmission Provider and Interconnection Customer shall perform their respective obligations in accordance with the terms of the LGIA.

#### **11.5 Facilities Operation and Maintenance**

The LGIA will set forth funding required, if any, for long-term operations and maintenance associated with the interconnection.

Ownership of installed facilities is determined on a case-by-case basis. However, Transmission Provider generally retains operation and dispatching authority of facilities that Transmission Provider does not own but considers to be an integral part of the Transmission Provider Transmission System.

Transmission Provider reserves the right to approve Transmission System changes at the tap, substation, or interconnection that affect operation of Transmission Provider facilities, including interconnecting with facilities of a third entity.

#### **11.6 Environmental Requirements and Cultural Reviews**

The Natural and Cultural Resource Review Process or NCCRP is a project review process conducted by Transmission Provider, or its designee, to ensure compliance with environmental permitting, land use permitting, and cultural resources.

Costs associated with environmental and cultural studies, including costs associated with an NCCRP will be funded as part of the LGIA.

Transmission Provider is required to assess the potential environmental impacts of any proposed interconnection in accordance with the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) and other environmental regulations. Interconnection Customers are advised to consult with Transmission Provider as early as possible in the planning process to obtain guidance with respect to the appropriate level and scope of any studies or environmental information that Transmission Provider requires. The Washington State Department of Ecology's SEPA requires that Transmission Provider begin environmental review as soon as practicable. The nature of the interconnection request will dictate the level of SEPA compliance required.

The environmental review process can range from a categorical exclusion to a comprehensive environmental impact statement, including the required public process for such a statement. The cultural review process can possibly be short, depending on preliminary findings. Findings may also rule the project as non-viable or require substantial archaeological studies for significant cultural sites. The environmental and cultural review process uses input from previous and other ongoing studies and construction planning processes. Continuation of the interconnection process at any and every step is contingent upon favorable environmental and cultural review.

If the Interconnection Request does not involve integration of a new source of generation into Transmission Provider transmission facilities, change the operation limits of existing generation, provide service to new discrete loads, or cause major system changes and there are no adverse impacts identified, Transmission Provider may be able to prepare a categorical exclusion for the interconnection. This process can take up to six months to complete, depending on the scope of the interconnection. If the interconnection does involve any of the actions mentioned above, the environmental review process may take 18 months or more, depending on the scope of the interconnection. If Transmission Provider determines that an environmental

assessment (EA) or an environmental impact statement (EIS) is required, Transmission Provider may prepare the EA or EIS and, if necessary, use a contractor selected by Transmission Provider. If an EA is prepared, one result may be a determination that an EIS is necessary (in the case that significant impacts may occur or controversy is likely), thus extending the time to complete SEPA compliance.

Transmission Provider may participate in the environmental process of another Federal, State, or local agency involved with a project to satisfy portions of its SEPA requirements. Environmental reviews and related studies conducted by other agencies cannot, however, be routinely adopted. They must meet the standards placed upon Transmission Provider by SEPA or other governmental agency procedures.

## **11.7 Land Acquisition and Land Use Permitting Requirements**

Land acquisition and land use permitting will be included in the LGIA. This work involves initiating research of property ownership and zoning, title search and determination, legal land surveys, preparation of legal descriptions and documents, and appraisals. The process may extend through the completion of construction. Typically, negotiations between Transmission Provider, Interconnection Customer and/or affected landowners do not begin until the environmental record of decision or finding of no significant impact is complete, prior to construction.

If the interconnecting facilities are to be owned by Transmission Provider, then any new land rights necessary for the interconnection must be owned by Transmission Provider. Transmission Provider typically conducts all land acquisition and land use permitting activities, including title search and determination, legal land surveys, preparation of legal documents, title insurance, appraisals, negotiations, payment and recording of documents in the County Auditor's Office. Projects may also require damage resolution with landowners following construction. All land rights must be acquired pursuant to Federal, State, County and local laws governing acquisition of real property and land use permits, which is particularly important when other Federal, State and institutional lands are affected by the interconnection.

In certain circumstances, Transmission Provider may determine that Interconnection Customer is capable of performing the necessary land rights and land use permit activities. When this is the case, Transmission Provider will coordinate closely with Interconnection Customer to ensure proper procedures are followed, and that the proper land rights and land use permits are obtained. Agreements concerning land acquisition issues such as fee or easement, right-of-way width, and title acceptability must be reached between Transmission Provider and Interconnection Customer before any land rights are acquired and transferred to Transmission Provider.

## **12. Construction of Transmission Provider's Interconnection Facilities and Network Upgrades**

### **12.1 Schedule**

Transmission Provider and Interconnection Customer shall negotiate in good faith concerning a schedule for the construction of Transmission Provider's Interconnection Facilities and the Network Upgrades.

### **12.2 Construction Sequencing**

#### **12.2.1 General**

In general, the In-Service Date of an Interconnection Customer seeking interconnection to the 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 LGIA, in order to maintain its In-Service Date, may request that Transmission Provider 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 In-Service 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 Transmission System, in time to support such In-Service Date. Upon such request, Transmission Provider will use Reasonable Efforts to advance the construction of such Network Upgrades to accommodate such request; provided that Interconnection Customer commits to pay Transmission Provider: (i) any associated expediting costs and (ii) the cost of such Network Upgrades. Transmission Provider will refund to Interconnection Customer both the expediting costs and the cost of Network Upgrades, in accordance with Section 11.4 of the LGIA. 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 Transmission Provider has not refunded to Interconnection Customer. Payment by that entity shall be due on the date that it would have been due had there been no request for advance construction. Transmission Provider 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. Transmission Provider then shall refund to that entity the amount that it paid for the Network Upgrades, in accordance with Section 11.4 of the LGIA.

### **12.2.3 Advancing Construction of Network Upgrades that are Part of an Expansion Plan of Transmission Provider**

An Interconnection Customer with an LGIA, in order to maintain its In-Service Date, may request that Transmission Provider advance to the extent necessary and feasible the completion of Network Upgrades that: (i) are necessary to support such In-Service Date and (ii) would otherwise not be completed, pursuant to an expansion plan of Transmission Provider, in time to support such In-Service Date. Upon such request, Transmission Provider will use Reasonable Efforts to advance the construction of such Network Upgrades to accommodate such request; provided that Interconnection Customer commits to pay Transmission Provider any associated expediting costs. Interconnection Customer shall be entitled to transmission credits, if any, for any expediting costs paid.

### **12.2.4 Amended Interconnection Cluster Study Report**

An Interconnection Cluster Study Report will be amended to determine the facilities necessary to support the requested In-Service 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 In-Service Date.

## **13. Miscellaneous**

### **13.1 Confidentiality**

Confidential Information shall include, without limitation, all information designated as Critical Energy/Electric Infrastructure (CEII) Information, all information relating to a Party's technology, research and development, business affairs, and pricing, and any information supplied by either of the Parties to the other prior to the execution of an LGIA.

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 either Party, the other Party shall provide in writing, the basis for asserting that the information referred to in this Section 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.

By signing an agreement with Transmission Provider related to the LGIP, both Parties expressly acknowledges and agrees that neither Party will disclose to third parties (except as expressly set forth herein), without the written consent of the other Party, any information developed or obtained in connection with the performance of the LGIA, and, if requested by the other Party, to require its employees and subcontractors, if any, to execute a non-disclosure agreement prior to performing any services under the LGIA.

If either Party is subject to the Washington Public Records Act, Chapter 42.56 RCW (“PRA”), and a disclosure of Confidential Information is required to be made by pursuant to the PRA, such disclosure shall not be deemed a violation of this Section 13, provided that the Party receiving the request has, so far as it is lawful and practical to do so prior to such disclosure: (a) promptly notified the other Party in writing of such, request, order, or requirement; (b) provided a reasonable opportunity for the other Party to seek an appropriate protective order; and (c) cooperated with other Party to narrow the scope of such disclosure to only that portion of the Confidential Information that is necessary to fulfill the request.

### **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 LGIA; or (6) is required, in accordance with Section 13.1.6 of this LGIP, 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 LGIA. Information designated as Confidential Information will no longer be deemed confidential if the Party that designated the information as confidential notifies the other Party that it no longer is confidential.

### **13.1.2 Release of Confidential Information**

Neither Party shall 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. The disclosure by each Party to the other Party of Confidential

Information shall not be deemed a waiver by either 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, neither Party makes any warranties or representations as to its accuracy or completeness. In addition, by supplying Confidential Information, neither Party obligates itself to provide any particular information or Confidential Information to the other Party 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 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 either Party, by subpoena, oral deposition, interrogatories, requests for production of documents, administrative order, public records request, or otherwise, to disclose Confidential Information, that Party shall use reasonable efforts to provide the other Party with notice of such request(s) or requirement(s) so that the other Party may seek an appropriate protective order or waive compliance with the terms of the LGIA. 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 Breach of its obligations under this Section 13.1. Each Party accordingly agrees that the other Party 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 be deemed an exclusive remedy for the Breach of this Section 13.1. 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**

Any information that a Party claims is competitively sensitive, commercial or financial information ("Confidential Information") shall not be disclosed by the other Party to any person not employed or retained by the other Party, 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, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld; or (iv) necessary to fulfill its obligations under this LGIP or as a transmission service provider or a Balancing Authority 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 in writing of the information it claims is confidential. Prior to any disclosures of the other Party's 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 in writing and agrees to assert confidentiality and cooperate with the other Party in seeking to protect the Confidential Information from public disclosure by confidentiality agreement, protective order or other reasonable measures.

### **13.1.9 Public Domain**

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).

### **13.1.10 Confidential Information No Longer Needed**

Transmission Provider shall, at Interconnection Customer's election, destroy, in a confidential manner, or return the Confidential Information provided at the time of Confidential Information is no longer needed.

## **13.2 Delegation of Responsibility**

Transmission Provider may use the services of subcontractors as it deems appropriate to perform its obligations under this LGIP. Transmission Provider shall remain primarily liable to Interconnection Customer for the performance of such subcontractors and compliance with its obligations of this LGIP. 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 Transmission Provider the actual costs of processing its Interconnection Request.

In the event an Interconnection Customer withdraws after the commencement of the Cluster Study, Transmission Provider shall charge, and Interconnection Customer shall pay its allocated share of the actual costs of the Interconnection Studies. The costs of any interconnection study conducted on a clustered basis shall be allocated among each Interconnection Customer within the cluster as follows:

(1) Fifty percent (50%) of the applicable study costs to Interconnection Customers on a per capita basis based on the number of Interconnection Requests included in the applicable Cluster; and (2) fifty percent (50%) of the applicable study costs to Interconnection Customers on a pro-rata basis based on the total megawatts of Interconnection Service requested to be studied in the applicable Cluster. For example, the cost of a Cluster Study consisting of a 100MW request and a 400MW request would be allocated 35% to the 100 MW request and 65% to the 400MW request.

Any difference between the study deposit and the actual cost of the Interconnection Studies shall be paid by or refunded, except as otherwise provided herein, to Interconnection Customers. 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 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 LGIP.

## **13.4 Third Parties Conducting Studies**

Transmission Provider may utilize third-party consultants to perform interconnection studies at its discretion.

In all cases, use of a third-party consultant shall be limited to situations where Transmission Provider determines that doing so will help maintain or accelerate the study process for Interconnection Customer's pending Interconnection Request and not interfere with Transmission Provider's progress on Interconnection Studies for other pending Interconnection Requests. Transmission Provider shall convey all workpapers, databases, study results and all other supporting documentation prepared to date with respect to the Interconnection Request as soon as practicable upon Interconnection Customer's request subject to the confidentiality provision in Section 13.1 of this LGIP. Any third-party consultant shall be required to comply with this LGIP and the relevant LGIP procedures and protocols as would apply if Transmission Provider 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. Transmission Provider shall work 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 either Party has a dispute, or asserts a claim, that arises out of or in connection with these procedures, or their performance, such Party (the "disputing Party") shall provide the other Party 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. 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 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 LGIP.

### **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 two arbitrators so chosen shall within twenty (20) Calendar Days select a third arbitrator to 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 taking into account any relevant FERC precedents, any applicable RTO or ISO 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 therefore. The arbitrator(s) shall be authorized only to interpret and apply the provisions of these procedures and shall have no power to modify or change any provision of these procedures 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.

#### **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 half of the cost of the third arbitrator chosen; or (2) one half the cost of the single arbitrator jointly chosen by the Parties.

### **13.6 Tax Exempt Bonds**

#### **13.6.1 Transmission Providers That Own Facilities Financed by Local Furnishing Bonds**

The Transmission Provider utilizes state and federal income tax-exempt financial instruments on an ongoing basis to fund its transmission, including as described in Section 142(f) of the Internal Revenue Code ("local furnishing bonds"). Notwithstanding any other provision of the LGIA and this LGIP, Transmission Provider shall not be required to provide Interconnection Service to Interconnection Customer pursuant to the LGIA and this LGIP if the provision of such transmission service would jeopardize the tax-exempt status of any local furnishing bond(s) used to finance Transmission Provider's facilities that would be used in providing such Interconnection Service.

#### **13.6.2 Alternative Procedures for Requesting Interconnection Service**

If Transmission Provider 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, it shall advise the Interconnection Customer and shall not be obligated to provide service.

Interconnection Customer thereafter may renew its request for interconnection using the processes in the Transmission Provider's LGIP.

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

Prior to executing an LGIA, an Interconnection Customer may, in order to advance the implementation of its interconnection, request and Transmission Provider shall offer Interconnection Customer, an E&P Agreement that authorizes Transmission Provider to begin engineering and procurement of long lead-time items necessary for the establishment of the interconnection. However, Transmission Provider 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 LGIP. The E&P Agreement is an optional procedure and it will not alter Interconnection Customer's Queue Position or In-Service Date. The E&P Agreement shall provide for Interconnection Customer to pay the cost of all activities authorized by Interconnection Customer 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 Interconnection Request or either Party terminates the E&P Agreement, 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, Transmission Provider may elect: (i) to take title to the equipment, in which event Transmission Provider 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.

### **13.8 No Payment of Interest**

Transmission Provider will not pay any interest on funds held for any purpose unless the payment of interest is specified for a particular purpose in this LGIP or in an applicable agreement.

### **13.9 Reliability Requirements**

Interconnection to Transmission Provider's transmission facilities will be consistent with Good Utility Practices. A proposed interconnection must not degrade the reliability or operating flexibility of the existing power system and must not cause Transmission Provider's Transmission System to violate NERC or WECC transmission system performance criteria, as specified in applicable reliability standards and technical guidance documents, nor the Transmission Provider Reliability Coordinator's System Operating Limit methodology requirements. The interconnection must comply with WECC standards, policies, and procedures. When involving Transmission Provider owned, operated or maintained facilities, the interconnection must also comply with Transmission Provider engineering design and operation criteria, including but not limited to the Transmission Provider's Transmission Planning Guidelines. Additionally, the interconnection must adhere to any regional planning or operating entities criteria in effect, and the criteria of other entities affected by the interconnection.

Interconnection Customer will be responsible for testing and reporting requirements in accordance with applicable NERC and WECC criteria and any similar standards of a successor organization to either NERC or WECC.

### **13.10 Safety and Security Requirements**

When working on Transmission Provider property, Interconnection Customer shall perform work to comply with applicable safety laws, building and construction codes. These include provisions of applicable Federal, State, and local safety, health and/or industrial regulations or codes. In addition, Interconnection Customer must adhere to Transmission Provider's Contractor Safety Requirements.

If Interconnection Customer does not adhere to construction and safety requirements as required, Transmission Provider may issue an order to stop all or any part of the work until such time Interconnection Customer demonstrates compliance with the provision at issue. Interconnection Customer cannot make a claim for compensation or damage resulting from such work stoppage.

**APPENDIX 1 – APPLICATION FOR INTERCONNECTION**  
Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County, Washington

1.	Applicant’s Legal Entity Name:	
2.	Applicant’s Full Street Address (include state and zip):	
3.	Name of Contact:	
4.	Title of Contact:	
5.	Office and Mobile Numbers:	
6.	Email:	
7.	Name of Alternate Contact:	
8.	Title of Alternate Contact:	
9.	Alternate Contact Mailing Address (include state and zip):	
10.	Alternate Contact Office and Mobile Numbers:	
11.	Alternate Contact Email:	
12.	Proposed Date for Commercial Operation:	
13.	Name of Project or existing Generation Facility:	
14.	Fuel Type (one or more): <input type="checkbox"/> Solar/PV <input type="checkbox"/> Wind <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Gas <input type="checkbox"/> BESS <input type="checkbox"/> Other: Please Indicate _____	
15.	Maximum Output Associated with the Interconnection Request. If the request is an increase the capacity of an existing Generating Facility, show the amount of the increase.	
	Generator: Summer _____ MW Winter _____ MW Storage Capacity: Summer _____ MW Winter _____ MW Inverter Capacity: Summer _____ MW Winter _____ MW  Requested total capacity of Interconnection Service injecting to Grid _____ MW (This is the combined maximum of generation and storage simultaneous discharge)	
16.	Name, Title, Company, Address, Phone and E-mail of Authorized Interconnecting Contractor/Representative – if applicable:	

17.	Type of Interconnection Requested (mark all that apply):
	<input type="checkbox"/> Transmission Station <input type="checkbox"/> Station Breaker Bay Additions(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Additional Delivery Points(s) <input type="checkbox"/> General Tie-Line(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please Specify)_____
18.	This Interconnection Request is for (check one):
	<input type="checkbox"/> A proposed new Generating Facility. <input type="checkbox"/> An increase in the generating capacity or a Material Modification of an existing Generating Facility.
19.	The type of Interconnection service requested (check one): If you wish to have your Generation Facility studied for both types of Interconnection Service, check both boxes.
	<input type="checkbox"/> Energy Resource Interconnection Service (Please provide planned Point(s) of Delivery (POD)).  <input type="checkbox"/> Network Resource Interconnection Service
20.	Specific location of the proposed new or existing Generating Facility site, if known:
	Address or Parcel Numbers:
21.	Proposed Point of Interconnection – include references to relevant stations and/or transmission lines by name:
22.	Are you planning or required to use the EFSEC (WA State Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council) process? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
23.	Applicable deposit amount as specified in the LGIP must be received by Transmission Provider for this application to be considered complete. A deposit of \$5,000 is included with this application.
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
24.	Evidence of Site Control as specified in the LGIP (check one):
	<input type="checkbox"/> Is attached to this Interconnection request. <input type="checkbox"/> Will be provided at a later date in accordance with the LGIP.
25.	Summary of Project: Include on a separate document a high-level description of the overall project requiring the interconnection including a general description of the equipment configuration. Include the purpose or objective of the project.
26.	Additional Information. Please check each box below for information that is supplied separate from this application form.
	<input type="checkbox"/> Single-line diagram(s) showing the proposed interconnection clearly indicating the Transmission Provider facility involved in the interconnection, including any relaying and metering facilities

- Drawing(s) indicating physical arrangements of existing and proposed facilities.
- Geographic location of the proposed interconnection, including maps showing land ownership and zoning - if available. If connecting to an existing transmission line, indicate adjacent structure numbers.
- Geographic location of the proposed road access routes to POI, including maps showing land ownership and zoning - if available.
- Description of the proposed routing, approximate lengths and conductor size of transmission line additions or modifications, and dimensions and configurations of new structures. Proposed transmission path(s) and service arrangements between resources and associated loads.
- Description of the generating resources or loads to be served by the interconnection and the proposed transmission path(s) and service arrangements between resources and associated loads, where applicable. The description should include the following:
  - a) Maximum power output or load requirements, including 10-year projections, by delivery points, of winter and summer peaks for loads served or generation supplied through the point of interconnection; and
  - b) Size, type and ratings of large equipment; and
  - c) Reliability and special operation requirements; impedance, frequency, voltage, real and reactive power and protective relaying characteristics of the interconnecting resource or load.
- Description and ratings of proposed transformers, winding connections, impedances, circuit breakers, switches, metering, associated communications relaying and other equipment to the extent this information is not included in either Attachment A or Attachment B.
- Appropriate revenue and telemetering equipment specifications. The data should include load control boundary metering, current and potential transformer ratios and register and contact initiator ratios with multipliers.
- Copies of relevant planning and operational studies, proposed construction schedule.
- Copies of relevant environmental impact assessments, permits, cultural reviews, reports, projections, or description of anticipated scope of the environmental or cultural review.
- Curves showing the active and reactive power capabilities on a single plot for the anticipated operating range of the generation facility and the storage facility, if applicable.
- Include Attachment A for Technical Information for Solar Generation Facilities.
- Include Attachment B or Technical Information for Generation Facilities other than Solar
- Include Information specified in Attachment C for all Non-Synchronous Generators

Completing this application does not qualify the Applicant for interconnection to Transmission Provider or for the receipt of transmission service from Transmission Provider.

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**Return completed application to:**

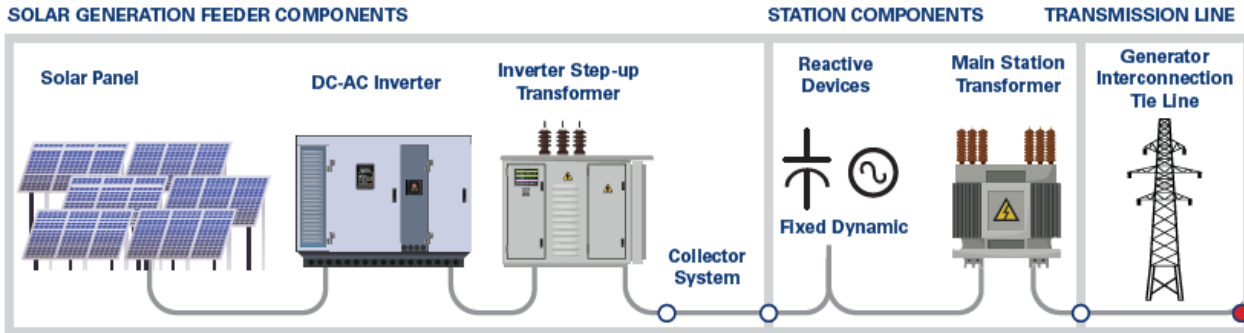
Grant PUD  
Attn: Transmission Services Manager  
PO Box 878  
Ephrata, WA 98823  
TransmissionServices@gcpud.org

Please contact the Transmission Services Manager at Grant PUD to obtain instructions for electronic transfer of documents and funds.

Gross Generating Facility Capability (at Inverter Terminals): \_\_\_\_\_ MVA

**1. Simplified One-Line Diagram**

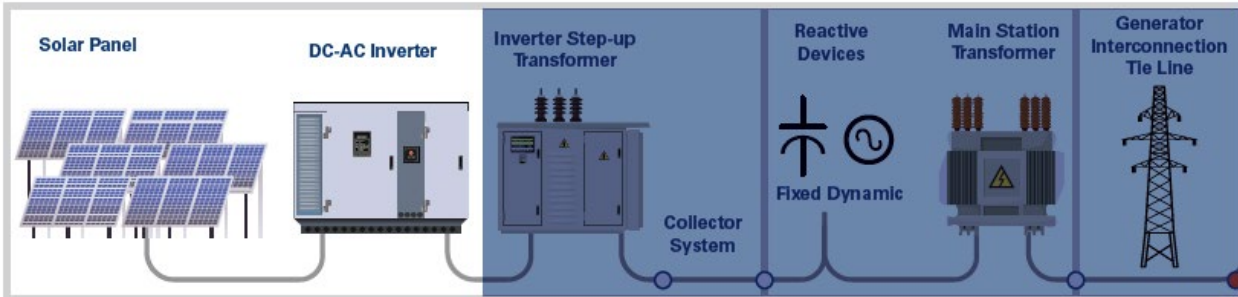
Typical solar interconnection arrangement:  
(for illustration purpose only)



Other equipment, including battery and location, if applicable, not shown.

One-Line Diagram of Interconnection Customer’s proposed generator is attached.  **Attached**

**2. Solar Panel and Inverter Data**



Battery Location, if applicable, not shown.

**Solar Panel Data**

Manufacturer:	
Model Name:	
Model No.	
Model Version:	
No. of Solar Panels:	
Type of photovoltaic system (Fixed or Tracked):	
Provide a summary of solar panel electrical data.	<input type="checkbox"/> Attached
Expected monthly peak generation profile.	<input type="checkbox"/> Attached

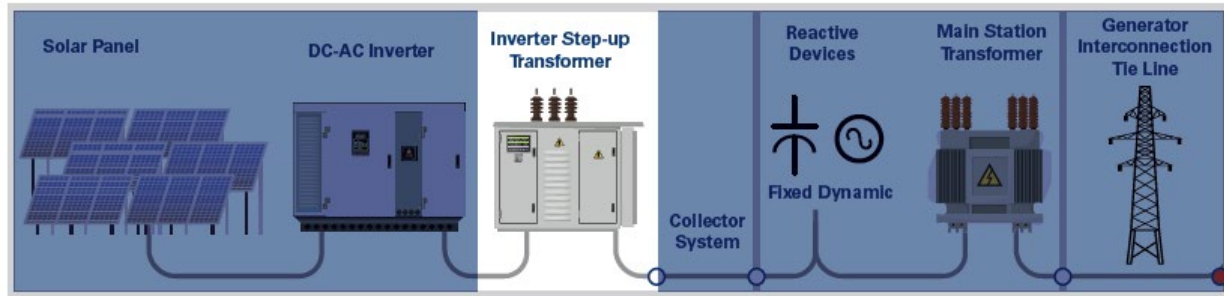
**Inverter Data**

Manufacturer:	
Model Name:	
Model No.	
Model Version:	
No. of Inverters:	
Nominal Voltage:	
Nameplate Rating:	_____ kW / _____ kVA
Describe inverter reactive capability:	
Inverter short circuit ratio limit:	
Provide the inverter specification sheet with reactive capability curve.	<input type="checkbox"/> Attached

**Battery and Inverter Data**

Description Battery interconnection:	
Manufacturer:	
Model Name:	
Model No.	
Model Version:	
No. of Inverters:	
Nominal Voltage:	
Nameplate Rating:	_____ kW / _____ kVA
Describe inverter reactive capability:	
Inverter short circuit ratio limit:	
Provide the inverter specification sheet with reactive capability curve.	<input type="checkbox"/> Attached
Maximum Charge Rate:	_____ MW
Maximum Storage:	_____ MWh

### 3. Inverter Step-Up Transformer



Number of inverter step-up transformers: \_\_\_\_\_

Provide data for either two-winding or three-winding transformer as appropriate

#### Two-Winding Inverter Step-Up Transformer Data (as applicable):

Nameplate Rating:	_____ MVA
Maximum Rating (if applicable):	_____ MVA
Nominal Voltage for each winding (Low/High):	_____ / _____ kV
Winding Connections (Low/High) Delta or Wye:	
Available taps:	
Load or no-load tap changer and location of tap changer:	_____ / _____ / _____ / _____ / _____ kV or _____ % _____ no. of taps
Positive sequence impedance ( $Z_1$ ):	_____ %, _____ X/R on MVA rating above
Zero sequence impedance ( $Z_0$ )	_____ %, _____ X/R on MVA rating above

#### Three-Winding Inverter Step-Up Transformer Data (as applicable)

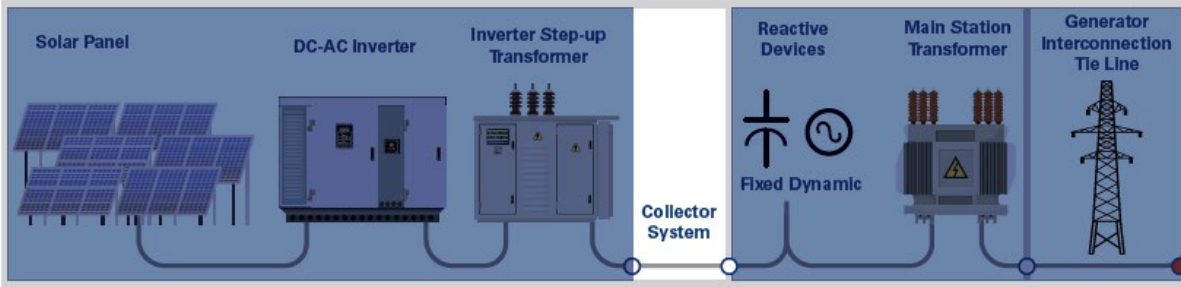
GSU connection and winding (attach diagram and mark to reference this form).

	H Winding Data	X Winding Data	Y Winding Data
Nameplate ratings (i.e. OA/FA/FA)	_____ / _____ / _____ MVA	_____ / _____ / _____ MVA	_____ / _____ / _____ MVA
Rated winding voltage base	_____ kV Delta or Wye connected	_____ kV Delta or Wye connected	_____ kV Delta or Wye connected
Tap positions available	_____ / _____ / _____ _____ / _____ / _____ _____ kV	_____ / _____ / _____ / _____ _____ / _____ kV	_____ / _____ / _____ _____ / _____ / _____ _____ kV
Present Tap Setting (if applicable)	_____ kV	_____ kV	_____ kV
Solid or impedance grounding	_____ Ohms	_____ Ohms	_____ Ohms
BIL rating	_____ kV	_____ kV	_____ kV

**Three-Winding Inverter Step-Up Transformer Impedance Data (as applicable)**

	<b>H-X Winding Data</b>	<b>H-Y Winding Data</b>	<b>X-Y Winding Data</b>
Transformer Per-unit base	_____ MVA	_____ MVA	_____ MVA
Positive sequence impedance $Z_1$	_____ % _____ X/R	_____ % _____ X/R	_____ % _____ X/R
Zero sequence impedance $Z_0$	_____ % _____ X/R	_____ % _____ X/R	_____ % _____ X/R

**4. Collector System Equivalent Model**

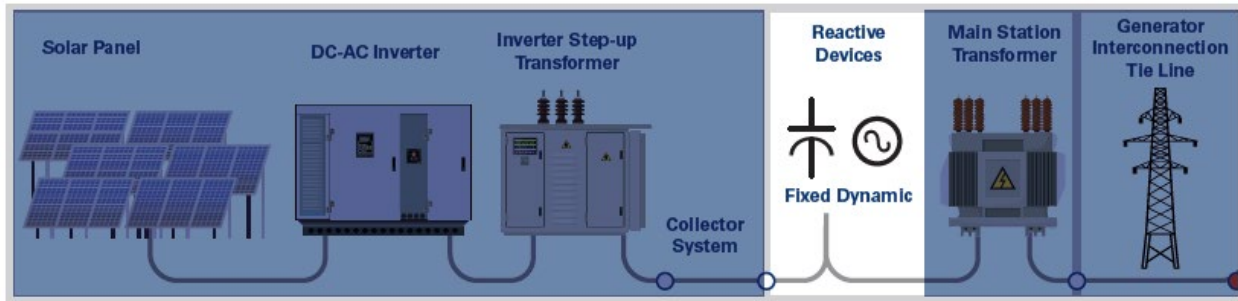


Provide either absolute or per unit impedance values.

Collector System Voltage:	_____ kV
Total Length of Collector System:	_____ Miles
Overhead or Underground Construction:	
Collector system equivalent model rating at 0°C/20°C/30°C/40°C/50°C ambient:	_____ / _____ / _____ / _____ / _____ MVA
$R_1$	_____ ohm or _____ pu on 100 MVA and line kV base (positive sequence)
$X_1$	_____ ohm or _____ pu on 100 MVA and line kV base (positive sequence)
$B_1$	_____ mF or _____ pu on 100 MVA and line kV base (positive sequence)
$R_0$	_____ ohm or _____ pu on 100 MVA and line kV base (zero sequence)
$X_0$	_____ ohm or _____ pu on 100 MVA and line kV base (zero sequence)
$B_0$	_____ mF or _____ pu on 100 MVA and line kV base (zero sequence)

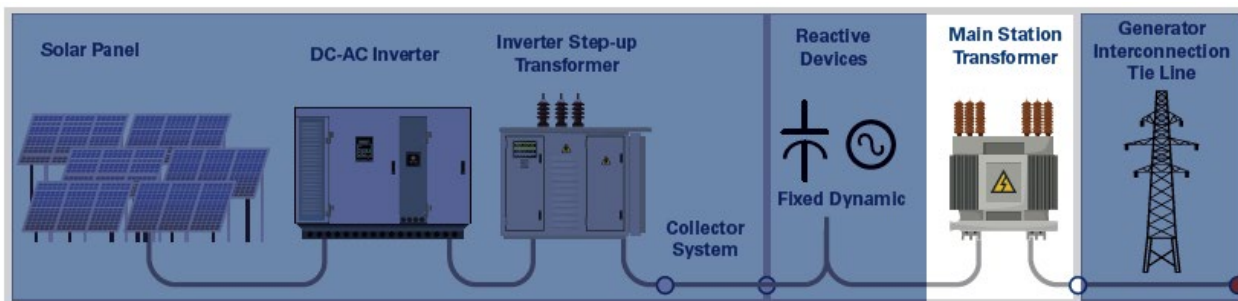
## 5. Station Reactive Compensation Devices (if applicable)

(This describes devices beyond the inverters built-in reactive capability)



Type of Reactive Compensation Device(s) (Fixed or Dynamic):	
Individual Fixed Shunt Reactive Device Type:	
No. and size of each:	_____ x _____ MVA
Dynamic reactive control device (e.g., SVC, STATCOM):	
Control range at rated MW output:	_____ MVAR (lead and lag)
Control Mode:	<input type="checkbox"/> Voltage, maintained within Grant PUD's voltage schedule
Regulation Point:	<input type="checkbox"/> High side of main station transformer
Describe the overall reactive power control strategy:	

## 6. Main Station Transformer



Number of main transformers: \_\_\_\_\_

Provide data for either two-winding or three-winding transformer as appropriate.

**Two-Winding Main Transformer Data (as applicable)**

Nameplate Rating (OA/FA/FA):	____ / ____ / ____ MVA
Nominal Voltage for Each Winding (Low/High):	____ / ____ kV
Winding Connections (Low/High) Delta or Wye:	
Available tap positions:	____ / ____ / ____ / ____ / ____ kV or ____ % ____ no. of taps
Load or no-load tap changer and location of tap changer:	
Positive sequence impedance ( $Z_1$ ):	____ %, ____ X/R on self-cooled (OA) MVA rating above.
Zero sequence impedance ( $Z_0$ )	____ %, ____ X/R on self-cooled (OA) MVA rating above.

**Three-Winding Main Transformer Data (as applicable)**

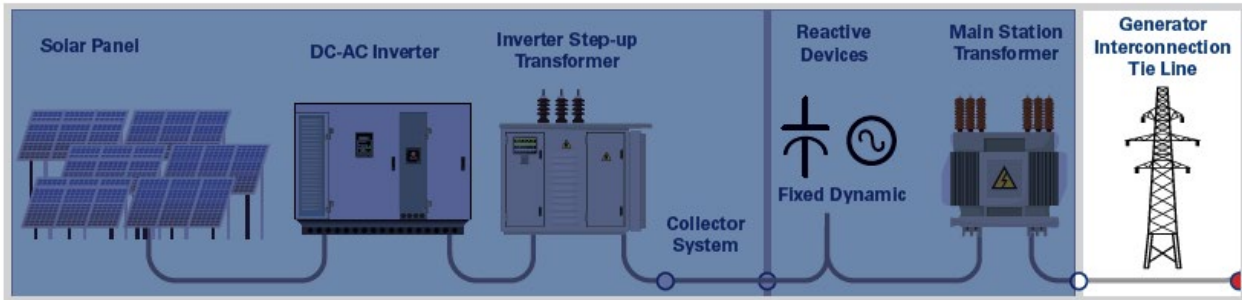
GSU connection and winding (attach diagram and mark to reference this form).

	<b>H Winding Data</b>	<b>X Winding Data</b>	<b>Y Winding Data</b>
Full load ratings (i.e. OA/FA/FA)	____ / ____ / ____ MVA	____ / ____ / ____ MVA	____ / ____ / ____ MVA
Rated winding voltage base	____ kV Delta or Wye connected	____ kV Delta or Wye connected	____ kV Delta or Wye connected
Tap positions available	____ / ____ / ____ ____ / ____ / ____ ____ kV	____ / ____ / ____ ____ / ____ / ____ ____ kV	____ / ____ / ____ ____ / ____ / ____ ____ kV
Present Tap Setting (if applicable)	____ kV	____ kV	____ kV
Solid or impedance grounding	____ Ohms	____ Ohms	____ Ohms
BIL rating	____ kV	____ kV	____ kV

**Three-Winding Inverter Step-Up Transformer Impedance Data (as applicable)**

	<b>H-X Winding Data</b>	<b>H-Y Winding Data</b>	<b>X-Y Winding Data</b>
Transformer Per-unit base	____ MVA	____ MVA	____ MVA
Positive sequence impedance $Z_1$	____ % ____ X/R	____ % ____ X/R	____ % ____ X/R
Zero sequence impedance $Z_0$	____ % ____ X/R	____ % ____ X/R	____ % ____ X/R

## 7. Generator Interconnection Tie Line



Provide either absolute or per unit impedance values.

Point of Interconnection (utility station/line name):	
Line Voltage:	_____ kV
Line Length:	_____ Miles
Overhead or Underground Construction:	
Line rating at 0°C/20°C/30°C/40°C/50°C ambient:	_____ / _____ / _____ / _____ / _____ MVA
R <sub>1</sub>	_____ ohm or _____ pu on 100 MVA and line kV base (positive sequence)
X <sub>1</sub>	_____ ohm or _____ pu on 100 MVA and line kV base (positive sequence)
B <sub>1</sub>	_____ mF or _____ pu on 100 MVA and line kV base (positive sequence)
R <sub>0</sub>	_____ ohm or _____ pu on 100 MVA and line kV base (zero sequence)
X <sub>0</sub>	_____ ohm or _____ pu on 100 MVA and line kV base (zero sequence)
B <sub>0</sub>	_____ mF or _____ pu on 100 MVA and line kV base (zero sequence)

## 8. Dynamic Modeling Data

Provide with this form the WECC approved (and if applicable, recommended) standard dynamic models for generation facilities, including any additional dynamic reactive control devices.

- Models Attached, including the power system model in a text-editable format.
- Include plant volt/var control function model and active power/frequency control function model.
  - All the associated files for dynamic modeling should be in a format consistent with NERC's Reliability Guidelines (BPS--Connected Inverter-Based Resource Performance), the document produced by NERC by this title, or its

successor document, which contain guidelines for the operation of inverter-based resources. The files must be shareable on an interconnection-wide basis to support use in the interconnection-wide cases.

- Model parameters for inverters shall include:
  - Voltage response and ride-thru settings.
  - Frequency response and ride-thru settings.
  - Control mode (voltage control for POI >100 kV, power factor control for POI < 100 kV).
  - Any plant-level real power limits.

***Grant PUD requires the solar installation to align with the recommended performance characteristics and other recommendations related to inverter-based resource performance, analysis, and modeling as identified by NERC’s Inverter-Based Resource Performance Joint Task Force and to conform to all NERC requirements.***

## 9. Data Revisions

If submitting revised data, record the date and a summary of the sections that have been updated:

Date	Revision Summary

**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: _____			

**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> _____	
Zero Sequence – saturated	X <sub>0v</sub> _____	
Zero Sequence – unsaturated	X <sub>0i</sub> _____	
Leakage Reactance	X <sub>lm</sub> _____	

**FIELD TIME CONSTANT DATA (SEC)**

Open Circuit	T' <sub>do</sub> _____	T' <sub>qo</sub> _____
Three-Phase Short Circuit	T' <sub>d3</sub> _____	T' <sub>q</sub> _____

Transient		
Line to Line Short Circuit Transient	$T'_{d2}$ _____	
Line to Neutral Short Circuit Transient	$T'_{d1}$ _____	
Short Circuit Subtransient	$T''_d$ _____	$T''_q$ _____
Open Circuit Subtransient	$T''_{do}$ _____	$T''_{qo}$ _____

**ARMATURE TIME CONSTANT DATA (SEC)**

Three Phase Short Circuit	$T_{a3}$ _____
Line to Line Short Circuit	$T_{a2}$ _____
Line to Neutral Short Circuit	$T_{a1}$ _____

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

**MW CAPABILITY AND PLANT CONFIGURATION  
LARGE GENERATING FACILITY DATA**

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

Positive	$R_1$ _____
Negative	$R_2$ _____
Zero	$R_0$ _____
Rotor Short Time Thermal Capacity $I_2^2t$	
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**

Provide Saturation, Vee, Reactive Capability, Capacity Temperature Correction curves. Designate normal and emergency Hydrogen Pressure operating range for multiple curves.

**GENERATOR STEP-UP TRANSFORMER DATA RATINGS**

Capacity	
Self-cooled / Maximum Nameplate	_____ / _____ kVA
Voltage Ratio (Generator Side/System side/Tertiary)	_____ / _____ / _____ kV

Winding Connections (Low V/High V/Tertiary V (Delta or Wye))	_____ / _____ / _____
Fixed Taps Available	
Present Tap Setting	

**IMPEDANCE**

Positive	$Z_1$ (on self-cooled kVA rating) _____ % _____ X/R
Negative	$Z_0$ (on self-cooled kVA rating) _____ % _____ X/R

**EXCITATION SYSTEM DATA**

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.

**GOVERNOR SYSTEM DATA**

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.

**WIND GENERATORS**

Number of generators to be interconnected pursuant to this Interconnection Request:		
Elevation _____	Single Phase _____	Three Phase _____
Inverter manufacturer, model name, number, and version:		
List of adjustable setpoints for the protective equipment or software:		

Note: A complete PowerWorld model must be supplied with the Interconnection Request.

**INDUCTION GENERATORS**

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 Transmission Provider prior to submitting the Interconnection Request to determine if the information designated for Induction Generators is required.

## APPENDIX 2 - CLUSTER STUDY AGREEMENT

**THIS AGREEMENT** (“Agreement”), effective upon the date of the last signature below, is by and between \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_ organized and existing under the laws of the State of \_\_\_\_\_, (“Interconnection Customer,”) and Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County, Washington, a municipal corporation in the State of Washington (“Transmission Provider”). Interconnection Customer and Transmission Provider each may be referred to as a “Party,” or collectively as the “Parties.”

### RECITALS

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

**WHEREAS**, Interconnection Customer desires to interconnect the Large Generating Facility with the Transmission System;

**WHEREAS**, Interconnection Customer has requested Transmission Provider to perform a Cluster Study to assess the impact of interconnecting the Large Generating Facility to the Transmission System, and of any Affected Systems; and

**WHEREAS**, Transmission Provider has Large Generator Interconnection Procedures (LGIP) and the format for this Agreement is contained in Appendix 2 to this LGIP.

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

1. When used in this Agreement, with initial capitalization, the terms specified shall have the meanings indicated in Transmission Provider’s LGIP.
2. Interconnection Customer elects and Transmission Provider shall cause to be performed a Cluster Study consistent with Section 7 of this LGIP.
3. The scope of the Cluster Study shall be subject to the assumptions set forth in Attachment A to this Agreement.
4. 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 this LGIP. Transmission Provider 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 Cluster Study.
5. The 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 any instability or inadequately damped response to system disturbances resulting from the interconnection; and
  - description and non-binding, good faith estimated cost of facilities required to interconnect the Large Generating Facility to the Transmission System and to address the identified short circuit, instability, and power flow issues.
6. Transmission Provider’s good faith estimate for the time of completion of the Cluster Study is {insert date}.

Upon receipt of the Cluster Study Report, Transmission Provider shall charge and Interconnection Customer shall pay its share of the actual costs of the Cluster Study, consistent with Section 13.3 of this LGIP.

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

7. Miscellaneous

7.1 The Parties hereby designate the following individuals to receive any notices or other information required under, or pertinent to, this Agreement:

Transmission Provider	Interconnection Customer
Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County, Washington Attn: Transmission Services Manager PO Box 878 Ephrata, WA 98823 TransmissionServices@gcpud.org	Full Legal Name of Company Attn: Address Address Email

7.2 No modification of this Agreement, and no waiver of the terms and conditions thereof, will be binding upon either Party unless approved in writing by both Parties.

7.3 By signing an agreement with Transmission Provider related to the LGIP, both Parties expressly acknowledges and agrees that neither Party will disclose to third parties (except as expressly set forth herein), without the written consent of the other Party, any information developed or obtained in connection with the performance of the LGIA, and, if requested by the other Party, to require its employees and subcontractors, if any, to execute a non-disclosure agreement prior to performing any services under the LGIA.

If either Party is subject to the Washington Public Records Act, Chapter 42.56 RCW (“PRA”), and a disclosure of Confidential Information is required to be made by pursuant to the PRA, such disclosure shall not be deemed a violation of this Section 7.3, provided that the Party receiving the request has, so far as it is lawful and practical to do so prior to such disclosure: (a) promptly notified the other Party in writing of such, request, order, or requirement; (b) provided a reasonable opportunity for the other Party to seek an appropriate protective order; and (c) cooperated with other Party to narrow the scope of such disclosure to only that portion of the Confidential Information that is necessary to fulfill the request.

7.4 All written instruments, agreements, specifications, and other writing of whatsoever nature which relate to or are a part of this Agreement shall be construed, for all purposes, solely and exclusively in accordance and pursuant to the laws of the State of Washington. The rights and obligations of Transmission Provider and Interconnection Customer shall be governed by the laws of the State of Washington. Venue of any action filed to enforce or interpret the provisions of this Agreement shall be exclusively in the Superior Court, County of Grant, State of Washington, or the Federal District Court for the Eastern District of Washington at Transmission Provider’s sole option. In the event of litigation to enforce the provisions of this Agreement, the prevailing Party shall be entitled to reasonable legal fees in addition to any other relief allowed.

7.5 Neither Party may assign or delegate its rights or obligations pursuant to this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other Party. Such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned, or delayed. This Agreement shall be binding not only upon the Parties hereto, but upon their assigns and successors as well.

7.6 No waiver of any provision of this Agreement, or any rights or obligations of either Party under this Agreement, shall be effective, except pursuant to a written instrument signed by the Party or Parties waiving compliance, and any such waiver shall be effective only in the specific instance and for the specific purpose stated in such

writing. The failure of either Party to require the performance of any term of this Agreement or the waiver of either Party of any breach under this Agreement shall not operate or be construed as a waiver of any other provision hereof, nor shall it be construed as a waiver of any subsequent breach by the other Party hereto.

7.7 Transmission Provider's LGIP, as amended from time to time, is incorporated into and constitutes part of this Agreement. In the event of a conflict, the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall prevail.

7.8 Each Party warrants and represents that:

- It is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its formation, and that it is authorized to conduct business in the State of Washington.
- The execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement are within its powers, have been duly authorized by all necessary action and do not violate any of the terms and conditions in its governing documents, any contracts to which it is a party or any law, rule, regulation, or order applicable to it.

7.9 The Parties may execute this Agreement, and any modification to this Agreement that is required to be executed, in any number of counterparts and through electronic signature. Each counterpart and electronic signature will be deemed an original and all counterparts will constitute one agreement binding on both Parties.

**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.

Public Utility District No. 2  
of Grant County, Washington

{Insert name of Interconnection Customer}

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**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 this LGIP, and the following assumptions:

Designation of Point of Interconnection and configuration to be studied.  
Designation of alternative Point(s) of Interconnection and configuration.

{Above assumptions to be completed by Interconnection Customer and other assumptions to be provided by Interconnection Customer and Transmission Provider}

### APPENDIX 3 - INTERCONNECTION FACILITIES STUDY AGREEMENT

**THIS AGREEMENT** (“Agreement”), effective upon the date of the last signature below, is by and between \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_ organized and existing under the laws of the State of \_\_\_\_\_, (“Interconnection Customer,”) and Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County, Washington, a municipal corporation in the State of Washington (“Transmission Provider ”). Interconnection Customer and Transmission Provider each may be referred to as a “Party,” or collectively as the “Parties.”

#### RECITALS

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

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

**WHEREAS**, Transmission Provider has completed a Cluster Study (the “Cluster Study”) and provided the results of said study to Interconnection Customer; and

**WHEREAS**, Interconnection Customer has requested Transmission Provider 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 Large Generating Facility to the Transmission System; and

**WHEREAS**, Transmission Provider has Large Generator Interconnection Procedures (LGIP) and the format for this Agreement is contained in Appendix 3 to this LGIP;

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

1. When used in this Agreement, with initial capitalization, the terms specified shall have the meanings indicated in Transmission Provider's LGIP.
2. Interconnection Customer elects and Transmission Provider shall cause an Interconnection Facilities Study consistent with Section 8.0 of this LGIP.
3. The scope of the Interconnection Facilities Study shall be subject to the data provided in Attachment A to this Agreement.
4. The Interconnection Facilities Study Report (i) shall provide a description, estimated cost of (consistent with Attachment A), schedule for required facilities to interconnect the Large Generating Facility to the Transmission System and (ii) shall address the short circuit, instability, and power flow issues identified in the Cluster Study.
5. Interconnection Customer shall provide a Commercial Readiness Deposit per Section 8.1 of this LGIP to enter the Interconnection Facilities Study. The time for completion of the Interconnection Facilities Study is specified in Attachment A.
6. Miscellaneous
  - 6.1 The Parties hereby designate the following individuals to receive any notices or other information required under, or pertinent to, this Agreement:

Transmission Provider	Customer
Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County, Washington Attn: Manager of Transmission Services PO Box 878 Ephrata, WA 98823 TransmissionServices@gcpud.org	Full Legal Name of Company Attn: Address Address Email

6.2 No modification of this Agreement, and no waiver of the terms and conditions thereof, will be binding upon either Party unless approved in writing by both Parties.

6.3 By signing an agreement with Transmission Provider related to the LGIP, both Parties expressly acknowledges and agrees that neither Party will disclose to third parties (except as expressly set forth herein), without the written consent of the other Party, any information developed or obtained in connection with the performance of the LGIA, and, if requested by the other Party, to require its employees and subcontractors, if any, to execute a non-disclosure agreement prior to performing any services under the LGIA.

If either Party is subject to the Washington Public Records Act, Chapter 42.56 RCW (“PRA”), and a disclosure of Confidential Information is required to be made by pursuant to the PRA, such disclosure shall not be deemed a violation of this Section 6.3, provided that the Party receiving the request has, so far as it is lawful and practical to do so prior to such disclosure: (a) promptly notified the other Party in writing of such, request, order, or requirement; (b) provided a reasonable opportunity for the other Party to seek an appropriate protective order; and (c) cooperated with other Party to narrow the scope of such disclosure to only that portion of the Confidential Information that is necessary to fulfill the request.

6.4 All written instruments, agreements, specifications, and other writing of whatsoever nature which relate to or are a part of this Agreement shall be construed, for all purposes, solely and exclusively in accordance and pursuant to the laws of the State of Washington. The rights and obligations of Transmission Provider and Interconnection Customer shall be governed by the laws of the State of Washington. Venue of any action filed to enforce or interpret the provisions of this Agreement shall be exclusively in the Superior Court, County of Grant, State of Washington, or the Federal District Court for the Eastern District of Washington at Transmission Provider’s sole option. In the event of litigation to enforce the provisions of this Agreement, the prevailing Party shall be entitled to reasonable legal fees in addition to any other relief allowed.

6.5 Neither Party may assign or delegate its rights or obligations pursuant to this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other Party. Such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned, or delayed. This Agreement shall be binding not only upon the Parties hereto, but upon their assigns and successors as well.

6.6 No waiver of any provision of this Agreement, or any rights or obligations of either Party under this Agreement, shall be effective, except pursuant to a written instrument signed by the Party or Parties waiving compliance, and any such waiver shall be effective only in the specific instance and for the specific purpose stated in such writing. The failure of either Party to require the performance of any term of this Agreement or the waiver of either Party of any breach under this Agreement shall not operate or be construed as a waiver of any other provision hereof, nor shall it be construed as a waiver of any subsequent breach by the other Party hereto.

6.7 Transmission Provider’s LGIP, as amended from time to time, is incorporated into and constitutes part of this Agreement. In the event of a conflict, the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall prevail.

6.8 Each Party warrants and represents that:

- It is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its formation, and that it is authorized to conduct business in the State of Washington.

- The execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement are within its powers, have been duly authorized by all necessary action and do not violate any of the terms and conditions in its governing documents, any contracts to which it is a party or any law, rule, regulation, or order applicable to it.

6.9 The Parties may execute this Agreement, and any modification to this Agreement that is required to be executed, in any number of counterparts and through electronic signature. Each counterpart and electronic signature will be deemed an original and all counterparts will constitute one agreement binding on both Parties.

**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.

Public Utility District No. 2  
of Grant County, Washington

{Insert name of Interconnection Customer}

By: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

**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, and other applicable information.

One set of metering is required for each generation connection to the new or existing Transmission Provider station. Number of generation connections:

On the one-line diagram indicate the generation capacity attached at each metering location. (Maximum load on CT/PT)

On the one-line diagram indicate the source & rating of auxiliary power.

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 diagram).

What type of control system or PLC will be located at Interconnection Customer's Large Generating Facility?

\_\_\_\_\_

What protocol does the control system or PLC use?

\_\_\_\_\_

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

Physical dimensions of the proposed interconnection station:

\_\_\_\_\_

Circuit length from generation to interconnection station:

\_\_\_\_\_

Line length from interconnection station to Transmission Provider'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 Transmission Provider.

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

Yes       No      Local provider: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide proposed schedule dates:

Generator step-up transformer receives back feed power

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

Commercial Operation

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

## APPENDIX 4 - OPTIONAL INTERCONNECTION STUDY AGREEMENT

**THIS AGREEMENT** ("Agreement"), effective upon the date of the last signature below, is by and between \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_ organized and existing under the laws of the State of \_\_\_\_\_, ("Interconnection Customer,") and Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County, Washington, a municipal corporation in the State of Washington ("Transmission Provider"). Interconnection Customer and Transmission Provider each may be referred to as a "Party," or collectively as the "Parties."

### RECITALS

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

**WHEREAS**, Interconnection Customer is proposing to establish an interconnection with the Transmission System; and

**WHEREAS**, Interconnection Customer has submitted to Transmission Provider an Interconnection Request; and

**WHEREAS**, on or after the date when Interconnection Customer receives the Cluster Study results, Interconnection Customer has further requested that Transmission Provider prepare an Optional Interconnection Study; and

**WHEREAS**, Transmission Provider has a Large Generator Interconnection Procedures (LGIP) and the format for this Agreement is contained in Appendix 4 to this LGIP.

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

1. When used in this Agreement, with initial capitalization, the terms specified shall have the meanings indicated in Transmission Provider's LGIP.
2. Interconnection Customer elects and Transmission Provider shall cause an Optional Interconnection Study consistent with Section 10.0 of this LGIP.
3. The scope of the Optional Interconnection Study shall be subject to the assumptions set forth in Attachment A to this Agreement.
4. The Optional Interconnection Study shall be performed solely for informational purposes.
5. The Optional Interconnection Study report shall provide a sensitivity analysis based on the assumptions specified by Interconnection Customer in Attachment A to this Agreement. The Optional Interconnection Study will identify Transmission Provider'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 Interconnection Customer in Attachment A.
6. Interconnection Customer shall provide a deposit of \$10,000 for the performance of the Optional Interconnection Study. Transmission Provider's good faith estimate for the time of completion of the Optional Interconnection Study is [insert date].

Upon receipt of the Optional Interconnection Study, Transmission Provider shall charge and Interconnection Customer shall pay the actual costs of the Optional Interconnection Study.

Any difference between the initial payment and the actual cost of the study shall be paid by or refunded to Interconnection Customer, as appropriate.

7. Miscellaneous

7.1 The Parties hereby designate the following individuals to receive any notices or other information required under, or pertinent to, this Agreement:

Transmission Provider	Interconnection Customer
Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County, Washington Attn: Manager of Transmission Services PO Box 878 Ephrata, WA 98823 TransmissionServices@gcpud.org	Full Legal Name of Company Attn: Address Address Email

7.2 No modification of this Agreement, and no waiver of the terms and conditions thereof, will be binding upon either Party unless approved in writing by both Parties.

7.3 By signing an agreement with Transmission Provider related to the LGIP, both Parties expressly acknowledges and agrees that neither Party will disclose to third parties (except as expressly set forth herein), without the written consent of the other Party, any information developed or obtained in connection with the performance of the LGIA, and, if requested by the other Party, to require its employees and subcontractors, if any, to execute a non-disclosure agreement prior to performing any services under the LGIA.

If either Party is subject to the Washington Public Records Act, Chapter 42.56 RCW (“PRA”), and a disclosure of Confidential Information is required to be made by pursuant to the PRA, such disclosure shall not be deemed a violation of this Section 7.3, provided that the Party receiving the request has, so far as it is lawful and practical to do so prior to such disclosure: (a) promptly notified the other Party in writing of such, request, order, or requirement; (b) provided a reasonable opportunity for the other Party to seek an appropriate protective order; and (c) cooperated with other Party to narrow the scope of such disclosure to only that portion of the Confidential Information that is necessary to fulfill the request.

7.4 All written instruments, agreements, specifications, and other writing of whatsoever nature which relate to or are a part of this Agreement shall be construed, for all purposes, solely and exclusively in accordance and pursuant to the laws of the State of Washington. The rights and obligations of Transmission Provider and Interconnection Customer shall be governed by the laws of the State of Washington. Venue of any action filed to enforce or interpret the provisions of this Agreement shall be exclusively in the Superior Court, County of Grant, State of Washington, or the Federal District Court for the Eastern District of Washington at Transmission Provider’s sole option. In the event of litigation to enforce the provisions of this Agreement, the prevailing Party shall be entitled to reasonable legal fees in addition to any other relief allowed.

7.5 Neither Party may assign or delegate its rights or obligations pursuant to this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other Party. Such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned, or delayed. This Agreement shall be binding not only upon the Parties hereto, but upon their assigns and successors as well.

7.6 No waiver of any provision of this Agreement, or any rights or obligations of either Party under this Agreement, shall be effective, except pursuant to a written instrument signed by the Party or Parties waiving compliance, and any such waiver shall be effective only in the specific instance and for the specific purpose stated in such writing. The failure of either Party to require the performance of any term of this Agreement or the waiver of either Party of any breach under this Agreement shall not operate or be construed as a waiver of any other provision hereof, nor shall it be construed as a waiver of any subsequent breach by the other Party hereto.

- 7.7 Transmission Provider’s LGIP, as amended from time to time, is incorporated into and constitutes part of this Agreement. In the event of a conflict, the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall prevail.
- 7.8 Each Party warrants and represents that:
- It is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its formation, and that it is authorized to conduct business in the State of Washington.
  - The execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement are within its powers, have been duly authorized by all necessary action and do not violate any of the terms and conditions in its governing documents, any contracts to which it is a party or any law, rule, regulation, or order applicable to it.
- 7.9 The Parties may execute this Agreement, and any modification to this Agreement that is required to be executed, in any number of counterparts and through electronic signature. Each counterpart and electronic signature will be deemed an original and all counterparts will constitute one agreement binding on both Parties.

**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.

Public Utility District No. 2  
of Grant County, Washington

{Insert name of Interconnection Customer}

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPENDIX 5 - STANDARD LARGE GENERATOR INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT (LGIA)**

**(See LGIA posted on Transmission Provider’s public website)**

## APPENDIX 6 - INTERCONNECTION PROCEDURES FOR A WIND GENERATING PLANT

Appendix 6 sets forth procedures specific to a wind generating plant. All other requirements of this LGIP continue to apply to wind generating plant interconnections.

### A. Special Procedures Applicable to Wind Generators

The wind plant Interconnection Customer, in completing the Interconnection Request required by Section 3.3 of this LGIP, may provide to Transmission Provider a set of preliminary electrical design specifications depicting the wind plant as a single equivalent generator. Upon satisfying these and other applicable Interconnection Request conditions, the wind plant may enter the queue and receive the base case data as provided for in this LGIP.

No later than six months after submitting an Interconnection Request completed in this manner, the wind plant Interconnection Customer must submit completed detailed electrical design specifications and other data (including collector system layout data) needed to allow the Transmission Provider to complete the Cluster Study.

## APPENDIX 7 - TWO-PARTY AFFECTED SYSTEM STUDY AGREEMENT

**THIS AGREEMENT** (“Agreement”), effective upon the date of the last signature below, is by and between \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_ organized and existing under the laws of the State of \_\_\_\_\_ (“Affected System Interconnection Customer”) and Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County, Washington, a municipal corporation in the State of Washington (“Transmission Provider”). 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 Transmission Provider’s Transmission System; and

**WHEREAS**, Affected System Interconnection Customer desires to interconnect the {generating facility} with {name of host transmission provider}’s transmission system; and

**WHEREAS**, Transmission Provider has a Large Generator Interconnection Procedures (LGIP) and the format for this Agreement is contained in Appendix 7 to this LGIP.

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

1. When used in this Agreement, with initial capitalization, the terms specified shall have the meanings indicated in this LGIP.
2. Transmission Provider shall coordinate with Affected System Interconnection Customer to perform an Affected System Study consistent with Section 9 of this LGIP.
3. The scope of the Affected System Study shall be subject to the assumptions set forth in Attachment A to this Agreement.
4. The Affected System Study will be based upon the technical information provided by Affected System Interconnection Customer and {name of host transmission provider}. Transmission Provider 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. 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 Transmission Provider’s 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. Affected System Interconnection Customer shall provide a deposit of [REDACTED] for performance of the Affected System Study. Upon receipt of the results of the Affected System Study by the Affected System Interconnection Customer, Transmission Provider 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.

7. Miscellaneous

7.1 The Parties hereby designate the following individuals to receive any notices or other information required under, or pertinent to, this Agreement:

Transmission Provider	Affected System Interconnection Customer
Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County, Washington Attn: Transmission Services Manager PO Box 878 Ephrata, WA 98823 TransmissionServices@gcpud.org	Full Legal Name of Company Attn: Address Address Email

7.2 No modification of this Agreement, and no waiver of the terms and conditions thereof, will be binding upon either Party unless approved in writing by both Parties.

7.3 By signing an agreement with Transmission Provider related to the LGIP, both Parties expressly acknowledges and agrees that neither Party will disclose to third parties (except as expressly set forth herein), without the written consent of the other Party, any information developed or obtained in connection with the performance of the LGIA, and, if requested by the other Party, to require its employees and subcontractors, if any, to execute a non-disclosure agreement prior to performing any services under the LGIA.

If either Party is subject to the Washington Public Records Act, Chapter 42.56 RCW (“PRA”), and a disclosure of Confidential Information is required to be made by pursuant to the PRA, such disclosure shall not be deemed a violation of this Section 7.3, provided that the Party receiving the request has, so far as it is lawful and practical to do so prior to such disclosure: (a) promptly notified the other Party in writing of such, request, order, or requirement; (b) provided a reasonable opportunity for the other Party to seek an appropriate protective order; and (c) cooperated with other Party to narrow the scope of such disclosure to only that portion of the Confidential Information that is necessary to fulfill the request.

7.4 All written instruments, agreements, specifications, and other writing of whatsoever nature which relate to or are a part of this Agreement shall be construed, for all purposes, solely and exclusively in accordance and pursuant to the laws of the State of Washington. The rights and obligations of Transmission Provider and Affected System Interconnection Customer shall be governed by the laws of the State of Washington. Venue of any action filed to enforce or interpret the provisions of this Agreement shall be exclusively in the Superior Court, County of Grant, State of Washington, or the Federal District Court for the Eastern District of Washington at Transmission Provider’s sole option. In the event of litigation to enforce the provisions of this Agreement, the prevailing Party shall be entitled to reasonable legal fees in addition to any other relief allowed.

7.5 Neither Party may assign or delegate its rights or obligations pursuant to this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other Party. Such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned, or delayed. This Agreement shall be binding not only upon the Parties hereto, but upon their assigns and successors as well.

7.6 No waiver of any provision of this Agreement, or any rights or obligations of either Party under this Agreement, shall be effective, except pursuant to a written instrument signed by the Party or Parties waiving compliance, and any such waiver shall be effective only in the specific instance and for the specific purpose stated in such

writing. The failure of either Party to require the performance of any term of this Agreement or the waiver of either Party of any breach under this Agreement shall not operate or be construed as a waiver of any other provision hereof, nor shall it be construed as a waiver of any subsequent breach by the other Party hereto.

7.7 Transmission Provider's LGIP, as amended from time to time, is incorporated into and constitutes part of this Agreement. In the event of a conflict, the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall prevail.

7.8 Each Party warrants and represents that:

- It is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its formation, and that it is authorized to conduct business in the State of Washington.
- The execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement are within its powers, have been duly authorized by all necessary action and do not violate any of the terms and conditions in its governing documents, any contracts to which it is a party or any law, rule, regulation, or order applicable to it.

7.9 The Parties may execute this Agreement, and any modification to this Agreement that is required to be executed, in any number of counterparts and through electronic signature. Each counterpart and electronic signature will be deemed an original and all counterparts will constitute one agreement binding on both Parties.

**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.

Public Utility District No. 2  
of Grant County, Washington

{Insert name of Affected System  
Interconnection Customer}

By: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

Project No. \_\_\_\_

**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 Transmission Provider}

## APPENDIX 8 - MULTIPARTY AFFECTED SYSTEM STUDY AGREEMENT

**THIS AGREEMENT** (“Agreement”), effective upon the date of the last signature below, is by and among \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_ organized and existing under the laws of the State of \_\_\_\_\_ (“Affected System Interconnection Customer”); \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ organized and existing under the laws of the State of \_\_\_\_\_ (“Affected System Interconnection Customer”); and Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County, Washington, a municipal corporation in the State of Washington (“Transmission Provider”). 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 Transmission Provider’s Transmission System; and

**WHEREAS**, Affected System Interconnection Customers desire to interconnect the {generating facilities} with {name of host transmission provider}’s transmission system; and

**WHEREAS**, Transmission Provider has a Large Generator Interconnection Procedures (LGIP) and the format for this Agreement is contained in Appendix 8 to this LGIP.

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

1. When used in this Agreement, with initial capitalization, the terms specified shall have the meanings indicated in this LGIP.
2. Transmission Provider shall coordinate with Affected System Interconnection Customers to perform an Affected System Study consistent with Section 9 of this LGIP.
3. The scope of the Affected System Study shall be subject to the assumptions set forth in Attachment A to this Agreement.
4. The Affected System Study will be based upon the technical information provided by Affected System Interconnection Customers and {name of host transmission provider}. Transmission Provider 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. 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 Transmission Provider’s 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. Affected System Interconnection Customers shall each provide a deposit of [REDACTED] for performance of the Affected System Study. Upon receipt of the results of the Affected System Study by the Affected System Interconnection Customers, Transmission Provider 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.
7. Miscellaneous
- 7.1 The Parties hereby designate the following individuals to receive any notices or other information required under, or pertinent to, this Agreement:

**Transmission Provider**

Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County, Washington  
 Attn: Transmission Services Manager  
 PO Box 878  
 Ephrata, WA 98823  
 TransmissionServices@gcpud.org

**Affected System Interconnection Customer**

Full Legal Name of Company  
 Attn:  
 Address  
 Address  
 Email

**Affected System Interconnection Customer**

Full Legal Name of Company  
 Attn:  
 Address  
 Address  
 Email

- 7.2 No modification of this Agreement, and no waiver of the terms and conditions thereof, will be binding upon either Party unless approved in writing by both Parties.
- 7.3 By signing an agreement with Transmission Provider related to the LGIP, both Parties expressly acknowledges and agrees that neither Party will disclose to third parties (except as expressly set forth herein), without the written consent of the other Party, any information developed or obtained in connection with the performance of the LGIA, and, if requested by the other Party, to require its employees and subcontractors, if any, to execute a non-disclosure agreement prior to performing any services under the LGIA.

If either Party is subject to the Washington Public Records Act, Chapter 42.56 RCW (“PRA”), and a disclosure of Confidential Information is required to be made by pursuant to the PRA, such disclosure shall not be deemed a violation of this Section 7.3, provided that the Party receiving the request has, so far as it is lawful and practical to do so prior to such disclosure: (a) promptly notified the other Party in writing of such, request, order, or requirement; (b) provided a reasonable opportunity for the other Party to seek an appropriate protective order;

and (c) cooperated with other Party to narrow the scope of such disclosure to only that portion of the Confidential Information that is necessary to fulfill the request.

- 7.4 All written instruments, agreements, specifications, and other writing of whatsoever nature which relate to or are a part of this Agreement shall be construed, for all purposes, solely and exclusively in accordance and pursuant to the laws of the State of Washington. The rights and obligations of Transmission Provider and Affected System Interconnection Customer shall be governed by the laws of the State of Washington. Venue of any action filed to enforce or interpret the provisions of this Agreement shall be exclusively in the Superior Court, County of Grant, State of Washington, or the Federal District Court for the Eastern District of Washington at Transmission Provider's sole option. In the event of litigation to enforce the provisions of this Agreement, the prevailing Party shall be entitled to reasonable legal fees in addition to any other relief allowed.
- 7.5 Neither Party may assign or delegate its rights or obligations pursuant to this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other Party. Such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned, or delayed. This Agreement shall be binding not only upon the Parties hereto, but upon their assigns and successors as well.
- 7.6 No waiver of any provision of this Agreement, or any rights or obligations of either Party under this Agreement, shall be effective, except pursuant to a written instrument signed by the Party or Parties waiving compliance, and any such waiver shall be effective only in the specific instance and for the specific purpose stated in such writing. The failure of either Party to require the performance of any term of this Agreement or the waiver of either Party of any breach under this Agreement shall not operate or be construed as a waiver of any other provision hereof, nor shall it be construed as a waiver of any subsequent breach by the other Party hereto.
- 7.7 Transmission Provider's LGIP, as amended from time to time, is incorporated into and constitutes part of this Agreement. In the event of a conflict, the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall prevail.
- 7.8 Each Party warrants and represents that:
- It is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its formation, and that it is authorized to conduct business in the State of Washington.
  - The execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement are within its powers, have been duly authorized by all necessary action and do not violate any of the terms and conditions in its governing documents, any contracts to which it is a party or any law, rule, regulation, or order applicable to it.
- 7.9 The Parties may execute this Agreement, and any modification to this Agreement that is required to be executed, in any number of counterparts and through electronic signature. Each counterpart and electronic signature will be deemed an original and all counterparts will constitute one agreement binding on both Parties.

[Signatures on next page]

**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.

Public Utility District No. 2  
of Grant County, Washington

Affected System Interconnection Customer

By: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

Project No. \_\_\_\_\_

Affected System Interconnection Customer

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Project No. \_\_\_\_\_

**ASSUMPTIONS USED IN CONDUCTING THE  
MULTIPARTY AFFECTED SYSTEM STUDY**

The Affected System Study will be based upon the following assumptions:  
{Assumptions to be completed by Affected System Interconnection Customers and Transmission Provider}

## APPENDIX 9 - TWO-PARTY AFFECTED SYSTEM FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT

**THIS AGREEMENT** (“Agreement”) is by and between \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_ organized and existing under the laws of the State of \_\_\_\_\_ (“Affected System Interconnection Customer”) and Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County, Washington, a municipal corporation in the State of Washington (“Transmission Provider”). 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 Transmission Provider’s 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 Transmission Provider’s Transmission System to accommodate such interconnection; and

**WHEREAS**, Affected System Interconnection Customer has requested, and Transmission Provider has agreed, to enter into this Agreement for the purpose of facilitating the construction of necessary Affected System Network Upgrade(s); and

**WHEREAS**, Transmission Provider has a Large Generator Interconnection Procedures (LGIP) and the format for this Agreement is contained in Appendix 2 to this LGIP.

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

#### 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 LGIP.

#### 2. Term of Agreement

**2.1 Effective Date.** This Agreement shall become effective upon execution by the Parties.

#### 2.2 Term.

**2.2.1 General.** This Agreement shall become effective as provided in Section 2.1 and shall continue in full force and effect until the earlier of (1) the final repayment, where applicable, by Transmission Provider of the amount funded by Affected System Interconnection Customer for Transmission Provider’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 Customer terminates this Agreement after providing Transmission Provider 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

Transmission Provider 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 Transmission Provider.

**2.2.2 Termination Upon Default.** Default shall mean the failure of a Breaching Party to cure its Breach in accordance with Section 5 of this Agreement where Breach and Breaching Party are defined in Section 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 Sections 5 and 6; provided, however, Transmission Provider 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 Transmission Provider for any such damages, including costs and expenses, incurred by Transmission Provider 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 Transmission Provider, Affected System Interconnection Customer shall be responsible for the payment to Transmission Provider 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 Transmission Provider 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 Transmission Provider 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 Transmission Provider's Transmission System. Transmission Provider shall use Reasonable Efforts to minimize such costs.

**2.3 Filing.** Transmission Provider 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 Section 8. If Affected System Interconnection Customer has executed this Agreement, or any amendment thereto, Affected System Interconnection Customer shall reasonably cooperate with Transmission Provider with respect to such filing and to provide any information reasonably requested by Transmission Provider 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.

### 3. Construction of Affected System Network Upgrade(s)

#### 3.1 Construction.

**3.1.1 Transmission Provider Obligations.** Transmission Provider shall (or shall cause such action to) design, procure, construct, and install, and Affected System Interconnection Customer shall pay, consistent with Section 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 Transmission Provider 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. Transmission Provider 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 Transmission Provider written notice of its request for suspension. Only the milestones described in the Appendices of this Agreement are subject to suspension under this Section 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) Transmission Provider determines that a Force Majeure event prevents construction. In the event of (1), (2), or (3), any security paid to Transmission Provider under Section 4.1 of this Agreement shall be released by Transmission Provider upon the determination by Transmission Provider 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 Transmission Provider 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 Transmission Provider's Transmission System and, if applicable, any costs incurred in connection with the cancellation of contracts and orders for material which Transmission Provider 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, Transmission Provider 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.

No interest will be paid on any amounts held by Transmission Provider.

Transmission Provider shall invoice Affected System Interconnection Customer pursuant to Section 4 and will use Reasonable Efforts to minimize its costs. In the event Affected System Interconnection Customer suspends work by Affected System Transmission Provider required under this Agreement pursuant to this Section 3.1.2.1 and has not requested Affected System Transmission Provider 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 Transmission Provider, whichever is earlier, if no effective date of suspension is specified.

**3.1.2.2 Recommencing of Work.** If Affected System Interconnection Customer requests that Transmission Provider recommence construction of Affected System Network Upgrade(s), Transmission Provider shall have no obligation to afford such work the priority it would have had but for the prior actions of Affected System Interconnection Customer to suspend the work. In such event, Affected System Interconnection Customer shall be responsible for any costs incurred in recommencing the work. All recommenced work shall be completed pursuant to an amended schedule for the interconnection agreed to by the Parties. Transmission Provider has the right to conduct a restudy of the Affected System Study if conditions have materially changed subsequent to the request to suspend. Affected System Interconnection Customer shall be responsible for the costs of any studies or restudies required.

**3.1.3 Construction Status.** Transmission Provider 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 Transmission Provider. 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 Transmission Provider of such later date upon which the completion of the Affected System Network Upgrade(s) would be required. Transmission Provider may delay the in-service date of the Affected System Network Upgrade(s) accordingly.

**3.1.4 Timely Completion.** Transmission Provider 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), Transmission Provider shall promptly notify Affected System Interconnection Customer. In such circumstances, Transmission Provider 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. Transmission Provider 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 Transmission Provider that is reasonably needed by Affected System Interconnection Customer to evaluate alternatives, subject to confidentiality arrangements consistent with Section 8. Transmission Provider 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 Transmission Provider costs (including taxes and financing costs) associated with seeking and obtaining all necessary approvals and of designing, engineering, constructing, project management and testing the Affected System Network Upgrade(s), as identified in Appendix A, in accordance with the cost recovery method

provided herein. Unless Transmission Provider elects to fund the Affected System Network Upgrade(s), they shall be initially 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 Transmission Provider, Transmission Provider 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.

### **3.2.2 Repayment.**

**3.2.2.1 Repayment.** Consistent with Section 11.4.1 of the Transmission Provider's LGIA, Affected System Interconnection Customer shall be entitled to billing credits of the amount paid to Transmission Provider, 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 Section 3.3.1 or otherwise.

Affected System Interconnection Customer shall be entitled to a repayment, equal to the total amount paid to Transmission Provider without interest, if any, for the Network Upgrades, as payments are made to Transmission Provider for Non-Usage sensitive portion of payments made for transmission services to Transmission Provider for use of Transmission Provider's Transmission System with respect to the Generating Facility. Such repayment will occur by applying billing credits on Customer's bill for use of Transmission Provider's Transmission System. Customer may assign such repayment rights to any person. Full reimbursement shall not extend beyond 20 years from the Commercial Operation Date.

#### **3.2.2.2 Impact of Failure to Achieve Commercial Operation.**

If the 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 Network Upgrades, Transmission Provider shall at that time reimburse Affected System Interconnection Customer for the amounts advanced for the Network Upgrades. Such payment to Affected System Interconnection Customer shall occur only after payment is received by Transmission Provider from the Generating Facility that makes use of the Network Upgrades. The payments must be for Non-Usage sensitive portion of payments made for transmission services to Transmission Provider for use of Transmission Provider's Transmission System with respect to the later constructed Generating Facility. 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 reimbursement must be made.

If the Generating Facility fails to achieve Commercial Operation, and neither it nor any other Generating Facility is constructed and makes use of the Network Upgrades, any balance remaining for cash paid by Affected System Interconnection Customer for

Network Upgrades shall be set to zero and thus be forfeited by Affected System Interconnection Customer 20 years after the Effective Date of this Agreement.

### 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 Transmission Provider for the installation of the Affected System Network Upgrade(s), Transmission Provider 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) Transmission Provider has determined, in good faith, that the payments or property transfers made by Affected System Interconnection Customer to Transmission Provider should be reported as income subject to taxation, or (2) any Governmental Authority directs Transmission Provider to report payments or property as income subject to taxation. Affected System Interconnection Customer shall reimburse Transmission Provider for such costs on a fully grossed-up basis, in accordance with this Section, within thirty (30) Calendar Days of receiving written notification from Transmission Provider 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 Transmission Provider 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 Section. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Section 3.3.1, and to the extent permitted by law, to the extent that the receipt of such payments by Transmission Provider is determined by any Governmental Authority to constitute income by Transmission Provider subject to taxation, Affected System Interconnection Customer shall protect, indemnify, and hold harmless Transmission Provider 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, Transmission Provider shall provide Affected System Interconnection Customer with written notification within thirty (30) Calendar Days of such determination and notification. Transmission Provider, 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. Transmission Provider 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 Transmission Provider 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 Transmission Provider for the tax, interest, and/or penalties prior to the seventh (7th) Calendar Day before the date on which Transmission Provider (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 Transmission Provider is not liable for any portion of any tax, interest, and/or penalties for which Affected System Interconnection Customer has already made payment to Transmission Provider, Transmission Provider 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 Transmission Provider receives or which Transmission Provider may be entitled with respect to such payment. Affected System Interconnection Customer shall provide Transmission Provider with credit assurances sufficient to meet Affected System

Interconnection Customer's estimated liability for reimbursement of Transmission Provider for taxes, interest, and/or penalties under this Section 3.3.1. Such estimated liability shall be stated in Appendix A.

To the extent that Transmission Provider is a limited liability company and not a corporation, and has elected to be taxed as a partnership, then the following shall apply: Transmission Provider represents, and the Parties acknowledge, that Transmission Provider 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 Transmission Provider 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 Transmission Provider 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, Transmission Provider 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 Transmission Provider 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. Transmission Provider 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, Transmission Provider shall appeal, protest, seek abatement of, or otherwise contest any tax (other than federal or state income tax) asserted or assessed against Transmission Provider for which Affected System Interconnection Customer may be required to reimburse Transmission Provider under the terms of this Agreement. Affected System Interconnection Customer shall pay to Transmission Provider on a periodic basis, as invoiced by Transmission Provider, Transmission Provider's documented reasonable costs of prosecuting such appeal, protest, abatement, or other contest. Affected System Interconnection Customer and Transmission Provider 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 Transmission Provider 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 Transmission Provider. 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.
- 3.3.4 Tax Status.** Each Party shall cooperate with the other to maintain the other Party's tax status. Nothing in this Agreement is intended to adversely affect Grant PUD's tax-exempt status with respect to the issuance of bonds including, but not limited to, local furnishing bonds.

## 4. Security, Billing, and Payments

- 4.1 Provision of Security.** At least 30 Calendar Days prior to the commencement of the procurement, installation, or construction of Affected System Network Upgrades, Affected System Interconnection Customer shall provide to Transmission Provider, at Affected System Interconnection Customer's option, a guarantee, letter of credit or other form of security that is acceptable to Transmission Provider and is consistent with the Uniform Commercial Code of the jurisdiction identified in Section 11.2. Such security for payment shall be in an amount equal to 100% of the costs for designing, procuring, constructing, and installing the applicable portion of Transmission Provider's Affected System Network Upgrades and shall be reduced on a dollar-for-dollar basis for payments made to Transmission Provider for these purposes. In addition:
- The guarantee must be made by an entity that meets the creditworthiness requirements of Transmission Provider 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 acceptable to Transmission Provider and must specify a reasonable expiration date.
- 4.2 Invoice.** Each Party shall submit to the other Party, monthly, 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), Transmission Provider 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. Transmission Provider shall refund, without interest 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 shall be applied and accrue on past due balances until paid at the rate of 1.5% per month in accordance with Transmission Provider's Customer Service Policy
- 4.6 Payment During Dispute.** In the event of a billing dispute among the Parties, Transmission Provider 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 Transmission Provider 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 Transmission Provider may provide notice to Affected System Interconnection Customer of a Default pursuant to Section 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 Transmission Provider's Customer Service Policy.

## 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 Section 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.

## 6. Termination of Agreement

**6.1 Expiration of Term.** Except as otherwise specified in this Section 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 Section 2.2, a Party may terminate this Agreement upon the Default of the other Party in accordance with Section 5.3.2 of this Agreement.

**6.3 Disposition of Facilities Upon Termination of Agreement.**

**6.3.1 Transmission Provider Obligations.** Upon termination of this Agreement, unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties in writing, Transmission Provider:

- (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 Transmission Provider's 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 Transmission Provider, Affected System Interconnection Customer shall reimburse Transmission Provider for any costs incurred by Transmission Provider in performance of the actions required or permitted by Section 6.3.1 and for the cost of any Affected System Network Upgrade(s) described in Appendix A. Transmission Provider 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 Section 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), Transmission Provider may, at its option, retain any portion of such Affected System Network Upgrade(s) not cancelled or returned in accordance with Section 6.3.1(a), in which case Transmission Provider 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 Transmission Provider for any or all of such costs, Transmission Provider shall refund Affected System Interconnection Customer for those payments. If Transmission Provider elects to not retain any portion of such facilities, Transmission Provider 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 Section 8.

## 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 Section 7 will not be limited in any way by any limitation of any insurance policies or coverages, including any subcontractor's insurance.

## **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 Section 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 Section 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 Section 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 Section 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 Section 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 Section 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, public records request, 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 Section 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 Section 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 Section 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 be deemed an exclusive remedy for the Breach of this Section 8. 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 Section 8.
- 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 Transmission Provider 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.

## 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 Section 9.1 and to enforce their rights under this Agreement.

**9.2 Audit Rights.** Subject to the requirements of confidentiality under Section 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 Transmission Provider's issuance of a final invoice in accordance with Section 4.4. Affected System Interconnection Customer at its expense shall have the right, during normal business hours, and upon prior reasonable notice to Transmission Provider, to audit such accounts and records. Any audit authorized by this Section 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.

## 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:

Transmission Provider

Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County, Washington  
Attn: Transmission Services Manager  
PO Box 878  
Ephrata, WA 98823

With a copy to:

Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County, Washington  
Attn: General Counsel  
PO Box 878  
Ephrata, WA 98823

Affected System Interconnection Customer

Full Legal Name of Company

Attn:

Address

Address

**10.2 Billings and Payments.** Billings and payments shall be sent to the addresses shown in Section 10.1 unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties.

Payments to Transmission Provider will be made via electronic funds transfer to:

Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County, Washington

PO Box 878

Ephrata, WA 98823

**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 or email to the telephone numbers and email addresses set out below:

Transmission Provider

Transmission Services Manager

(509) 754-5088

[TransmissionServices@gcpud.org](mailto:TransmissionServices@gcpud.org)

General Counsel

(509) 754-5088

[legal@gcpud.org](mailto:legal@gcpud.org)

Affected System Interconnection Customer

## 11. Miscellaneous

11.1 No modification of this Agreement, and no waiver of the terms and conditions thereof, will be binding upon either Party unless approved in writing by both Parties.

11.2 All written instruments, agreements, specifications, and other writing of whatsoever nature which relate to or are a part of this Agreement shall be construed, for all purposes, solely and exclusively in accordance and pursuant to the laws of the State of Washington. The rights and obligations of Transmission Provider and Affected System Interconnection Customer shall be governed by the laws of the State of Washington. Venue of any action filed to enforce or interpret the provisions of this Agreement shall be exclusively in the Superior Court, County of Grant, State of Washington, or the Federal District Court for the Eastern District of Washington at Transmission Provider's sole option. In the event of litigation to enforce the provisions of this Agreement, the prevailing Party shall be entitled to reasonable legal fees in addition to any other relief allowed.

11.3 Neither Party may assign or delegate its rights or obligations pursuant to this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other Party. Such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned, or delayed. This Agreement shall be binding not only upon the Parties hereto, but upon their assigns and successors as well.

11.4 No waiver of any provision of this Agreement, or any rights or obligations of either Party under this Agreement,

shall be effective, except pursuant to a written instrument signed by the Party or Parties waiving compliance, and any such waiver shall be effective only in the specific instance and for the specific purpose stated in such writing. The failure of either Party to require the performance of any term of this Agreement or the waiver of either Party of any breach under this Agreement shall not operate or be construed as a waiver of any other provision hereof, nor shall it be construed as a waiver of any subsequent breach by the other Party hereto.

11.5 Transmission Provider's LGIP, as amended from time to time, is incorporated into and constitutes part of this Agreement. In the event of a conflict, the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall prevail.

11.6 Each Party warrants and represents that:

- It is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its formation, and that it is authorized to conduct business in the State of Washington.
- The execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement are within its powers, have been duly authorized by all necessary action and do not violate any of the terms and conditions in its governing documents, any contracts to which it is a party or any law, rule, regulation, or order applicable to it.

11.7 The Parties may execute this Agreement, and any modification to this Agreement that is required to be executed, in any number of counterparts and through electronic signature. Each counterpart and electronic signature will be deemed an original and all counterparts will constitute one agreement binding on both Parties.

**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.

Public Utility District No. 2  
of Grant County, Washington

{Insert name of Affected System  
Interconnection Customer}

By: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

Project No. \_\_\_\_

**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 Transmission Provider.

**1.1 Affected System Network Upgrade(s) to be installed by Transmission Provider.**

{description}

**1.2 First Equipment Order (including permitting).**

{description}

**1.2.1. Permitting, Land Rights, and NCRPP – Transmission Provider Affected System Network Upgrade(s)**

{description}

**1.3 Estimated 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: Transmission Provider Construction Activities**

Milestone No.	Description	Estimated Start Date	Estimated End Date

Note: Construction schedule assumes that Transmission Provider 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).**

Milestone No.	Description	Date

Note: Affected System Interconnection Customer’s payment or provision of security as provided in this Agreement operates as a condition precedent to Transmission Provider’s obligations to construct any Affected System Network Upgrade(s), and failure to meet this schedule will constitute a Breach pursuant to Section 5.1 of this Agreement.

**1.5 Permits, Licenses, and Authorizations.**

{description}

**NOTIFICATION OF COMPLETED CONSTRUCTION**

This Appendix B is a part of the Affected Systems Facilities Construction Agreement between Affected System Interconnection Customer and Transmission Provider. Where applicable, when Transmission Provider has completed construction of the Affected System Network Upgrade(s), Transmission Provider 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 {Transmission Provider} and {Affected System Interconnection Customer}, dated \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

On {Date}, Transmission Provider 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}. Transmission Provider confirms that the Affected System Network Upgrade(s) are in place.

Thank you.

{Signature}

{Transmission Provider 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 between Affected System Interconnection Customer and Transmission Provider.

**Exhibit A1  
Transmission Provider 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 Transmission Provider</b>	<b>Estimate in Dollars</b>
		<b>Total:</b>	

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## APPENDIX 10 - MULTIPARTY AFFECTED SYSTEM FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT

**THIS AGREEMENT** (“Agreement”) is 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 Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County, Washington, a municipal corporation in the State of Washington, (“Transmission Provider”). 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 “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 Transmission Provider’s Transmission System; and

**WHEREAS**, Affected System Interconnection Customers desire to interconnect the {generating facilities} to {name of host transmission provider}’s transmission system; and

**WHEREAS**, additions, modifications, and upgrade(s) must be made to certain existing facilities of Transmission Provider’s Transmission System to accommodate such interconnection; and

**WHEREAS**, Affected System Interconnection Customers have requested, and Transmission Provider has agreed, to enter into this Agreement for the purpose of facilitating the construction of necessary Affected System Network Upgrade(s); and

**WHEREAS**, Transmission Provider has a Large Generator Interconnection Procedures (LGIP) and the format for this Agreement is contained in Appendix 10 to this LGIP.

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

#### 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 LGIP.

#### 2. Term of Agreement

**2.1 Effective Date.** This Agreement shall become effective upon execution by the Parties.

#### 2.2 Term.

**2.2.1 General.** This Agreement shall become effective as provided in Section 2.1 and shall continue in full force and effect until the earlier of (1) the final repayment, where applicable, by Transmission Provider of the amount funded by Affected System Interconnection Customers for Transmission Provider’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 Transmission Provider 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 Transmission Provider 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 transmission provider} or the in-service date for the Affected System Network Upgrade(s) is adjusted in accordance with the rules and procedures established by Transmission Provider.

**2.2.2 Termination Upon Default.** Default shall mean the failure of a Breaching Party to cure its Breach in accordance with Section 5 of this Agreement where Breach and Breaching Party are defined in Section 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 Sections 5 and 6; provided, however, Transmission Provider may not terminate this Agreement if an 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(s) by Transmission Provider for any such damages, including costs and expenses incurred by Transmission Provider 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. Transmission Provider shall not terminate this Agreement or the participation of any Affected System Interconnection Customer without provision being made for Transmission Provider 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 Transmission Provider, each Affected System Interconnection Customer whose participation in this Agreement is terminated shall be responsible for the payment to Transmission Provider 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 Transmission Provider 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 Transmission Provider 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 Transmission Provider's Transmission System. Transmission Provider 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.

**2.3 Filing.** Transmission Provider 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 Section 8. Each Affected System Interconnection Customer that has executed this Agreement, or any amendment thereto, shall reasonably cooperate with Transmission Provider with respect to such filing and to provide any information reasonably requested by Transmission Provider 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.

### **3. Construction of Affected System Network Upgrade(s)**

#### **3.1 Construction.**

**3.1.1 Transmission Provider Obligations.** Transmission Provider shall (or shall cause such action to) design, procure, construct, and install, and Affected System Interconnection Customers shall pay, consistent with Section 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 Transmission Provider 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. Transmission Provider 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 Transmission Provider written notice of their request for suspension. Only the milestones described in the Appendices of this Agreement are subject to suspension under this Section 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) Transmission Provider determines that a Force Majeure event prevents construction. In the event of (1), (2), or (3), any security paid to Transmission Provider under Section 4.1 of this Agreement shall be released by Transmission Provider upon the determination by Transmission Provider 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 Transmission Provider 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 Transmission Provider's Transmission System and, if applicable, any costs incurred in connection with the cancellation of contracts and orders for material which Transmission Provider 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, Transmission Provider 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.

No interest will be paid on any amounts held by Transmission Provider.

Transmission Provider shall invoice Affected System Interconnection Customers pursuant to Section 4 and will use Reasonable Efforts to minimize its costs. In the event Affected System Interconnection Customers suspend work by Affected System Transmission Provider required under this Agreement pursuant to this Section 3.1.2.1 and have not requested Affected System Transmission Provider 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 Transmission Provider, whichever is earlier, if no effective date of suspension is specified.

**3.1.2.2 Recommencing of Work.** If Affected System Interconnection Customers request that Transmission Provider recommence construction of Affected System Network Upgrade(s), Transmission Provider shall have no obligation to afford such work the priority it would have had but for the prior actions of Affected System Interconnection Customers to suspend the work. In such event, Affected System Interconnection Customers shall be responsible for any costs incurred in recommencing the work. All recommenced work shall be completed pursuant to an amended schedule for the interconnection agreed to by the Parties. Transmission Provider has the right to conduct a restudy of the Affected System Study if conditions have materially changed subsequent to the request to suspend. Affected System Interconnection Customers shall be responsible for the costs of any studies or restudies required.

**3.1.3 Construction Status.** Transmission Provider 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 Transmission Provider. 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. Transmission Provider 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.** Transmission Provider 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), Transmission Provider shall promptly notify all other Parties. In such circumstances, Transmission Provider 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. Transmission Provider 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 Transmission Provider that is reasonably needed by Affected System Interconnection Customers to evaluate alternatives, subject to confidentiality arrangements consistent with Section 8. Transmission Provider 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 Transmission Provider costs (including taxes and financing costs) associated with seeking and obtaining all necessary approvals and of designing, engineering, constructing, project management 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 Transmission Provider 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 Transmission Provider, Transmission Provider 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 Sections 11.4.1 of Transmission Provider's LGIA, each Affected System Interconnection Customer shall be entitled to billing credits of the amount each Affected System Interconnection Customer paid to Transmission Provider, 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 Section 3.3.1 or otherwise.

Each Affected System Interconnection Customer shall be entitled to a repayment, equal to the total amount paid to Transmission Provider without interest, if any, for the Network Upgrades, as payments are made to Transmission Provider for Non-Usage sensitive portion of payments made for transmission services to Transmission Provider for use of Transmission Provider's Transmission System with respect to the applicable Generating Facility. Such repayment will occur by applying billing credits on Customer's bill for use of Transmission Provider's Transmission System. Customer may assign such repayment rights to any person. Full reimbursement shall not extend beyond 20 years from the Commercial Operation Date.

### **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 Network Upgrades, Transmission Provider shall at that time reimburse Affected System Interconnection Customer for the amounts advanced for the Network Upgrades. Such payment to Customer shall occur only after payment is received by Transmission Provider from the Generating Facility that makes use of the Network Upgrades. The payments must be for Non-Usage sensitive portion of payments made for transmission services to Transmission Provider for use of Transmission Provider's Transmission System with respect to the later constructed Generating Facility. 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 reimbursement must be made.

If a Generating Facility fails to achieve Commercial Operation, and neither it nor any other Generating Facility is constructed and makes use of the Network Upgrades, any balance remaining for cash paid by Affected System Interconnection Customer for Network Upgrades shall be set to zero and thus be forfeited by Affected System Interconnection Customer 20 years after the Effective Date of this Agreement.

## **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 Transmission Provider for the installation of the Affected System Network Upgrade(s), Transmission Provider 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) Transmission Provider has determined, in good faith, that the payments or property transfers made by Affected System Interconnection Customers to Transmission Provider should be reported as income subject to taxation, or (2) any Governmental Authority directs Transmission Provider to report payments or property as income subject to taxation. Affected System Interconnection Customers shall reimburse Transmission Provider for such costs on a fully grossed-up basis, in accordance with this Section, within thirty (30) Calendar Days of receiving written notification from Transmission Provider 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 Transmission Provider 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 Section. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Section 3.3.1, and to the extent permitted by law, to the extent that the receipt of such payments by Transmission Provider is determined by any Governmental Authority to constitute income by Transmission Provider subject to taxation, Affected System Interconnection Customers shall protect, indemnify, and hold harmless Transmission Provider 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, Transmission Provider shall provide Affected System Interconnection Customers with written notification within thirty (30) Calendar Days of such determination and notification. Transmission Provider, 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. Transmission Provider 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 Transmission Provider 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 Transmission Provider for the tax, interest, and/or penalties prior to the seventh (7th) Calendar Day before the date on which Transmission Provider (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 Transmission Provider 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 Transmission Provider, Transmission Provider 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 Transmission Provider receives or to which Transmission Provider may be entitled with respect to such payment. Each Affected System Interconnection Customer shall provide Transmission Provider with credit assurances sufficient to meet each Affected System Interconnection Customer's estimated liability for reimbursement of Transmission Provider for taxes, interest, and/or penalties under this Section 3.3.1. Such estimated liability shall be stated in Appendix A.

To the extent that Transmission Provider is a limited liability company and not a corporation, and has elected to be taxed as a partnership, then the following shall apply: Transmission Provider represents, and the Parties acknowledge, that Transmission Provider 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 Transmission Provider 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 Transmission Provider 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), Transmission Provider 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 Transmission Provider 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. Transmission Provider 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, Transmission Provider shall appeal, protest, seek abatement of, or otherwise contest any tax (other than federal or state income tax) asserted or assessed against Transmission Provider for which such Affected System Interconnection Customer(s) may be required to reimburse Transmission Provider under the terms of this Agreement. Affected System Interconnection Customer(s) who requested the action shall pay to Transmission Provider on a periodic basis, as invoiced by Transmission Provider, Transmission Provider's documented reasonable costs of prosecuting such appeal, protest, abatement, or other contest. The requesting Affected System Interconnection Customer(s) and Transmission Provider

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 Transmission Provider 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 Transmission Provider. 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.

**3.3.4 Tax Status.** Each Party shall cooperate with the other to maintain the other Party's tax status. Nothing in this Agreement is intended to adversely affect Grant PUD's tax-exempt status with respect to the issuance of bonds including, but not limited to, local furnishing bonds.

#### **4. Security, Billing, and Payments**

**4.1 Provision of Security.** At least 30 Calendar Days prior to the commencement of the procurement, installation, or construction of Affected System Network Upgrades, Affected System Interconnection Customer shall provide to Transmission Provider, at Affected System Interconnection Customer's option, a guarantee, letter of credit or other form of security that is acceptable to Transmission Provider and is consistent with the Uniform Commercial Code of the jurisdiction identified in Section 11.2. Such security for payment shall be in an amount equal to 100% of the costs for designing, procuring, constructing, and installing the applicable portion of Transmission Provider's Affected System Network Upgrades and shall be reduced on a dollar-for-dollar basis for payments made to Transmission Provider for these purposes. In addition:

- The guarantee must be made by an entity that meets the creditworthiness requirements of Transmission Provider 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 acceptable to Transmission Provider 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) Transmission Provider 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. Transmission Provider shall refund, without interest 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 shall be applied and accrue on past due balances until paid in accordance with Transmission Provider's Customer Service Policy.

**4.6 Payment During Dispute.** In the event of a billing dispute among the Parties, Transmission Provider 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 Transmission Provider 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 Transmission Provider may provide notice to such Affected System Interconnection Customer of a Default pursuant to Section 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 Transmission Provider's Customer Service Policy. in existence at the time the dispute was initiated.

## **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.

**5.3.1** 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. If an Affected System Interconnection Customer is the Breaching Party and the Breach results from a failure to provide payments or security under Section 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 Transmission Provider. Transmission Provider 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.

Transmission Provider 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 Section 4.1.

**5.3.2** 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.

**5.4 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.

## **6. Termination of Agreement**

**6.1 Expiration of Term.** Except as otherwise specified in this Section 6, the Parties' obligations under this Agreement shall terminate at the conclusion of the term of this Agreement.

### **6.2 Disposition of Facilities Upon Termination of Agreement.**

**6.2.1 Transmission Provider Obligations.** Upon termination of this Agreement, unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties in writing, Transmission Provider:

- (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 Transmission Provider's Transmission System (e.g., construction demobilization to return the system to its original state, wind-up work).

**6.2.2 Affected System Interconnection Customer Obligations.** Upon billing by Transmission Provider, each Affected System Interconnection Customer shall reimburse Transmission Provider for its share of any costs incurred by Transmission Provider in performance of the actions required or permitted by Section 6.2.1 and for its share of the cost of any Affected System Network Upgrade(s) described in Appendix A. Transmission Provider 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 Section 4.3 of this Agreement.

**6.2.3 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), Transmission Provider may, at its option, retain any portion of such Affected System Network Upgrade(s) not cancelled or returned in accordance with Section 6.2.1(a), in which case Transmission Provider 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 Transmission Provider for any or all of such costs, Transmission Provider shall refund Affected System Interconnection Customer for those payments. If Transmission Provider elects to not retain any portion of such facilities, and one or more of Affected System Interconnection Customers wish to purchase such

facilities, Transmission Provider 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.

**6.3 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 Section 8.

## 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 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 Section 7 will not be limited in any way by any limitation of any insurance policies or coverages, including any subcontractor's insurance.

## 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 Section 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 Section 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.

If either Party is subject to the Washington Public Records Act, Chapter 42.56 RCW (“PRA”), and a disclosure of Confidential Information is required to be made by pursuant to the PRA, such disclosure shall not be deemed a violation of this Section 8.1, provided that the Party receiving the request has, so far as it is lawful and practical to do so prior to such disclosure: (a) promptly notified the other Party in writing of such, request, order, or requirement; (b) provided a reasonable opportunity for the other Party to seek an appropriate protective order; and (c) cooperated with other Party to narrow the scope of such disclosure to only that portion of the Confidential Information that is necessary to fulfill the request.

**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 Section 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 Section 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 Section 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 Section 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, public records request,

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 Section 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 Section 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 Section 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 be deemed an exclusive remedy for the Breach of this Section 8. 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 8.

**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 Transmission Provider 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.

## **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 Section 9.1 and to enforce their rights under this Agreement.

**9.2 Audit Rights.** Subject to the requirements of confidentiality under Section 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 Transmission Provider’s issuance of a final invoice in accordance with Section 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 Transmission Provider, audit such accounts and records. Any audit authorized by this Section 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.

## 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:

**Transmission Provider**

Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County, Washington  
Attn: Transmission Services Manager  
PO Box 878  
Ephrata, WA 98823

With a copy to:

Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County, Washington  
Attn: General Counsel  
PO Box 878  
Ephrata, WA 98823

**Affected System Interconnection Customer**

Full Legal Name of Company  
Attn:  
Address  
Address

**Affected System Interconnection Customer**

Full Legal Name of Company  
Attn:  
Address  
Address

**10.2 Billings and Payments.** Billings and payments shall be sent to the addresses shown in Section 10.1 unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties.

Payments to Transmission Provider will be made via electronic funds transfer to:

Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County, Washington  
PO Box 878  
Ephrata, WA 98823

**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, or email to the telephone numbers and email addresses set out below:

Transmission Provider

Transmission Services Manager  
(509) 754-5088

[TransmissionServices@gcpud.org](mailto:TransmissionServices@gcpud.org)

General Counsel

(509) 754-5088

[legal@gcpud.org](mailto:legal@gcpud.org)

Affected System Interconnection Customer

Affected System Interconnection Customer

## 11. Miscellaneous

- 11.1 No modification of this Agreement, and no waiver of the terms and conditions thereof, will be binding upon either Party unless approved in writing by both Parties.
- 11.2 All written instruments, agreements, specifications, and other writing of whatsoever nature which relate to or are a part of this Agreement shall be construed, for all purposes, solely and exclusively in accordance and pursuant to the laws of the State of Washington. The rights and obligations of Transmission Provider and Affected System Interconnection Customer shall be governed by the laws of the State of Washington. Venue of any action filed to enforce or interpret the provisions of this Agreement shall be exclusively in the Superior Court, County of Grant, State of Washington, or the Federal District Court for the Eastern District of Washington at Transmission Provider's sole option. In the event of litigation to enforce the provisions of this Agreement, the prevailing Party shall be entitled to reasonable legal fees in addition to any other relief allowed.
- 11.3 Neither Party may assign or delegate its rights or obligations pursuant to this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other Party. Such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned, or delayed. This Agreement shall be binding not only upon the Parties hereto, but upon their assigns and successors as well.
- 11.4 No waiver of any provision of this Agreement, or any rights or obligations of either Party under this Agreement, shall be effective, except pursuant to a written instrument signed by the Party or Parties waiving compliance, and any such waiver shall be effective only in the specific instance and for the specific purpose stated in such writing. The failure of either Party to require the performance of any term of this Agreement or the waiver of either Party of any breach under this Agreement shall not operate or be construed as a waiver of any other provision hereof, nor shall it be construed as a waiver of any subsequent breach by the other Party hereto.
- 11.5 Transmission Provider's LGIP, as amended from time to time, is incorporated into and constitutes part of this Agreement. In the event of a conflict, the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall prevail.
- 11.6 Each Party warrants and represents that:
  - It is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its formation,

and that it is authorized to conduct business in the State of Washington.

- The execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement are within its powers, have been duly authorized by all necessary action and do not violate any of the terms and conditions in its governing documents, any contracts to which it is a party or any law, rule, regulation, or order applicable to it.

11.7 The Parties may execute this Agreement, and any modification to this Agreement that is required to be executed, in any number of counterparts and through electronic signature. Each counterpart and electronic signature will be deemed an original and all counterparts will constitute one agreement binding on both Parties.

**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.

Public Utility District No. 2  
of Grant County, Washington

Affected System Interconnection Customer

By: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

Project No. \_\_\_\_\_

Affected System Interconnection Customer

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Project No. \_\_\_\_\_

**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 Transmission Provider.

**1.1 Affected System Network Upgrade(s) to be installed by Transmission Provider.**

{description}

**1.2 First Equipment Order (including permitting).**

{description}

**1.2.1. Permitting, Land Rights, and NCRRP – Transmission Provider Affected System Network Upgrade(s)**

{description}

**1.3 Estimated 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: Transmission Provider Construction Activities**

Milestone No.	Description	Estimated Start Date	Estimated End Date

Note: Construction schedule assumes that Transmission Provider 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).**

Milestone No.	Description	Date

\* 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 Transmission Provider’s obligations to construct any Affected System Network Upgrade(s), and failure to meet this schedule will constitute a Breach pursuant to Section 5.1 of this Agreement.

**1.5 Permits, Licenses, and Authorizations.**

{description}

**NOTIFICATION OF COMPLETED CONSTRUCTION**

This Appendix B is a part of the Multiparty Affected System Facilities Construction Agreement among Affected System Interconnection Customers and Transmission Provider. Where applicable, when Transmission Provider has completed construction of the Affected System Network Upgrade(s), Transmission Provider 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 {Transmission Provider} and {Affected System Interconnection Customers}, dated \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

On {Date}, Transmission Provider 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. Transmission Provider confirms that the Affected System Network Upgrade(s) are in place.

Thank you.

{Signature}

{Transmission Provider Representative}

**Attachment C to Appendix 10  
Multiparty Affected System Facilities Construction Agreement**

**EXHIBITS**

This Appendix C is a part of the Multiparty Affected System Facilities Construction Agreement among Affected System Interconnection Customers and Transmission Provider.

**Exhibit A1  
Transmission Provider 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 Transmission Provider</b>	<b>Estimate in Dollars</b>
		<b>Total:</b>	

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