

Community Solar Project Interconnection
Community Solar Project System Impact Study Report

Completed for
(“Applicant”)
OCS087

Proposed Point of Interconnection
Circuit 5U2 out of Riddle substation at 12.0 kV

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1.0 DESCRIPTION OF THE COMMUNITY SOLAR PROJECT

Shoestring Solar LLC (“Applicant”) proposed interconnecting 2.5 MW of new generation to PacifiCorp’s (“Public Utility”) circuit 5U2 out of Riddle substation located in Douglas County, Oregon. The Shoestring Solar project (“Project”) will consist of twenty (20) CPS SCH100/125 kW inverters for a total requested output of 2.5 MW at the Point of Interconnection. The requested commercial operation date is December 1, 2024.

The Public Utility has assigned the Project “OCS087.”

2.0 APPROVAL CRITERIA FOR TIER 4 INTERCONNECTION REVIEW

Pursuant to the Section I(1) of the Public Utility’s CSP Interconnection Procedures, a Public Utility must use the Tier 4 review procedures for an application to interconnect a Community Solar Project that meets the following requirements:

- (a) The Community Solar Project does not qualify for or failed to meet Tier 2 review requirements; and
- (b) The Community Solar Project must have a nameplate capacity of three (3) megawatts or less.

3.0 SCOPE OF THE STUDY

Pursuant to Section I(6)(g) of the CPS Interconnection Procedures, the System Impact Study Report shall consist of: (1) the underlying assumptions of the study; (2) a short circuit analysis; (2) a stability analysis; (3) a power flow analysis; (4) voltage drop and flicker studies; (5) protection and set point coordination studies; (6) grounding reviews; (7) the results of the analyses; and (8) any potential impediments to providing the requested Interconnection Service, including a non-binding informational NRIS portion that addresses the additions, modifications, and upgrades to the Public Utility’s Transmission System that would be required at or beyond the point at which the Interconnection Facilities connect to the Public Utility’s Transmission System to accommodate the interconnection of the CSP Project. In addition, the System Impact Study shall provide a list of facilities that are required as a result of the Community Solar Project request and non-binding good faith estimates of cost responsibility and time to construct.

4.0 PROPOSED POINT OF INTERCONNECTION

The Applicant’s proposed Community Solar Project is to be interconnected to the Public Utility’s distribution circuit 5U2 out of Riddle substation via a 12 kV primary meter. The proposed Point of Interconnection will be located at approximately 42.926687, -123.386869° located in Douglas County, Oregon. Figure 1 below is a one-line diagram that illustrates the interconnection of the proposed generating facility to the Public Utility’s system.

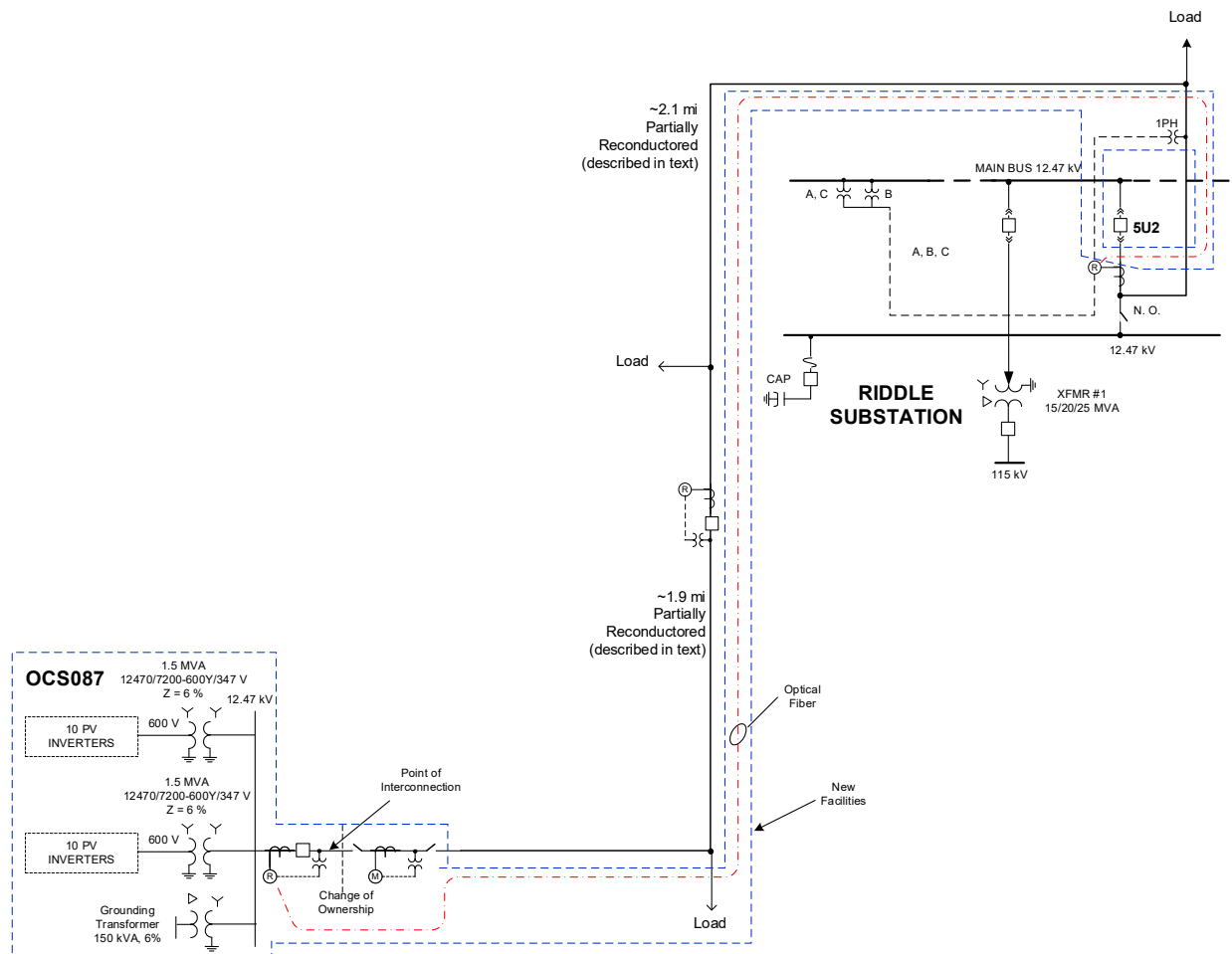


Figure 1: System One Line Diagram

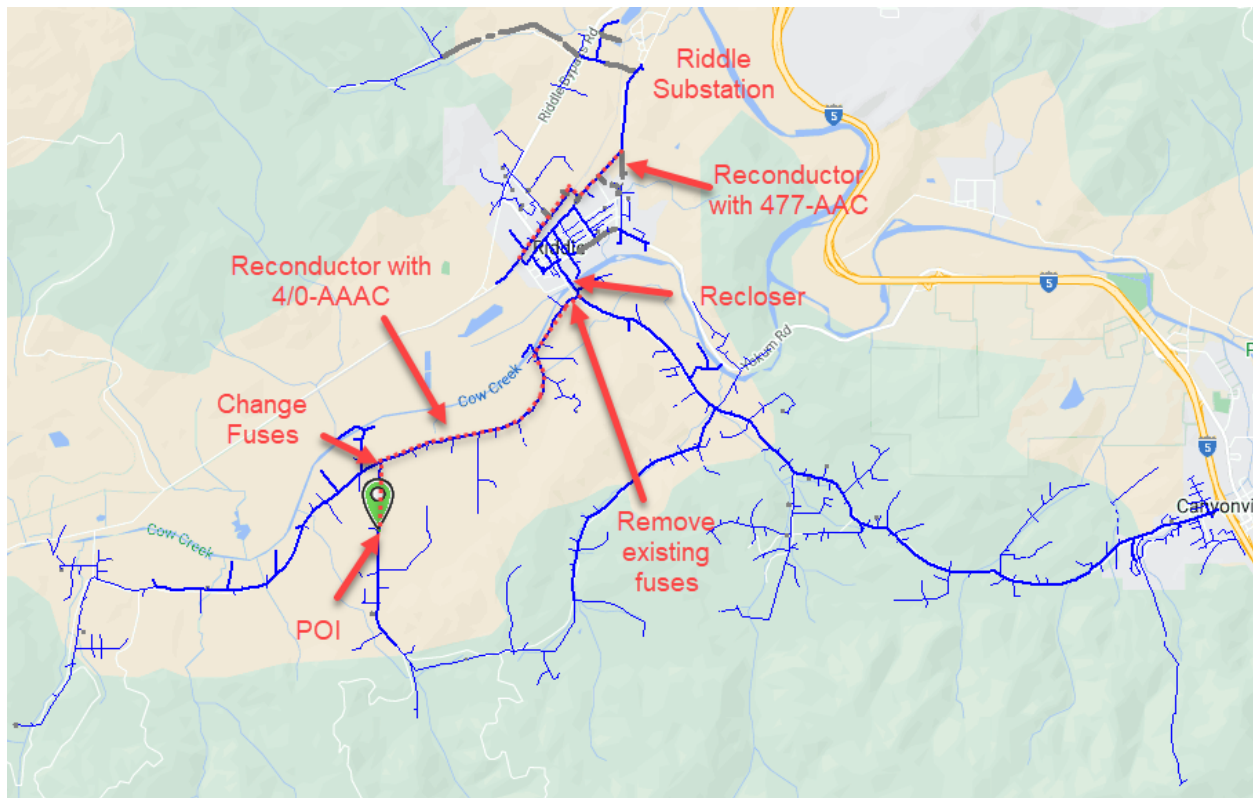


Figure 2: System Map

5.0 STUDY ASSUMPTIONS

- All active higher-priority requests for transmission service and/or generator interconnection service (including requests in the traditional interconnection queue and other requests in the Community Solar queue) in the local area of the requested POI will be considered in this study and are listed in Appendix 1. If any of these requests are withdrawn, the Public Utility reserves the right to restudy this request, as the results and conclusions contained within this study could significantly change.
- The Applicant's request for interconnection service in and of itself does not convey transmission service.
- This study assumes the Project will be integrated into Public Utility's system at the agreed upon and/or proposed Point of Interconnection.
- The Applicant will construct and own any facilities required between the Point of Interconnection and the Project unless specifically identified by the Public Utility.
- Line reconductor or fiber underbuild required on existing poles will be assumed to follow the most direct path on the Public Utility's system. If during detailed design the path must be modified it may result in additional cost and timing delays for the Applicant's project.
- Generator tripping may be required for certain outages.
- All facilities will meet or exceed the minimum Western Electricity Coordinating Council ("WECC"), North American Electric Reliability Corporation ("NERC"), and Public Utility performance and design standards.

- The primary meter for this interconnection is assumed to be West of existing facility point 01330006.0349800. The generators were assumed to operate during daylight hours, 7 days per week, 12 months per year. The generation contribution at the POI was assumed to be 2500 kW at unity power factor.
- The daytime minimum load, as measured at the substation, on 5U2 is 1844 kVA in May of 2023. The new generation is expected to result in reverse flow on the circuit.
- For Riddle T - 381125, a winter peak loading of 21.765 MVA at 98.5% power factor.
- For Riddle T – 381125, a daytime minimum load of 6.73MVA.
- The winter peak load as measured at the substation for circuit 5U2 is 7457 kVA in January 2023.
- The summer peak load as measured at the substation for circuit 5U2 is 6270 kVA in August 2023.
- For calculation of the forecasted voltage fluctuation, it was assumed that the power flow from the Applicant would change from full generation to no generation during a one minute interval.
- It was assumed that the direct transfer trip would disconnect the generation when it approached the daytime minimum load.
- This report is based on information available at the time of the study. It is the Applicant's responsibility to check the Public Utility's web site regularly for transmission system updates (<https://www.oasis.oati.com/ppw>)

6.0 REQUIREMENTS

6.1 COMMUNITY SOLAR PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

The Community Solar Project and Interconnection Equipment owned by the Applicant are required to operate under constant power factor mode with a unity power factor setting unless specifically requested otherwise by the Public Utility.. The Community Solar Project is expressly forbidden from actively participating in voltage regulation of the Public Utilities system without written request or authorization from the Public Utility. The Community Solar Project shall have sufficient reactive capacity to enable the delivery of 100 percent of the plant output to the POI at unity power factor measured at 1.0 per unit voltage under steady state conditions.

Generators shall be capable of operating under Voltage-reactive power mode, Active power-reactive power mode, and Constant reactive power mode as per IEEE Std. 1547-2018. This project shall be capable of activating each of these modes one at a time. The Public Utility reserves the right to specify any mode and settings within the limits of IEEE Std 1547-2018 needed before or after the Community Solar Project enters service. The Applicant shall be responsible for implementing settings modifications and mode selections as requested by the Public Utility within an acceptable timeframe. The reactive compensation must be designed such that the discreet switching of the reactive device (if required by the Applicant) does not cause step voltage changes greater than +/-3% on the Public Utility's system. In all cases the minimum power quality requirements in PacifiCorp's Engineering Handbook section 1C shall be met and are available at <https://www.pacificpower.net/about/power-quality-standards.html>. Requirements

specified in the System Impact Study that exceed requirements in the Engineering Handbook section 1C power quality standards shall apply.

All generators must meet applicable WECC low voltage ride-through requirements as specified in the interconnection agreement.

[INSERT OTHER GENERATION FACILITY REQUIREMENTS HERE]

6.2 TRANSMISSION SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

No transmission system upgrades are required to accommodate the proposed Applicant's facility.

6.3 DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

Extend 12.0 kV facilities from the existing facility point near 01330006.0349800 to the point of interconnection. This line extension will require a minimum of two new utility poles. A three-phase, gang-operated, load break disconnect switch is required on the first pole. A primary metering assembly is required on the second pole. Additional poles may be required if other utility departments specify a control house and/or utility protective device. The Applicant will be responsible for obtaining all necessary permissions and easements.



Replace fuse at facility point 01330006.0260200 with blades. Replace fuse at 01330006.0241300 with 125E. Add 80E fuse at facility point 01330006.0279202.

Generation steady state operation as well as generation breaker trip and close conditions were analyzed during peak load in Summer, Winter, and Daytime minimum load with and without generation to reveal the worst case scenarios on the circuit. The results of the power

flow showed excessive voltage fluctuations as well as overvoltage due to the location of the generation on the system. To stiffen the system, reconductoring one mile of 4/0 – AAAC will need to be replaced with #477-AAAC with a 4/0 neutral, as well as reconductoring 2.32 miles of #2-AAAC with 4/0 – AAAC. After these reconductors, the maximum voltage fluctuation will be 2.5% and the overvoltage to adjacent customers is no longer present.

6.4 EXISTING BREAKER MODIFICATIONS – SHORT-CIRCUIT

The increase in the fault duty on the system as the result of the addition of the 2.5 MW Community Solar Project with photovoltaic arrays connected to two 1.5 MVA 12.47 kV – 600 V transformer with 6 % impedance, will not push the fault duty above the interrupting rating of any of the existing fault interrupting equipment.

6.5 PROTECTION REQUIREMENTS

The OCS087 Community Solar Project will need to disconnect in a high-speed manner for any faults on the 12.47 kV circuit 5U2 out of Riddle substation. This creates the need for a recloser at the POI, which will serve as a manual and automatic disconnection device for the OCS087 plant. This recloser will also open in case the voltage and frequency deviates from the tolerance limits of the distribution provider; therefore, the recloser relay will be programmed to perform that function.

The minimum daytime load on circuit 5U2 is less than the potential power output of the proposed OCS087 Community Solar Project. For this reason, the imbalance condition of the load is such that it cannot be isolated with just the opening of 5U2; therefore, a transfer trip circuit will be needed between Riddle substation and the OCS087 recloser at the POI to deal with this. When breaker 5U2 opens, or the associated relay issues a trip order, or the line recloser opens, a transfer trip signal will be sent to the POI recloser to disconnect the Community Solar Project. Since most faults on overhead lines are temporary and the lines can be restored as soon as all the sources of power to the fault have been disconnected the breaker 5U2 will be equipped with automatic reclosing. The reclosing must be delayed until the Community Solar Project disconnects; this will be achieved by monitoring the line voltage with at least one new potential transformer. The overcurrent protective relay elements associated with the 5U2 circuit breaker need to be directional to avoid operation for faults in the neighbor circuits due to the feeding from the OCS087 plant. The three-phase voltage can be taken from the three bus potential transformers. The transfer trip due to recloser operation will be sent through the feeder relay, taking advantage of the existing channel with Mirrored Bits protocol between the recloser and the 5U2 relay.

6.6 DATA REQUIREMENTS (RTU)

No telemetry will be required for this generation project.

6.7 COMMUNICATION REQUIREMENTS

The Public Utility will install approximately four miles of ADSS cable on the distribution line from Riddle substation to the POI recloser pole. A fiber storage bracket will be installed on the recloser pole, and the fiber terminated in a patch panel in the recloser

cabinet, and also at Riddle substation. Fiber jumpers will be installed from the patch panels to the relays' fiber optic transceivers.

6.8 SUBSTATION REQUIREMENTS

A voltage transformer will be installed at Riddle Substation. Conduit and cable will be installed to support this installation and the installation of the required fiber communications into the substation.

6.9 METERING REQUIREMENTS

Interchange Metering

The metering will be located on the high side of the customer generator step up transformer at the Point of Interconnection. The metering transformers will be installed overhead on a pole per distribution DM construction standards. The meter itself will be installed at the base of the pole. The Public Utility will procure, install, test, and own all revenue metering equipment. The metering will be bi-directional to measure KWH and KVARH quantities for both generation received and back feed retail load delivered.

There will be no additional station service metering for supplying generation load. The metering generation and billing data will be remotely interrogated via the Public Utility's meter data management system.

Station Service/Construction Power

The Interconnection Customer must arrange distribution voltage retail meter service for electricity consumed by the project when not generating. Temporary construction power metering shall conform to the Six State Electric Service Requirements manual. Applicant must call the PCCC Solution Center 1-800-640-2212 to arrange this service. Approval for back feed is contingent upon obtaining station service.

7.0 COST ESTIMATE

The following estimate represents only scopes of work that will be performed by the Public Utility. Costs for any work being performed by the Applicant are not included.

Distribution System	\$385,000
<i>Reconductor, interconnection extension, fuse replacement</i>	
Metering	\$18,000
<i>Engineering, metering equipment</i>	
Protection and Control	\$65,000
<i>Instrument transformer, engineering, technician, settings</i>	
Project Management	\$17,000
<i>Project manager, control specialist</i>	
Communications	\$306,000
<i>Fiber installation</i>	

Other	\$182,000
<i>Capital surcharge, contingency, administrative support</i>	

Total	\$973,000
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*Any distribution line modifications identified in this report will require a field visit analysis in order to obtain a more thorough understanding of the specific requirements. The estimate provided above for this work could change substantially based on the results of this analysis. Until this field analysis is performed the Public Utility must develop the Project schedule using conservative assumptions. The Applicant may request that the Public Utility perform this field analysis, at the Applicant's expense, prior to the execution of an Interconnection Agreement in order to obtain more cost and schedule certainty.

Note: Costs for any excavation, duct installation and easements shall be borne by the Applicant and are not included in this estimate. This estimate is as accurate as possibly given the level of detailed study that has been completed to date and approximates the costs incurred by Public Utility to interconnect this Community Solar Project to Public Utility's electrical distribution or transmission system. An estimate, based on finer detail, will be calculated during the Facilities Study. The Applicant will be responsible for all actual costs, regardless of the estimated costs communicated to or approved by the Applicant.

8.0 SCHEDULE

The Public Utility estimates it will require approximately 18 months to design, procure and construct the facilities described in this report following the execution of an Interconnection Agreement. The schedule will be further developed and optimized during the Facilities Study.

Please note, the time required to perform the scope of work identified in this report appears to result in a timeframe that does not support the Applicant's requested commercial operation date of December 1, 2024.

9.0 PARTICIPATION BY AFFECTED SYSTEMS

Public Utility has identified the following Affected Systems: None

Copies of this report will be shared with each Affected System.

10.0 APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Higher Priority Requests

Appendix 2: Informational Network Resource Interconnection Service Assessment

Appendix 3: Property Requirements

10.1 APPENDIX 1: HIGHER PRIORITY REQUESTS

All active higher priority transmission service and/or generator interconnection and Community Solar Project requests will be considered in this study and are identified below. If any of these requests are withdrawn, the Public Utility reserves the right to restudy this request, as the results and conclusions contained within this study could significantly change.

Transmission/Generation Interconnection/Community Solar Queue Requests considered:

OCS025 (2.8 MW)
OCS034 (0.98 MW)
OCS036 (1.13 MW)
OCS039 (2.25 MW)
OCS042 (0.13 MW)
OCS044 (0.36 MW)
OCS046 (2.25 MW)
OCS047 (2.25 MW)
OCS048 (1.50 MW)
OCS049 (2.99 MW)
OCS050 (1.00 MW)
OCS051 (1.50 MW)
OCS055 (1.35 MW)
OCS058 (1.25 MW)
OCS067 (1.00 MW)
OCS070 (2.00 MW)
OCS074 (0.36 MW)
C2-04 (199.9 MW)
C2-140 (199 MW)
C2-203 (400 MW)

10.2 APPENDIX 2: INFORMATIONAL NETWORK RESOURCE INTERCONNECTION SERVICE ASSESSMENT

The study results described above reflect an energy resource interconnection service (“ERIS”) evaluation, modified in the CSP program rules to examine only generation and load conditions local to the requested CSP project’s interconnection point (sometimes referred to as the “zoomed in view”). The “zoomed in view” functions to: (1) study the project’s proposed interconnection without considering certain existing or higher-queued requests outside of the local area; and (2) to inform whether the CSP facility must cap its project to mitigate, although not eliminate, the risk of potential deliverability-related network upgrades to accommodate the proposed CSP generator.

By contrast, the following informational section provides a network resource interconnection service (“NRIS”) evaluation performed with traditional assumptions, i.e., not modified to examine only local generation and load conditions, but rather one that assumes that all existing interconnections, higher-queued requests for interconnection service (in both the traditional and CSP queue), and generators with executed contracts beyond the local area are in-service. Depending on the severity of the conditions created when absorbing additional generation (capped or not capped) in that broader, “zoomed out” area, the local area-focused generator size cap developed in the “zoomed in” examination may not be sufficient to mitigate the need for deliverability-related network upgrades. Regardless of this report’s informational NRIS results, the deliverability-related network upgrades ultimately necessary to accommodate the proposed CSP generator will depend on conditions present when the future transmission service study is performed, as well as whether network upgrade alternatives are available at that time.

There are currently a significant number of higher-queued requests seeking interconnection in the southern Oregon area where the CSP generator proposes to interconnect. These interconnection studies must be completed before the transmission provider can determine what upgrades and associated cost estimates may be required for the aggregate of generation in the local area to be delivered to the aggregate of load on the transmission provider’s transmission system (the NRIS study scope).

10.3 APPENDIX 3: PROPERTY REQUIREMENTS**Requirements for rights of way easements**

Rights of way easements will be acquired by the Applicant in the Public Utility's name for the construction, reconstruction, operation, maintenance, repair, replacement and removal of Public Utility's Interconnection Facilities that will be owned and operated by PacifiCorp. Applicant will acquire all necessary permits for the project and will obtain rights of way easements for the project on Public Utility's easement form.

Real Property Requirements for Point of Interconnection Substation

Real property for a point of interconnection substation will be acquired by an Applicant to accommodate the Applicant's project. The real property must be acceptable to Public Utility. Applicant will acquire fee ownership for interconnection substation unless Public Utility determines that other than fee ownership is acceptable; however, the form and instrument of such rights will be at Public Utility's sole discretion. Any land rights that Applicant is planning to retain as part of a fee property conveyance will be identified in advance to Public Utility and are subject to the Public Utility's approval.

The Applicant must obtain all permits required by all relevant jurisdictions for the planned use including but not limited to conditional use permits, Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity, California Environmental Quality Act, as well as all construction permits for the project.

Applicant will not be reimbursed through network upgrades for more than the market value of the property.

As a minimum, real property must be environmentally, physically, and operationally acceptable to Public Utility. The real property shall be a permitted or able to be permitted use in all zoning districts. The Applicant shall provide Public Utility with a title report and shall transfer property without any material defects of title or other encumbrances that are not acceptable to Public Utility. Property lines shall be surveyed and show all encumbrances, encroachments, and roads.

Examples of potentially unacceptable environmental, physical, or operational conditions could include but are not limited to:

- Environmental: known contamination of site; evidence of environmental contamination by any dangerous, hazardous or toxic materials as defined by any governmental agency; violation of building, health, safety, environmental, fire, land use, zoning or other such regulation; violation of ordinances or statutes of any governmental entities having jurisdiction over the property; underground or above ground storage tanks in area; known remediation sites on property; ongoing mitigation activities or monitoring activities; asbestos; lead-based paint, etc. A phase I environmental study is required for land being acquired in fee by the Public Utility unless waived by Public Utility.

- Physical: inadequate site drainage; proximity to flood zone; erosion issues; wetland overlays; threatened and endangered species; archeological or culturally sensitive areas; inadequate sub-surface elements, etc. Public Utility may require Applicant to procure various studies and surveys as determined necessary by Public Utility.
- Operational: inadequate access for Public Utility's equipment and vehicles; existing structures on land that require removal prior to building of substation; ongoing maintenance for landscaping or extensive landscape requirements; ongoing homeowner's or other requirements or restrictions (e.g., Covenants, Codes and Restrictions, deed restrictions, etc.) on property which are not acceptable to the Public Utility.

10.4 APPENDIX 4: TRANSMISSION/DISTRIBUTION STUDY RESULTS

Six cases were assembled and studied at the 12 kV distribution voltage level: daytime minimum load no generation, daytime minimum load full generation, summer peak no generation, summer peak full generation, winter peak no generation winter peak, full generation.

Generation steady state operation as well as generation breaker trip and close conditions were analyzed during peak load in Summer, Winter, and Daytime minimum load with and without generation to reveal the worst case scenarios on the circuit. The results of the power flow showed excessive voltage fluctuations as well as overvoltage due to the location of the generation on the system.