

Community Solar Project Interconnection  
**Community Solar Project System Impact Study Report**

Completed for

**(“Applicant”)**  
**OCS071**

Proposed Point of Interconnection  
**Circuit 4M25 out of Independence substation at 20.8 kV**  
**(At approximately 44.798990°N, 123.188053°W)**

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## **1.0 DESCRIPTION OF THE COMMUNITY SOLAR PROJECT**

(“Applicant”) proposed interconnecting 1.375 MW of new generation to PacifiCorp’s (“Public Utility”) circuit 4M25 out of Independence substation located in Polk County, Oregon. The project (“Project”) will consist of eleven (11) Solectria XGI 1500 – 125 kW inverters for a total requested output of 1.375 MW. The requested commercial operation date is October 1, 2022.

The Public Utility has assigned the Project “OCS071.”

## **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 4M25 out of Independence substation via a 20.8 kV primary meter. The proposed Point of Interconnection (“POI”) will be located at approximately 44.798990°N, 123.188053°W located in Polk County, Oregon. Figure 1 below is a one line diagram that illustrates the interconnection of the proposed Community Solar Project to the Public Utility’s system.

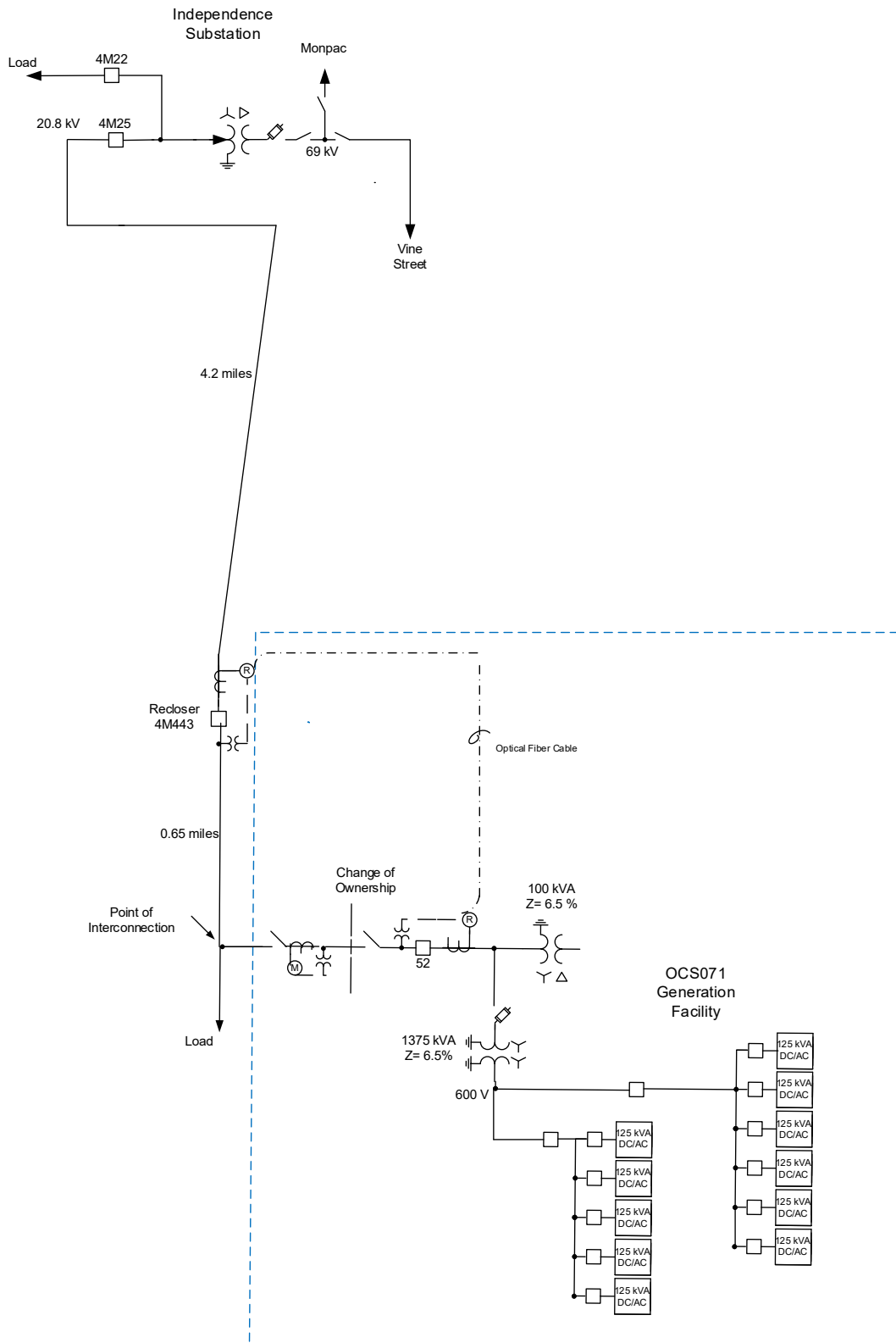


Figure 1: System One Line Diagram

## **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 POI.
- The Applicant will construct and own any facilities required between the POI 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.
- 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 Utility's 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  $\pm 3\%$  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.

The Applicant will be required to install a transformer that will hold the phase to neutral voltages within limits when the Community Solar Project is isolated with the Public Utility's local system until the generation disconnects. The proposed grounding transformer will accomplish the stabilization of the phase to neutral voltages on the 20.8 kV system. The circuit that the project is connecting to is a four wire multi-grounded circuit with line to neutral connected load.

## **6.2 TRANSMISSION SYSTEM MODIFICATIONS**

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

## **6.3 DISTRIBUTION/TRANSMISSION LINE MODIFICATIONS**

Distribution feeder 4M22 minimum daytime load (MDL) is 2.8 MW and the Independence substation transformer that serves 4M22 and 4M25 has MDL of 5.7 MW. There are also two other net metering projects totaling 4.02 MW of generation not captured as the request's studies are under way. This will change maximum available generation available before risk of backfeed to 1.68 MW. The Applicant's proposed Community Solar Project is located 3,480' beyond one SEL-651R recloser. The MDL beyond recloser 4M443 is 0.8 MW. Because the MDL beyond the recloser is less than the proposed generation this will trigger additional protection requirements. Recloser 4M443 will not need to be replaced to accommodate protection.

The following distribution modifications will be required. Note that locations and distances are estimated and could change depending on final design.

- Reframe pole facility point ("FP") 01309004.0092261 for 3 phase tap and fuse with 65T's. Extend approximately 80' of 3 phase #2 AAAC east to new pole.
- Install new pole and 3 phase unitized load break switch east of new tap for generation. Extend #2 AAAC from this location approximately 50' west to primary metering pole and POI.
- Install new pole to for primary metering to act as POI.



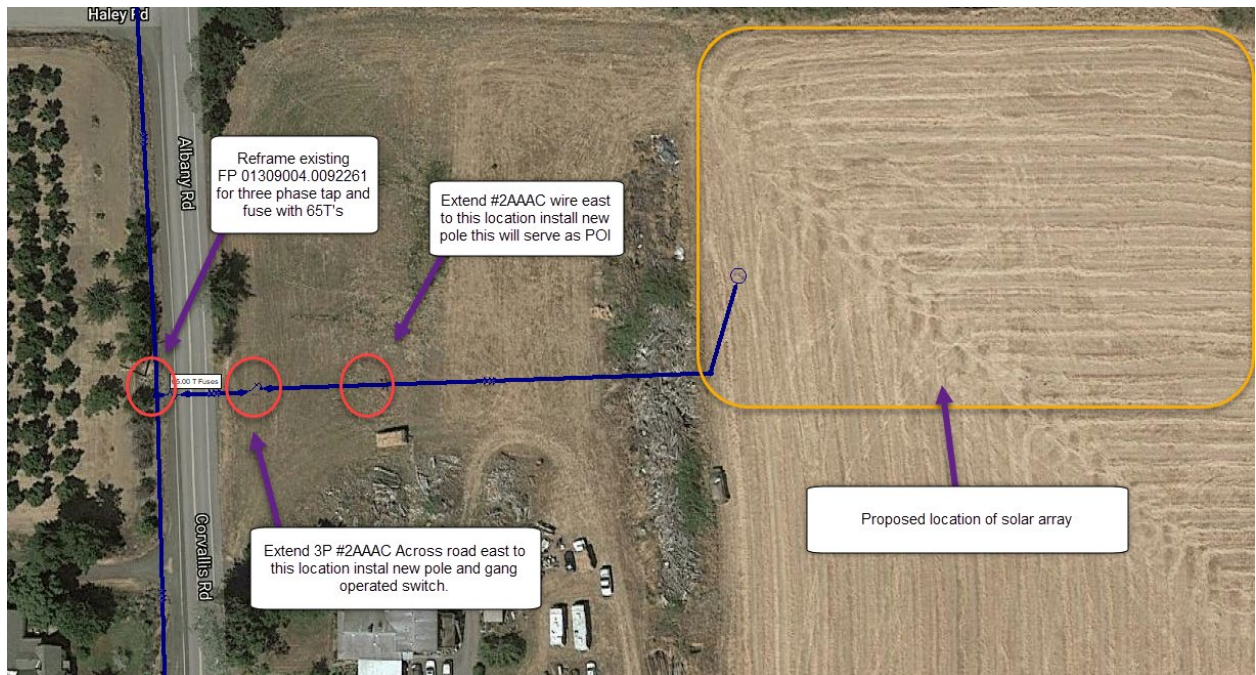


Figure 3: POI Map

#### 6.4 EXISTING BREAKER MODIFICATIONS – SHORT-CIRCUIT

The increase in the fault duty on the system as the result of the addition of the Community Solar Project with photovoltaic arrays fed through 11 – 125 kW inverters connected to 1 – 1375 kVA 20.8kV – 600 V transformer with 6.5 % impedance will not push the fault duty above the interrupting rating of any of the existing fault interrupting equipment.

#### 6.5 PROTECTION REQUIREMENTS

The OCS071 Community Solar Project will need to disconnect from the network in a high-speed manner for faults on the 20.8 kV line on circuit 4M25 out of Independence substation. The minimum daytime load on circuit 4M25 is well above the maximum potential power output of the proposed OCS071 Community Solar Project. For this reason, the imbalance condition of the load and generation can be relied upon to cause the high-speed disconnection of the generating facilities for faults on the distribution system.

The Community Solar Project is planned to be connected beyond an existing line recloser 4M443. During some daytime periods the load beyond the recloser can be as low as 800 kW which is less than the potential generation from the proposed Community Solar Project. Since the unbalance between the generation and load cannot be relied upon to cause the timely disconnection of the Project for faults on the 20 kV circuit beyond the recloser a transfer trip circuit will be required between the line recloser and the OCS071 POI recloser at the POI for solar facility. A deadline checking control circuit will be required for the line recloser to delay the automatic reclose if the generation at the solar facility is not disconnected due to a failure of the relay circuitry. An optical fiber cable will be installed

between the line recloser 4M443 and the OCS071 POI recloser to carry the transfer trip signal.

The line recloser 4M443 is equipped with SEL-651R to communicate with remote relays for the transfer trip or provide the deadline checking.

The 20 kV circuit recloser planned to be installed at the OCS071 Project will need to be equipped with Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories (SEL) 651R relay/controller and voltage instrument transformers mounted on the utility side of the circuit recloser. The 651R will perform the following protection functions:

1. Detect faults on the 20 kV equipment at the Community Solar Project
2. Detect faults on the 20 kV line to Independence Substation
3. Monitor the unbalance current flowing through the grounding transformer and protect the transformer from damage due to phase unbalances on the 20 kV circuit
4. Monitor the voltage and react to under or over frequency, and /or magnitude of the voltage
5. Receive transfer trip from line recloser 4M443

#### **6.6 COMMUNICATION REQUIREMENTS**

Install 48-fiber, single-mode, ADSS cable between Recloser 4M443 and the customer facility for transfer-trip communications. Terminate the fiber in patch panels in cabinets at both locations. Install fiber optic jumpers from the patch panels to the relays' fiber optic transceivers.

#### **6.7 SUBSTATION REQUIREMENTS**

No substation modifications are required to accommodate the proposed Applicant's facility

#### **6.8 METERING REQUIREMENTS**

##### Interchange Metering

The metering will be located on the high side of the customer generator step up transformer at the POI. The metering transformers will be installed overhead on a pole per distribution DM construction standards. The meter itself will be installed on the pole near the ground. 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 MV90 data acquisition system.

##### Station Service/Construction Power

The Applicant 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.

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<b>Project Administration</b> <i>Project management, administrative support</i>	\$17,000
<b>Relay Setting Development</b> <i>P&amp;C Engineer and Relay Technician</i>	\$15,000
<b>Distribution</b> <i>Line extension</i>	\$38,000
<b>Metering</b> <i>Metering equipment</i>	\$14,000
<b>Communications</b> <i>Communications at POI and recloser, install fiber</i>	\$74,000
<b>Other Costs</b> <i>Capital surcharge and contingency</i>	\$36,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$194,000</b>

\*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 15-18 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 does not support the Applicant's requested commercial operation date of October, 1 2022.

**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

Appendix 4: Transmission/Distribution Study Results

**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:

<b>Q#</b>	<b>Size (MW)</b>
1149	0.108
1150	0.504
1151	0.285
OCS008	2.16
OCS026	1.5
OCS035	2.25
OCS038	.981
OCS041	1.875
OCS056	2.9
OCS057	1.375
OCS061	.875
OCS064	.50

## **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.

Considering existing generation and higher-queued requests to interconnect in the Willamette Valley area where the CSP generator proposes to interconnect, 1.375 MW of additional generation can be absorbed. As a result, the transmission provider determines that no additional network upgrades would 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 POI 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**

### Transmission:

Three base cases were developed to represent heavy summer, heavy winter and light spring load conditions. A Power flow analysis was performed on each case for three system configurations described below.

1. Normal transmission configuration: Independence normally fed radial out of Monpac substation at 69kV. Normally open section along the 69kV line between Independence to Vine St. substation.
2. Contingency transmission configuration: Loss of Monpac 115-69 kV transformer. Transfer to Independence to Hazelwood source via Vine St. substation. Queen substation transferred to Parish Gap source.

Each Power flow analysis was conducted pre and post OCS071. The study focused on the 69 kV system out of Monpac and Hazelwood substations and distribution substations in the area. Voltage and thermal limitation of surrounding substation buses and lines were monitored.

The results for the transmission study concluded that steady state and post transient voltages are within acceptable limits. No thermal violations were identified. The proposed OCS071 project does not result in additional deficiencies to the Public Utility's transmission system.

There are no contingent facilities identified for this interconnection request