



# **INTERCONNECTION FACILITIES STUDY REPORT**

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## SUMMARY

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### INTRODUCTION

This Interconnection Facilities Study (IFS) for Interconnection Request GEN-2017-009 is for a 302 MW generating facility located in Neosho County, KS. The Interconnection Request was studied in the DISIS-2017-001 Impact Study and DISIS-2017-001-1 Impact Restudy for Energy Resource Interconnection Service (ERIS). The Interconnection Customer's requested in-service date is October 31, 2020.

The interconnecting Transmission Owner, Evergy Electric Services Company (WERE), performed a detailed IFS at the request of SPP. The full report is included in Appendix A. SPP has determined that full Interconnection Service will be available after the assigned Transmission Owner Interconnection Facilities (TOIF), Non-Shared Network Upgrades, Shared Network Upgrades, Contingent Network Upgrades, and Affected System Upgrades that are required for full interconnection service are completed.

The primary objective of the IFS is to identify necessary Transmission Owner Interconnection Facilities, Network Upgrades, other direct assigned upgrades, cost estimates, and associated upgrade lead times needed to grant the requested Interconnection Service.

### PHASE(S) OF INTERCONNECTION SERVICE

It is not expected that Interconnection Service will occur in phases. However, full Interconnection Service will not be available until all Interconnection Facilities and Network Upgrade(s) can be placed in service.

### COMPENSATION FOR AMOUNTS ADVANCED FOR NETWORK UPGRADE(S)

FERC Order ER20-1687-000 eliminated the use of Attachment Z2 revenue crediting as an option for compensation. The Incremental Long Term Congestion Right (ILTCR) process will be the sole process to compensate upgrade sponsors as of July 1st, 2020.

## **INTERCONNECTION CUSTOMER INTERCONNECTION FACILITIES**

The Generating Facility is proposed to consist of thirty (30) 2.0 MW - V110 and one hundred ten (110) 2.2 MW V120 Vestas Wind Turbines for a total generating nameplate capacity of 302 MW.

The Interconnection Customer's Interconnection Facilities to be designed, procured, constructed, installed, maintained, and owned by the Interconnection Customer at its sole expense include:

- 34.5 kV underground cable collection circuits;
- 34.5 kV to 345 kV transformation substation with associated 34.5 kV and 345 kV switchgear;
- Two 345/34.5 kV 100/133/166 MVA (ONAN/ONAF/ONAF) step-up transformer to be owned and maintained by the Interconnection Customer at the Interconnection Customer's substation;
- An approximately 7.9 mile overhead mile overhead kV line to connect the Interconnection Customer's substation to the Point of Interconnection ("POI") at the 345 kV bus at existing Transmission Owner substation ("Neosho - Caney River 345 kV") that is owned and maintained by Transmission Owner;
- All transmission facilities required to connect the Interconnection Customer's substation to the POI;
- Equipment at the Interconnection Customer's substation necessary to maintain a composite power delivery at continuous rated power output at the high-side of the generator substation at a power factor within the range of 95% lagging and 95% leading in accordance with Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Order 827. The Interconnection Customer may use inverter manufacturing options for providing reactive power under no/reduced generation conditions. The Interconnection Customer will be required to provide documentation and design specifications demonstrating how the requirements are met; and,
- All necessary relay, protection, control and communication systems required to protect Interconnection Customer's Interconnection Facilities and Generating Facilities and coordinate with Transmission Owner's relay, protection, control and communication systems.

**TRANSMISSION OWNER INTERCONNECTION FACILITIES AND NON-SHARED NETWORK UPGRADE(S)**

To facilitate interconnection, the interconnecting Transmission Owner will perform work as shown below necessary for the acceptance of the Interconnection Customer’s Interconnection Facilities.

**Table 1** and **Table 2** lists the Interconnection Customer’s estimated cost responsibility for Transmission Owner Interconnection Facilities (TOIF) and Non-Shared Network Upgrade(s) and provides an estimated lead time for completion of construction. The estimated lead time begins when the Generator Interconnection Agreement has been fully executed.

*Table 1: Transmission Owner Interconnection Facilities (TOIF)*

<b>Transmission Owner Interconnection Facilities (TOIF)</b>	<b>Total Cost Estimate (\$)</b>	<b>Allocated Percent (%)</b>	<b>Allocated Cost Estimate (\$)</b>	<b>Estimated Lead Time</b>
<b><u>Neosho – Caney River 345 kV GEN-2017-009 Interconnection (TOIF) (EKC) (132946):</u></b> Install one (1) switch, three (3) standalone CT’s, and three (3) 345 PT’s to accept a transmission line from the Interconnection Customer’s Generating Facility.	\$689,580	100%	\$689,580	Completed 07/01/2020
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$689,580</b>		<b>\$689,580</b>	

*Table 2: Non-Shared Network Upgrade(s)*

<b>Non-Shared Network Upgrades Description</b>	<b>ILTCR</b>	<b>Total Cost Estimate (\$)</b>	<b>Allocated Percent (%)</b>	<b>Allocated Cost Estimate (\$)</b>	<b>Estimated Lead Time</b>
<b><u>Neosho – Caney River 345 kV GEN-2017-009 Interconnection (Non-Shared NU) (EKC) (132947):</u></b> 345 kV transmission line work, Neosho Ridge substation work, Neosho substation work, and Caney River substation work	Not Eligible	\$14,166,998	100%	\$14,166,998	Completed 07/01/2020
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$14,166,998</b>		<b>\$14,166,998</b>	

\*The Interconnection cost estimates referenced above were pulled from the Interim GIA.

**SHARED NETWORK UPGRADE(S)**

The Interconnection Customer’s share of costs for Shared Network Upgrades is estimated in **Table 3** below.

*Table 3: Interconnection Customer Shared Network Upgrade(s)*

<b>Shared Network Upgrades Description</b>	<b>ILTCR</b>	<b>Total Cost Estimate (\$)</b>	<b>Allocated Percent (%)</b>	<b>Allocated Cost Estimate (\$)</b>	<b>Estimated Lead Time</b>
<b>None</b>	N/A	\$0	N/A	\$0	N/A
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$0</b>	

All studies have been conducted assuming that higher-queued Interconnection Request(s) and the associated Network Upgrade(s) will be placed into service. If higher-queued Interconnection Request(s) withdraw from the queue, suspend or terminate service, the Interconnection Customer’s share of costs may be revised. Restudies, conducted at the customer’s expense, will determine the Interconnection Customer’s revised allocation of Shared Network Upgrades.

### CONTINGENT NETWORK UPGRADE(S)

Certain Contingent Network Upgrades are **currently not the cost responsibility** of the Interconnection Customer but will be required for full Interconnection Service.

*Table 4: Interconnection Customer Contingent Network Upgrade(s)*

<b>Contingent Network Upgrade(s) Description</b>	<b>Current Cost Assignment</b>	<b>Estimated In-Service Date</b>
<b>Wolf Creek to Blackberry 345kV (122598):</b> Build a new 86 mile 345kV line from Wolf Creek to Blackberry with a summer/emergency rating of 1792 MVA	\$0	N/A

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

**AFFECTED SYSTEM UPGRADE(S)**

To facilitate interconnection, the Affected System Transmission Owner will be required to perform the facilities study work as shown below necessary for the acceptance of the Interconnection Customer’s Interconnection Facilities. **Table 5** displays the current impact study costs provided by either MISO or AECI as part of the Affected System Impact review. The Affected System facilities study could provide revised costs and will provide each Interconnection Customer’s allocation responsibilities for the upgrades.

*Table 5: Interconnection Customer Affected System Upgrade(s)*

Affected System Upgrades Description	Total Cost Estimate (\$)	Allocated Percent (%)	Allocated Cost Estimate (\$)
<b>None</b>	\$0	N/A	\$0
<b>Total</b>	\$0		\$0

**CONCLUSION**

After all Interconnection Facilities and Network Upgrades have been placed into service, Interconnection Service for 302 MW can be granted. Full Interconnection Service will be delayed until the TOIF, Non-Shared NU, Shared NU, Contingent NU, Affected System Upgrades that are required for full interconnection service are completed. The Interconnection Customer’s estimated cost responsibility for full interconnection service is summarized in the table below.

*Table 6: Cost Summary*

Description	Allocated Cost Estimate
Transmission Owner Interconnection Facilitie Upgrade(s)	\$689,580
Non-Shared Network Upgrade(s)	\$14,166,998
Shared Network Upgrade(s)	\$0
Affected System Upgrade(s)	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$14,856,578</b>

Use the following link for Quarterly Updates on upgrades from this report: <https://spp.org/spp-documents-filings/?id=18641>

A draft Generator Interconnection Agreement will be provided to the Interconnection Customer consistent with the final results of this IFS report. The Transmission Owner and Interconnection Customer will have 60 days to negotiate the terms of the GIA consistent with the SPP Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT).

# APPENDICES

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**A: TRANSMISSION OWNER'S INTERCONNECTION FACILITIES STUDY  
REPORT AND NETWORK UPGRADES REPORT(S)**

See next page for the Transmission Owner's Interconnection Facilities Study Report and Network Upgrades Report(s).