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Interconnection Process



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Objectives

After attending this webinar, you will be able to:

- Determine whether your project should follow the ISO interconnection process
- Request the appropriate accounts and access to complete the interconnection process
- Submit an interconnection request (IR) and get a queue position
- Prepare for the scoping meeting
- Identify all study obligations and timelines pertinent to your project
- Recognize your next steps to:
 - Execute an interconnection agreement
 - Register your asset

Topics

- Is this process right for your project?
- Do you want to participate in the next FCM?
- Interconnection steps overview
- Schedule-based interconnection steps
 - Small generating facilities (SGF)
 - Large generating facilities (LGF)
 - Elective transmission upgrades (ETU)
- Closing



Focus of today's training

Acronyms

Acronym	Term
AP	affected parties
CAMS	Customer and Asset Management System
ССР	capacity commitment period
CEII	Critical Energy Infrastructure Information
COD	commercial operation date
E&P	Engineering and Procurement Agreement
ETU	elective transmission upgrade
FAC	Facilities Study
FCM	Forward Capacity Market
FS	Feasibility Study
IA	Interconnection Agreement
IC	interconnection customer

Acronym	Term
IP	interconnection process
IR	interconnection request
IRTT	Interconnection Request Tracking Tool
ITO	interconnection transmission owner
LGF	large generating facility
OIS	Optional Interconnection Study
POI	point of interconnection
PPA	Proposed Plan Application
PTF	pool transmission facility
SGF	small generating facility
SOI	show of interest
SIS	System Impact Study

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Overview of the Interconnection Process

What projects do the ISO interconnection procedures apply to?

- The procedures apply to projects proposing to interconnect to the administered transmission system, which is defined as:
 - Pool transmission facility (PTF)
 - Non-PTF
- To determine which interconnection process is followed, ask:
 - Who owns the point of interconnection (POI)?
 - Do you have confirmation from the interconnecting transmission owner (ITO)?

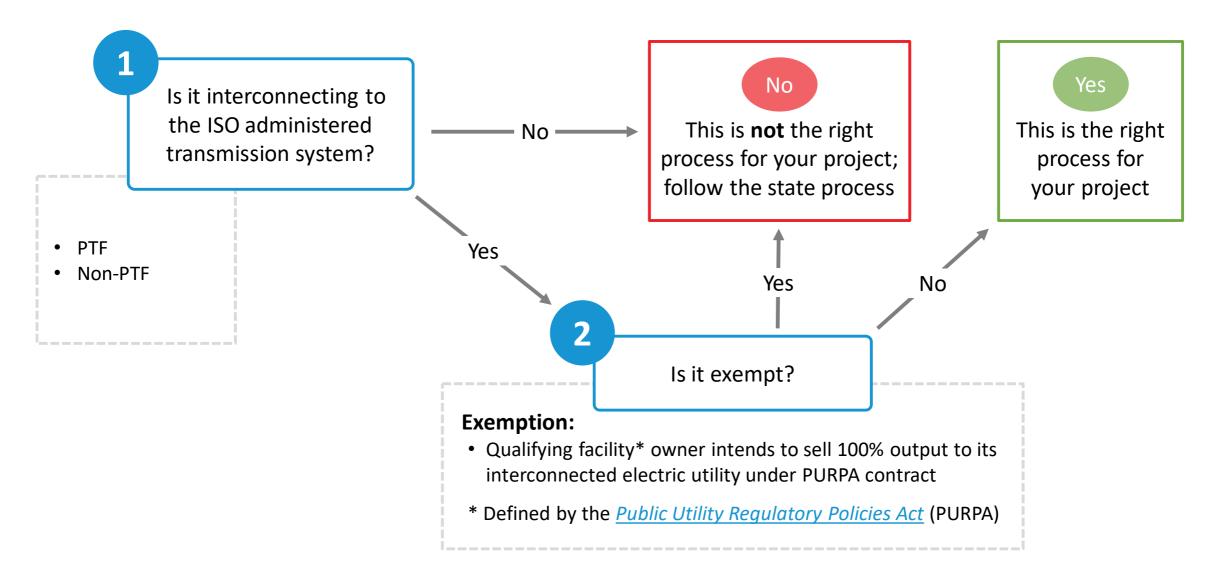
PTF: A facility rated 69 KV or above owned by a participating transmission owner over which the ISO has operating authority.

- View the New England System Diagram
- Visit the PTF Catalog page



Which process your project follows may change at any point during the process

Before you begin... is the ISO interconnection process right for your project?



Learn more on the <u>Interconnection Process Guide page</u>.

Timeline

Steps and Milestones of the Interconnection Process

Each project timeline is different. Make sure you understand which steps apply to you and that you can complete them in time for your commercial operation date (COD).



Register for an IRTT account



- Get Customer ID
- Request CEII access



Submit an Interconnection Request



Undergo the Interconnection **Study Process**



Execute an Interconnection Agreement (IA)



Register Your Asset

Process typically takes 18-24 months but can be much longer if delayed due to previously queued projects

- Register for an IRTT account

- Research
- Submit interconnection request (IR)
- Milestone: Queue position (QP) assigned

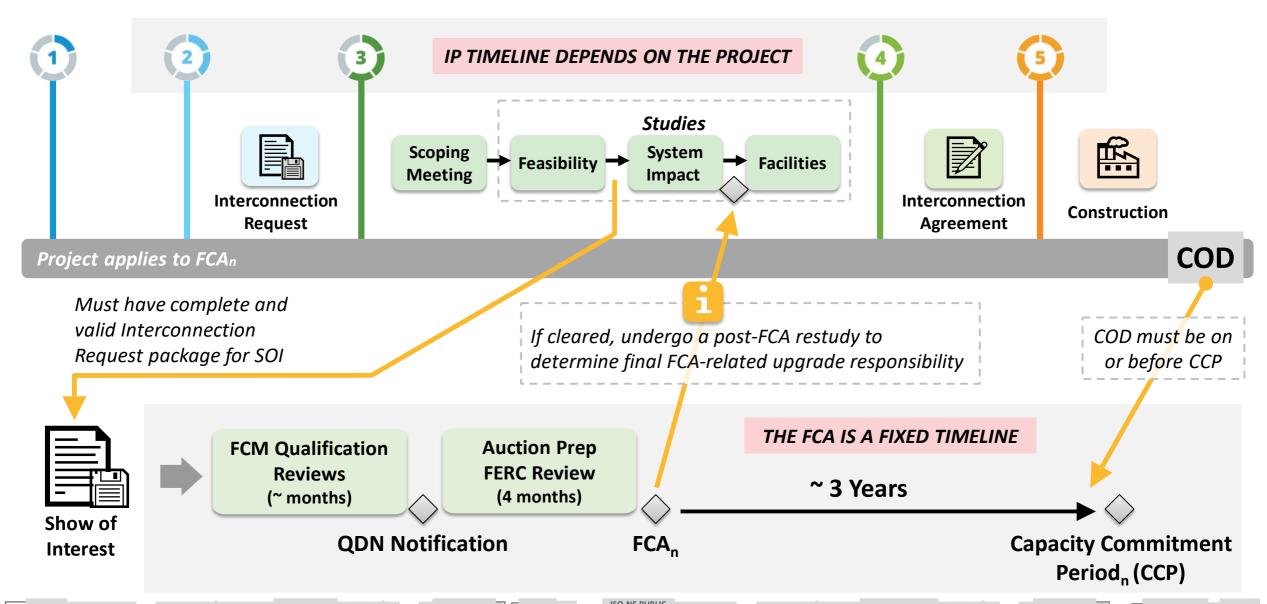
- Scoping meeting
- Perform studies
- I.3.9 Approval

- Develop draft agreement
- Provide specific information
- Execute IA

- Submit required data
- Register asset

COD

Important FCM Impacts to the Interconnection Process (IP) Timeline







Begin preparing to submit your Interconnection
Request (IR) as early as possible before your targeted FCA participation. You may submit anytime!

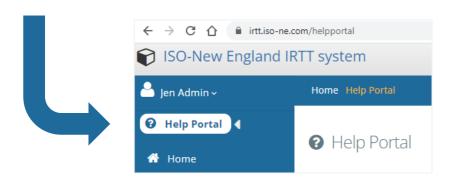
Jump to other topics:

- **General Overview** (you are here)
- <u>Small Generator Process</u> steps 2-5
- <u>Large Generator/ETU Process</u> steps 2-5

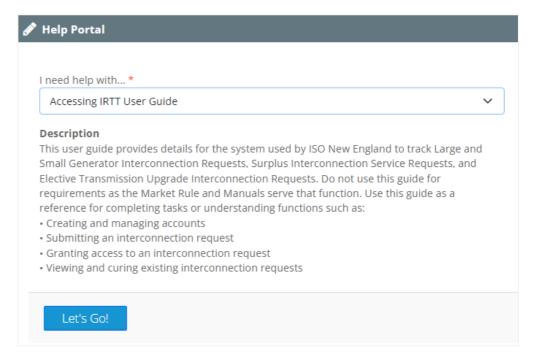


Resources to use when completing the IR process

- Interconnection Process Guide (ISO web page)
- Interconnection Generator Data Submittal Requirements (presentation, .pdf)
- IRTT User Guide (.pdf)
- (1) Help Portal IRTT Help Portal (links to FAQs, videos and knowledge articles)



You must be logged into IRTT to use the Help Portal.



Interconnection Steps

Use the links below to jump to a specific step in this training



Register for an IRTT Account

Required forms and requests are similar for all projects



Submit an Interconnection Request



Undergo the Interconnection Study Process



Execute an Interconnection Agreement



Register Your Asset

Choices are unique for every project and have different assumptions and rules

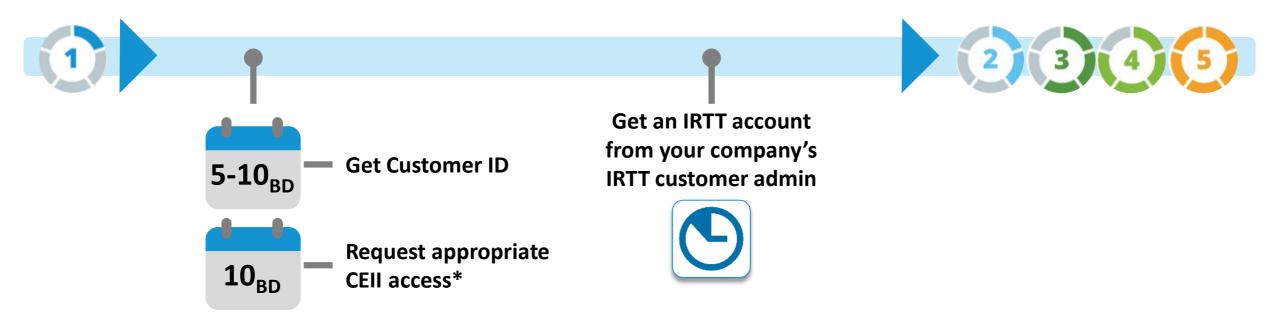
Specific tips for these steps are covered later in this training:	Acronym		
<u>Small Generators</u>	SGIP		
Large Generators and Elective Transmission Upgrades (ETU)	LGIP/ETUIP		



Step 1 Timeline



Step 1 is the fastest part of the process



* We use the CEII icon CEII throughout the slide deck to identify when CEII access is required.

BD = Business Day(s)



Does the project development company already have a Customer ID?

Yes, I have an ISO Customer ID

Use that ID and your customer name as it appears in the <u>Customer Asset Management System (CAMS)</u> database

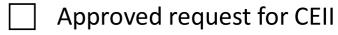
No, I do not have a Customer ID

Create an ISO Customer ID with the same name of the interconnection customer listed on the interconnection request. *Do not use an affiliate or consultant company.*

You must have these items before submitting an interconnection request:



Customer ID





Get Customer ID



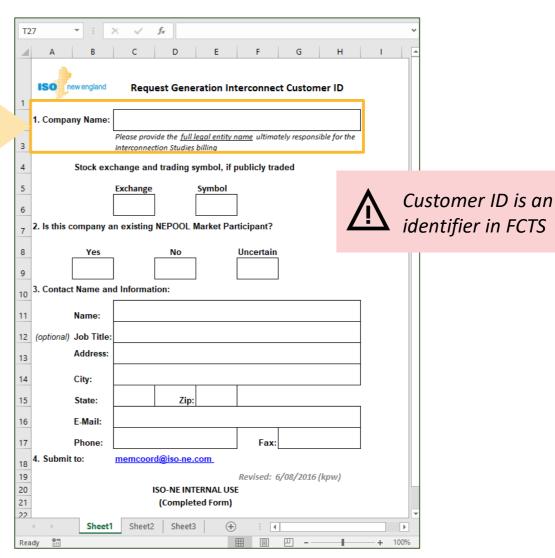
Request a New Generation Interconnect Customer ID



This customer ID name must match across all ISO registrations, submissions, and systems

- 1. Download the <u>Request Generation</u> <u>Interconnect Customer ID</u> form
- 2. Submit the completed form by email to: memcoord@iso-ne.com





Generator_interconnection_studies_billing.xlsx



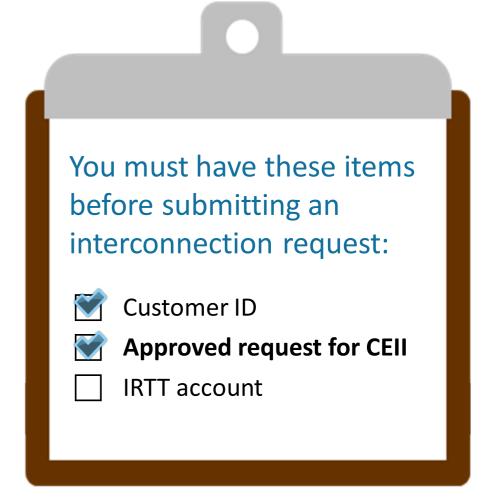
Request Appropriate CEII Access

Throughout the interconnection process, you will need to view and provide materials deemed restricted, Critical Energy Infrastructure Information (CEII)

- 1. Use the Request CEII Access page to:
 - A. Determine what type of access you need
 - B. Download the form
- 2. Complete a CEII Access Request via Ask ISO
 - Read the article: <u>How to complete a CEII Access Request form</u>
 for more information

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Business days

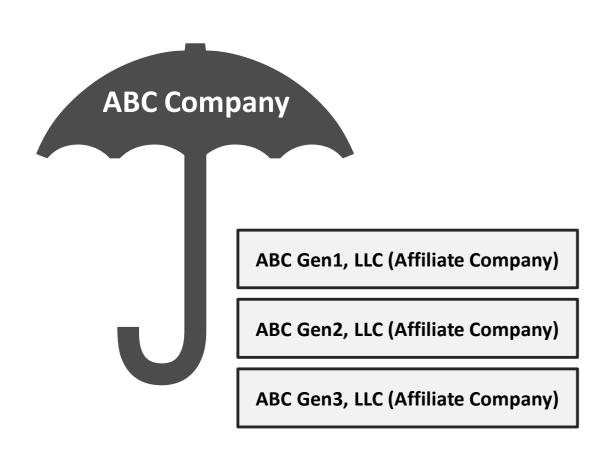
After approving your CEII access, the ISO will issue you a digital certificate if needed to provide certain data





Register Your Company Account in IRTT

Your IR must be submitted by an account registered under your company's account



Choose the correct Associated Company



- Exact same name as in CAMS
- Owns the site control
- Submits IR
- Signs Study Agreement(s)
- Signs IA





Email IRTT@iso-ne.com to get help verifying the Associated Company on your IR before you continue. Choosing the incorrect Associated Company is a common mistake that can delay your queue position!

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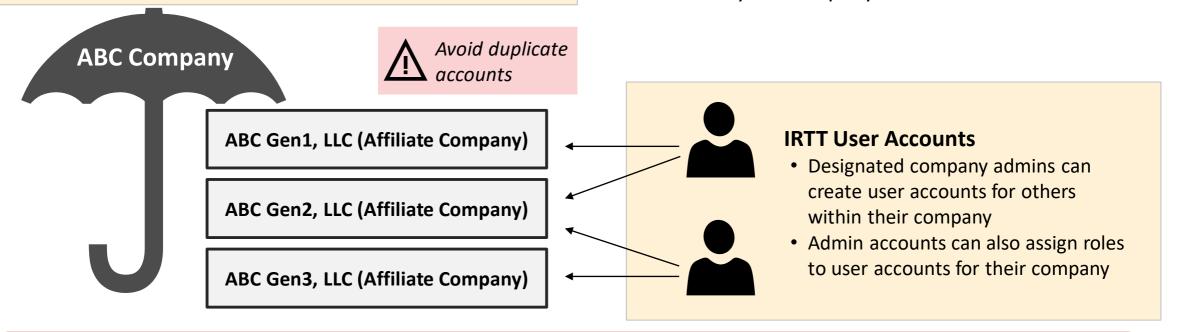
IRTT Company Admin (User)

- First user account (company admin) gets created when the company is first created in IRTT
- Company admin can create affiliate companies



Before starting your IR, contact ISO IRTT Customer Support (IRTT@iso-ne.com) to find out:

- Does your company have an account?
- Who is your company's IRTT Customer Admin?





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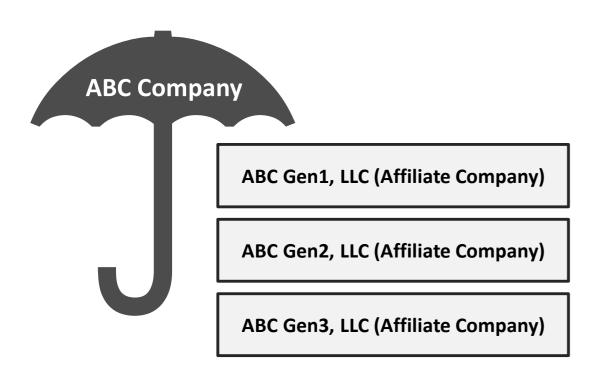


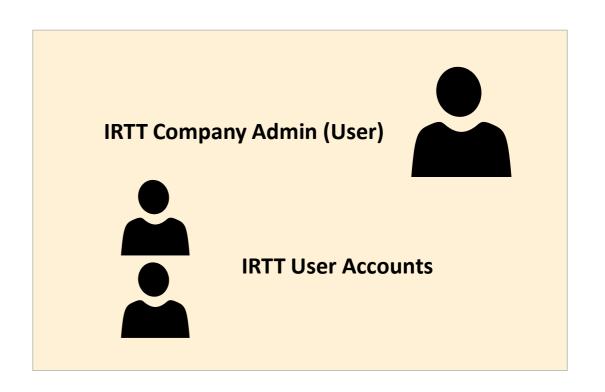
Learn How to Create User Accounts

Training knowledge articles and videos are available, and more are underway!

View the knowledge article and video on Ask ISO: How to Create a Company in IRTT

View the knowledge article and video on Ask ISO: <u>How to Create Accounts in IRTT</u>





Questions



Step 2 Timeline

Submitting an Interconnection Request (IR)

Do sufficient research **before** submitting an IR:

• Review requirements in

Important

Planning Procedure 5-6 (PP 05-6)

Queue position (QP) assigned

PREPARE

SGF

Small Generators: Leave enough time to adequately prepare your IR to participate in the upcoming FCA

IC submits interconnection request (IR) package



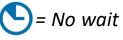
ISO acknowledges IR and identifies deficiencies



IC cures deficiencies

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Do Sufficient Research Before Submitting Your IR

Steps for doing thorough research

Find completed studies for projects in your area on the <u>Interconnection</u>

Request Studies page

CEII

Planning Procedure 5-6 (PP 05-6)

Interconnection Planning
Procedure for Generation and
Elective Transmission Upgrades

• Study scopes and assumptions

Operating Procedure 14 (OP-14)

Technical Requirements For Generators, Demand-Response Resources, Asset-Related Demands, and Alternative Technology Regulation Resources

Where do you find this information?



Check the public queue
Review completed studies
with a similar POI



Do your own preliminary analysis of the system



Study applicable interconnection rules



Review the technical requirements for each study

FERC Form No. 715,

CEII

Annual Transmission Planning and Evaluation Reports

Completed



interconnection studies

Schedule 23, Small Generator Interconnection Procedures

Schedule 22, Large Generator Interconnection Procedures

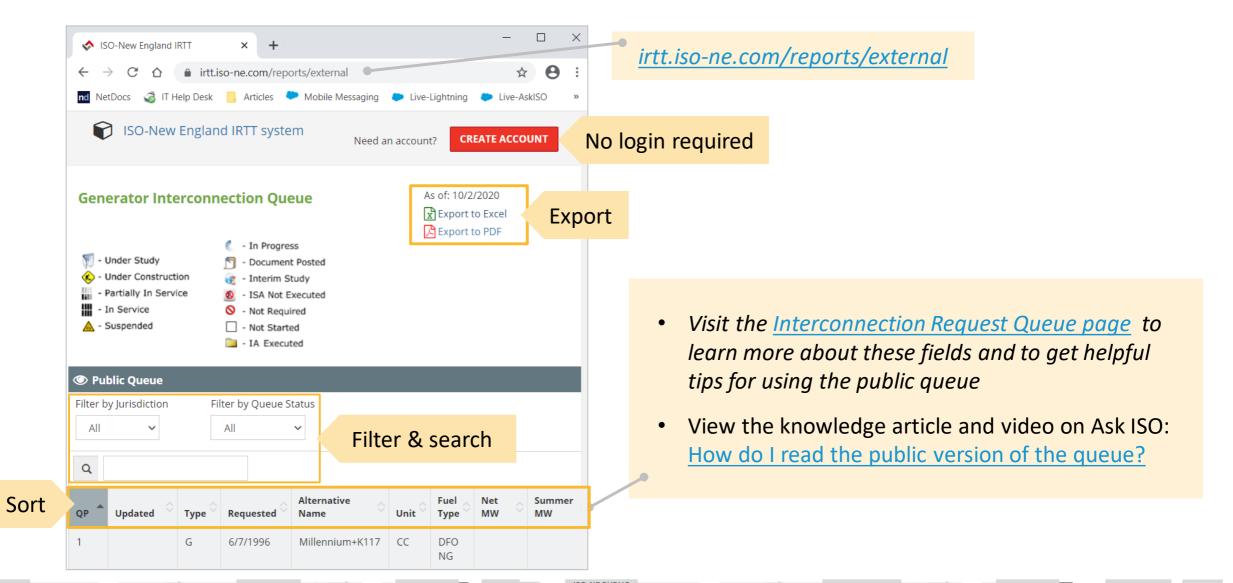
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Interconnection Procedures

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Check the Public Queue

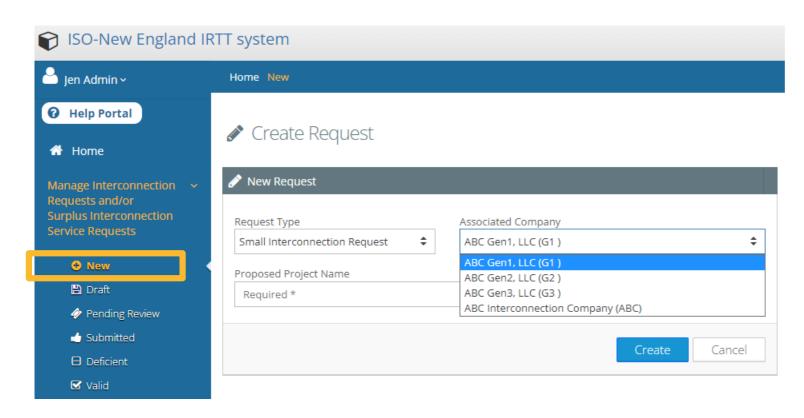
Look out for other projects in the area of your point of interconnection (POI)





Starting a New Interconnection Request (IR)

Requirements for valid projects vary by project type (details covered later)





The company account associated with the IR must match the name on the site control and IC

For help, see:

- Submitting Interconnection Requests section of the <u>IRTT User Guide</u>
- Knowledge article with video on Ask ISO: <u>How to create a new (draft) interconnection request or edit an existing one</u>
- The Help Portal in IRTT





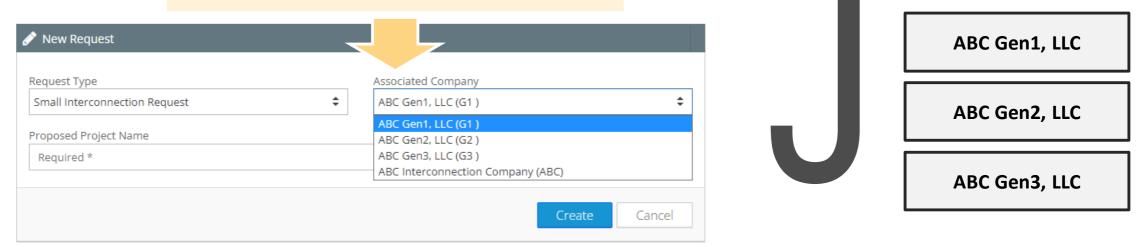
The Associated Company must be the same

The Associated Company on your IR must be correct





- Exact same name as in CAMS
- Owns the site control
- Submits IR
- Signs Study Agreement(s)
- Signs IA



ABC Company



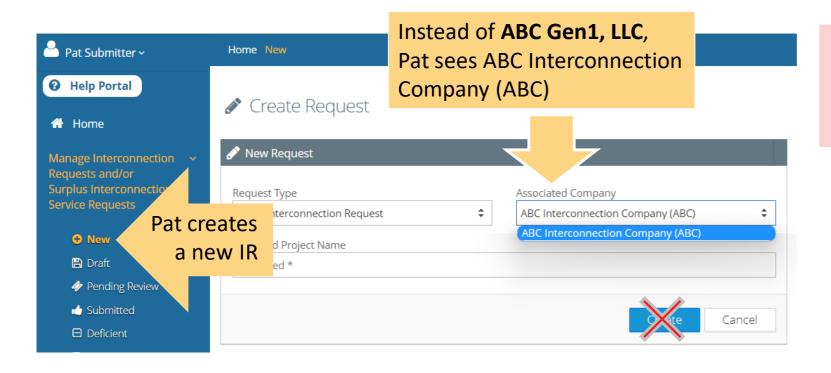
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Scenario: User does not see Associated Company when creating a new IR

Pat is an IRTT user creating a new IR for **ABC Gen1**, **LLC**, but the company is not listed as an Associated Company. What should Pat do?





Check these common causes:

- ABC Gen1, LLC does not exist in IRTT
- ABC Gen1, LLC is not related (linked) to ABC Interconnection Company
- Pat account needs to be given the Request Manager security role for ABC Gen1, LLC

Email IRTT@iso-ne.com if you need help. One quick conversation can help avoid delays in getting your queue position.



Scenario: User does not see Associated Company when creating a new IR

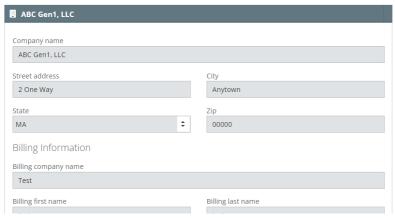
Make sure the Associated Company was created in IRTT and the Request Manager is associated with it

Possible solution(s): Make sure the company **ABC Gen1**, **LLC** is created in IRTT. Make sure the Request Manager is from a related company.



Scenario: Pat does not see ABC Gen1, LLC on the Associated Company list







- Add/link a company (must have same company admin)
- Create a new company (company is not in IRTT)

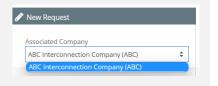


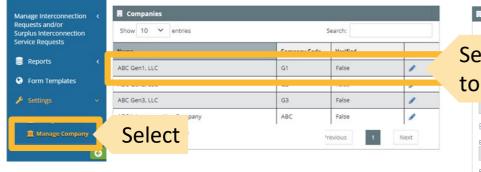
Scenario: User does not see Associated Company when creating a new IR

Make sure the user's account was granted permission to submit an IR (Request Manager)

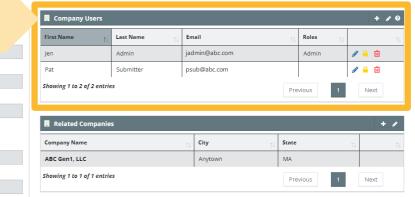
Possible solution: Ask the IRTT Company Admin of ABC Gen1, LLC to ensure the user has an account with Request Manager security access.

Scenario: Pat does not see ABC Gen1, LLC on the Associated Company list











- Edit security (set Role to Request Manager)
- Create a new user (the user/email are not in IRTT)
- + Add an existing user (from a related company in IRTT)



Decide on Type of Interconnection Service

Double-check this critical designation when completing your IR

Network Resource (NR) or Network Import (NI) interconnection service (energy capability only)

This enables participation in **all energy markets**, **but** <u>not</u> **the capacity market**. If later you wish to participate in the capacity market, you'll have to submit a new interconnection request for capacity network interconnection service.

Capacity Network Resource (CNR) or Capacity Network import (CNI) interconnection service (energy capability and capacity capability)

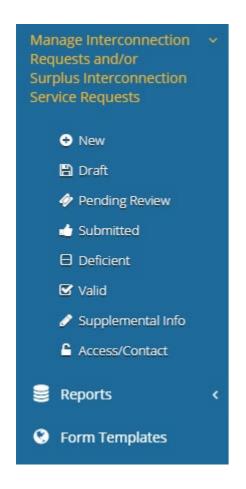
This enables participation in the **energy** and **capacity markets**. For more information, see the qualification process for generators and imports associated with elective transmission upgrades (ETUs).

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Tips for Completing Your IR

Completed IR packages include the IR deposit and are deemed valid to be assigned a queue position (QP)



- Commercial operation date (COD) is locked once you submit your IR
 - You can request an extension for exceptional circumstances (See Schedule 22, Section 4)
- Save your draft IR to return and complete later
 - When you save a new IR, it will be located in Draft until submitted
 - A draft IR's edit button is at the bottom of the Project Information tab



Export a .pdf copy of your draft IR to review



Download blank form templates

Use the <u>IRTT User Guide</u> for help when filling out your IR



After Your IR Has Been Deemed Valid

- ISO will assign a queue position to your project in the <u>ISO Interconnection Queue</u>
- A scoping meeting will be scheduled with ISO, IC, ITO and affected TOs
- You are in line for the required prerequisite interconnection studies
 - If no studies are required, you will move to IA development



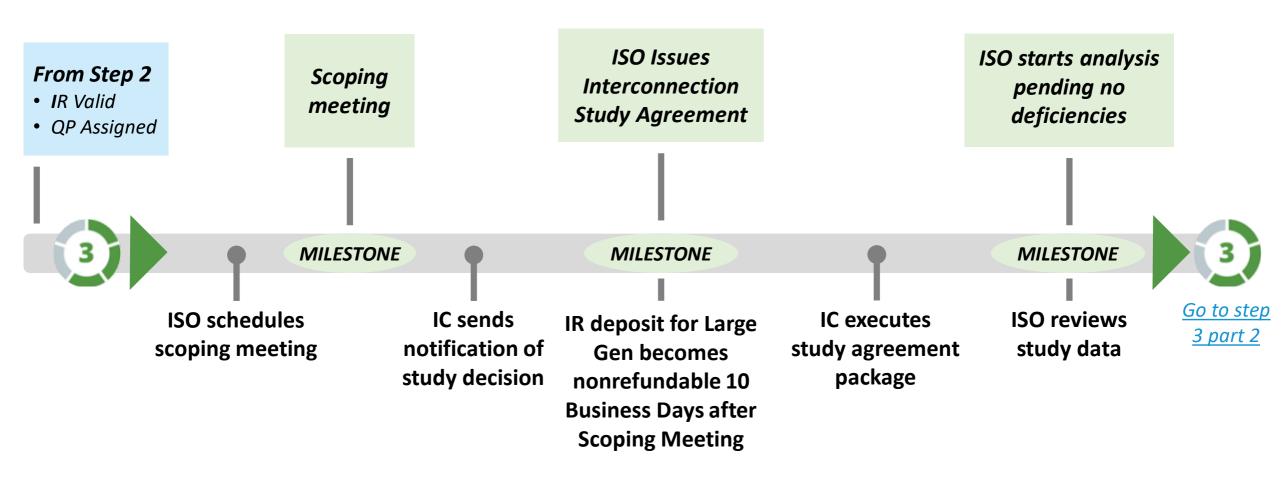
A queue position is required for participating as a new generating resource or import in the Forward Capacity Market (FCM)

You are ready to continue to step 3



Step 3 (Part 1)

Scoping meeting to the executed study agreement





Who should attend the scoping meeting?

Scoping meeting attendees:

- Interconnection customer (IC)
- Project Manager and Tech Lead, Technical Manager (ISO)
- Interconnecting transmission owner (ITO)
- Affected parties (AP)



Make sure all participants have the appropriate <u>CEII clearance</u>

Technical Expertise for scoping meeting

Personnel and others with relevant technical knowledge of the project design and area of the system relevant to the point of interconnection should attend the scoping meeting. Attendees should bring the following types of information to the meeting, as applicable:

- The primary and any alternative POIs for discussion
- General facility loadings and general instability issues
- General short-circuit, voltage, and reliability issues, as may be reasonably required for scoping out the project to accomplish the purpose of the meeting



Purpose of the Scoping Meeting



Make sure all participants have the appropriate <u>CEII clearance</u>

Scoping meeting attendees:

IC = interconnection customer

ISO = ISO New England

ITO = interconnecting transmission owner

AP = Affected parties

Meeting Task	ISO	IC	ITO	AP
Discuss estimated timeline for completing all applicable interconnection studies	X			
Discuss proposed project and alternative interconnection options		X		
Exchange transmission data and study evaluations expected to impact interconnection options and distribution system, including potential reliability issues or challenges			X	X
Determine the primary and alternative points of interconnection		X	X	
Discuss information necessary to facilitate the administration of the interconnection procedures and development of the study agreement		X		



Post-Scoping Meeting Decisions

Provide the ISO your Study Decision Notification in writing



Within five business days after the scoping meeting, send to your ISO PM (via email):

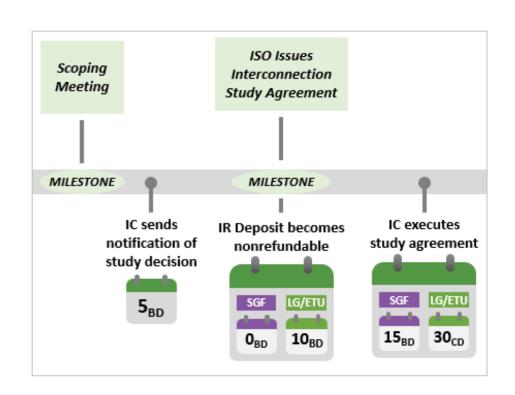
- Your study decision
- The name and title of the signatory for the agreement and state of incorporation
- The selected POI and any reasonable alternatives

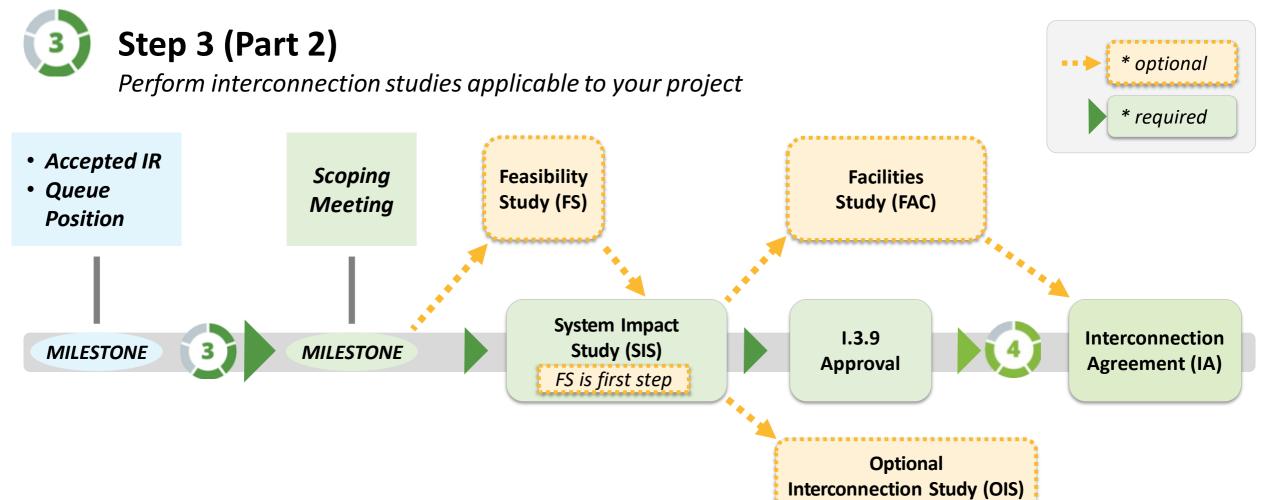


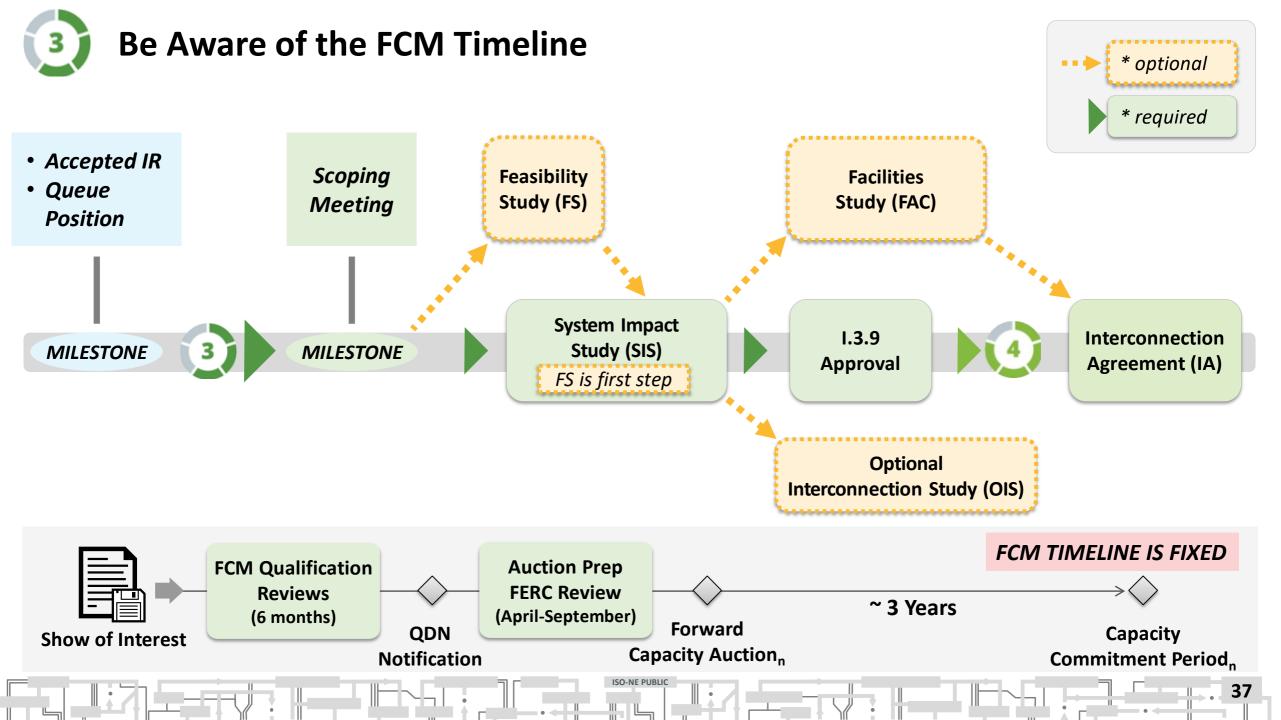
The ISO has five business days to issue study agreement

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Purpose of Doing a Separate Feasibility Study (FS)

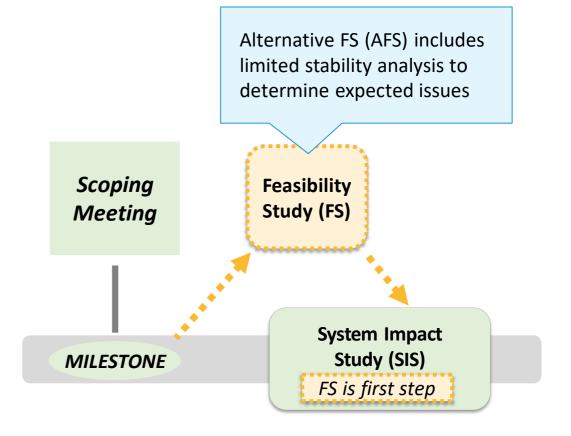
Limited analysis with a high-level scope to make sure project is feasible

Why complete a separate feasibility study?

- Project is more conceptual
- Based on study results, IC can make certain changes before starting the system impact study (SIS)
- Takes less time to get a report

You may revise certain data before starting the SIS if the FS results lead you to:

- Reduce the project size
- Modify technical parameters
- Modify interconnection configuration

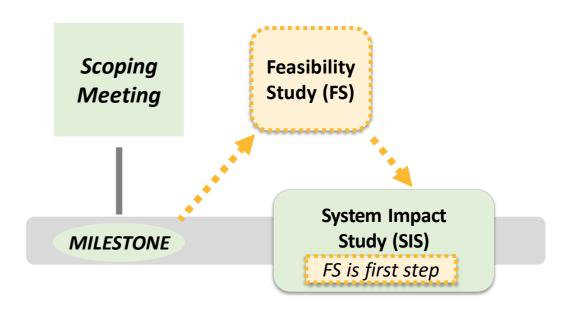




Factors That Influence Cost and Timing of an Interconnection Study

These key factors influence cost and timing:

- Size
- Location
- Technology type
- Voltage level of the point of interconnection
- Timely input provided by study participants
- Quality of the data
 - All values match throughout the required paperwork
 - Models meet requirements of <u>PP5-6</u>
 - PSSE and PSCAD models match
 - Benchmarking report confirms the behavior

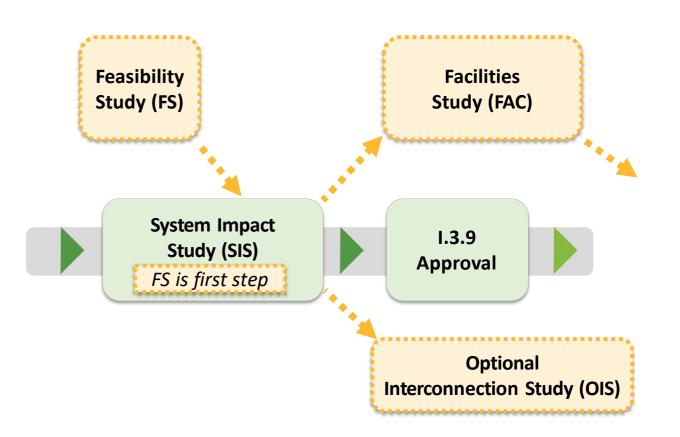




System Impact Studies Are Required

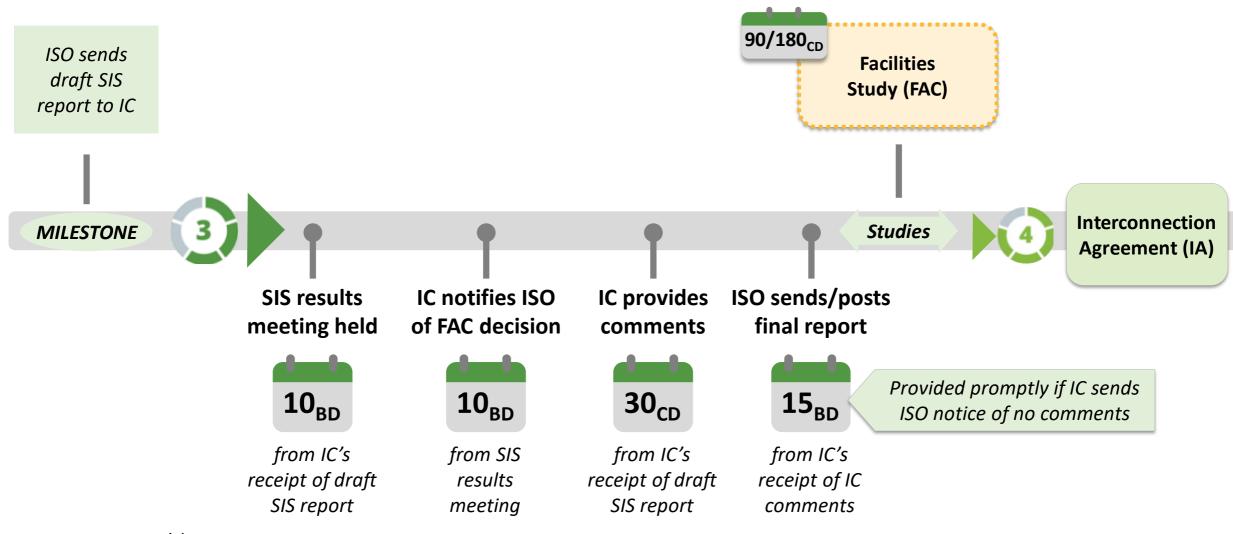
A System Impact Study (SIS) is an engineering study that evaluates the impact of the proposed interconnection on the safety and reliability of the transmission system

• Start can be delayed if there are previously queued project dependencies in the area





SIS Results Meeting and Next Steps



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Options after a Completed System Impact Study

Facilities Study

A Facilities Study (FAC) is a study performed by the ITO to determine a list of facilities (including interconnecting transmission owner's interconnection facilities and network upgrades as identified in the interconnection system impact study), the cost of those facilities, and the time needed to build

- FAC provides a good-faith cost estimate of ±20% or ±10%, whereas FS/SIS is not required to provide degree of accuracy with cost/time to build estimates
- 10 business days following your SIS results meeting, you must provide the ISO written notice to pursue the FAC, or waive the FAC and elect an expedited interconnection.
- If you waive the FAC:
 - You assume all risks and costs associated with equipment, engineering, procurement, and construction work typically covered by the FAC
 - You and the ITO can enter into a separate Engineering and Procurement Agreement (E&P) in its place



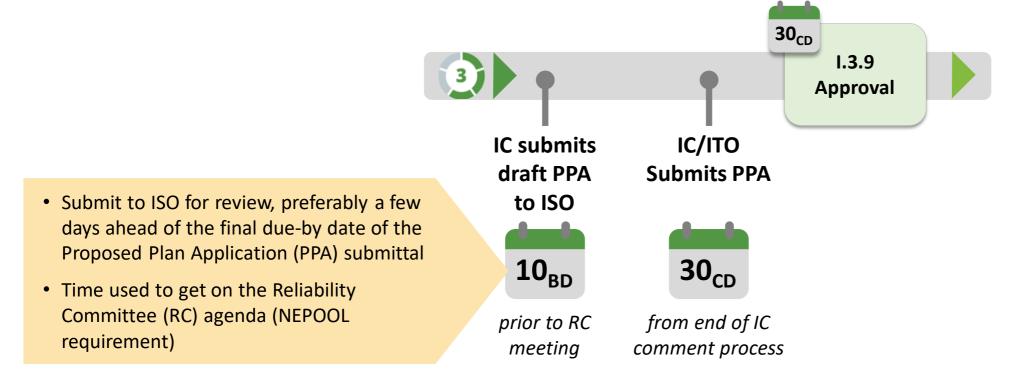
This election cannot be reversed



I.3.9 Approval Information

See Planning Procedure 5-1

During this part of process, NEPOOL evaluates the potential for significant adverse impact on the stability, reliability, or operating characteristics of the interconnected system.

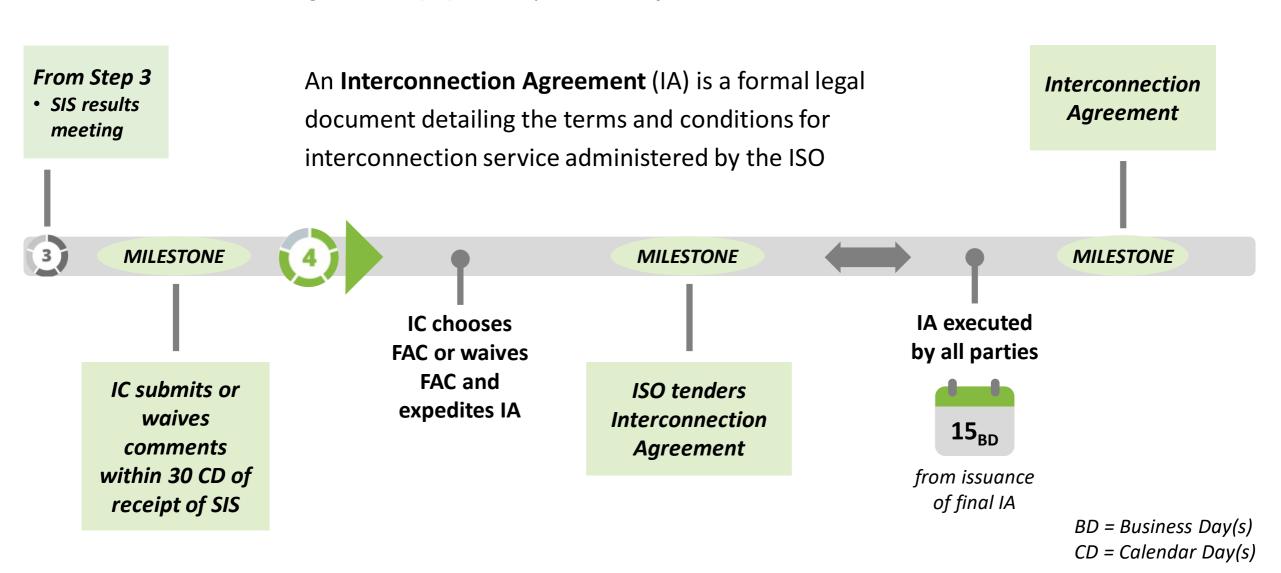


https://www.iso-ne.com/system-planning/transmission-planning/proposed-plan-applications



Step 4

Interconnection Agreement (IA) development timeframe





Options after a Completed System Impact Study

Expedited Interconnection – Interconnection Agreement Negotiations

By choosing an expedited interconnection, you

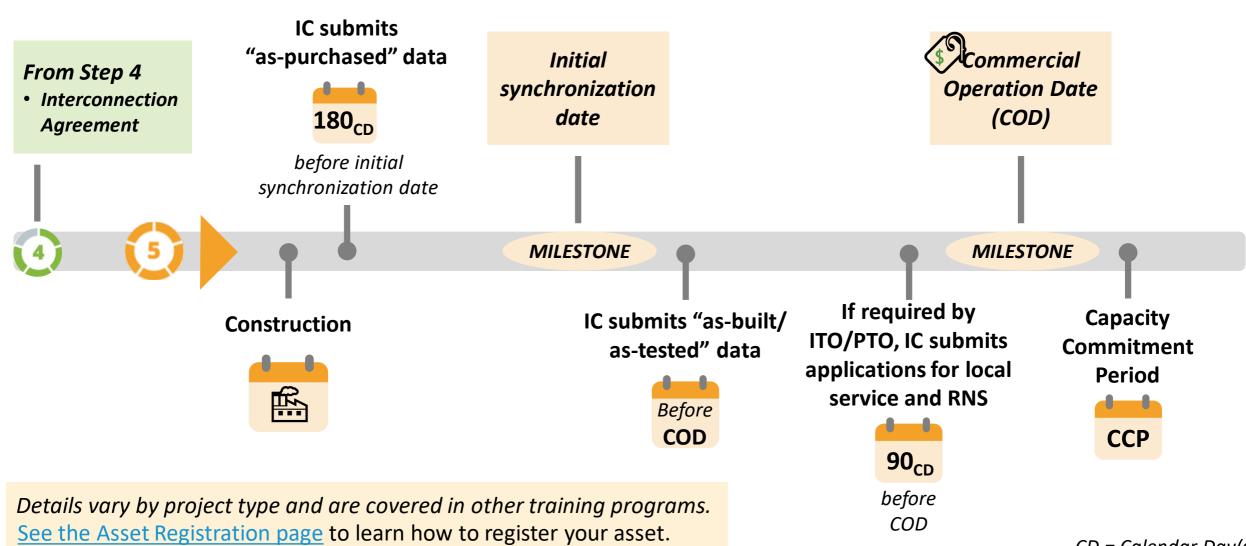
- Waive the Facilities Study (FAC)
- Enter into an Engineering and Procurement Agreement (E&P) with ITO/affected party
- Commit to these milestones in your Interconnection Agreement (IA):
 - 1. Siting approval for the generating facility and interconnection facilities
 - 2. Engineering of interconnection facilities approved by interconnecting TO
 - 3. Ordering of long lead time material for interconnection facilities and system upgrades
 - 4. Initial synchronization date
 - 5. Commercial operation date

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Step 5

Deadlines for submitting data and registering your asset



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Questions

SGF-Specific Interconnection Process Steps

Steps 2-5 of the Interconnection Process



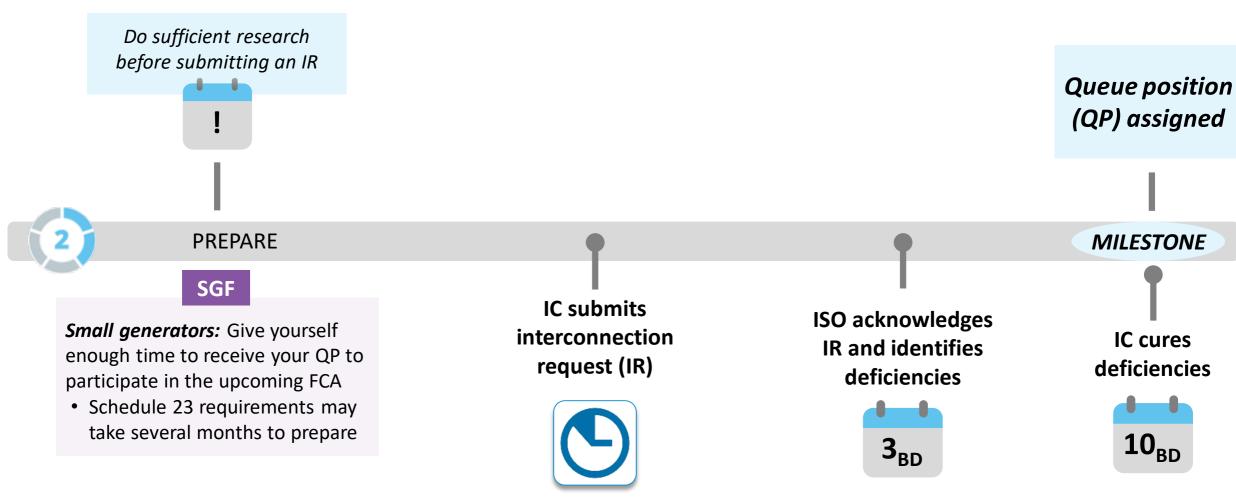
SGF

Jump to other topics:

- General Overview
- SG Process (you are here)
- LG/ETU Process



Timeline



BD = Business Day(s)



Small Generator IR Requirements

Your IR is not valid if it is missing any of these

A completed small generator capacity Interconnection Request (IR) includes these items

\$2,500 non-refundable deposit

- Send via electronic funds transfer (do not mail checks)
- Contact ISO Billing Department (<u>billingdept@iso-ne.com</u>) to get banking information

Site control documentation

Site map

One-line diagram

Technical data

Models for all interconnection studies

- See Submitting Interconnection Requests: Submitting a New Small Generator Request (IRTT User Guide)
- <u>Attachment A</u> to the IR form provide details for the technical data required

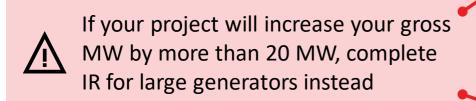


Technical review cannot be completed until the deposit is received



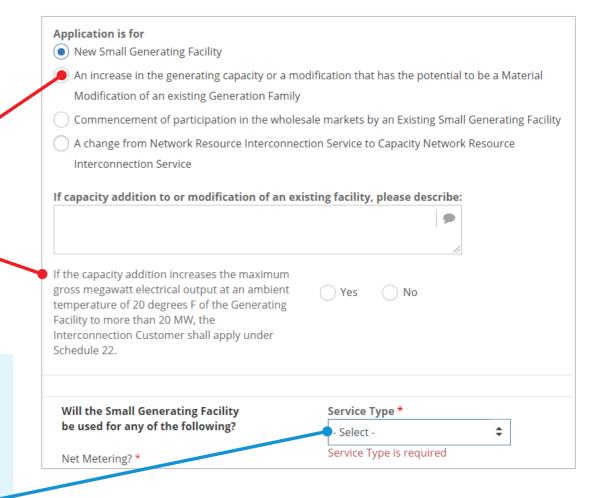
Tips for Completing the Project Information Tab

Fill out this information carefully



Reminder: Service Type is Very Important

- Network Resource Interconnection Service (energy capability only)
- Capacity Network Resource Interconnection Service (energy capability & capacity capability)



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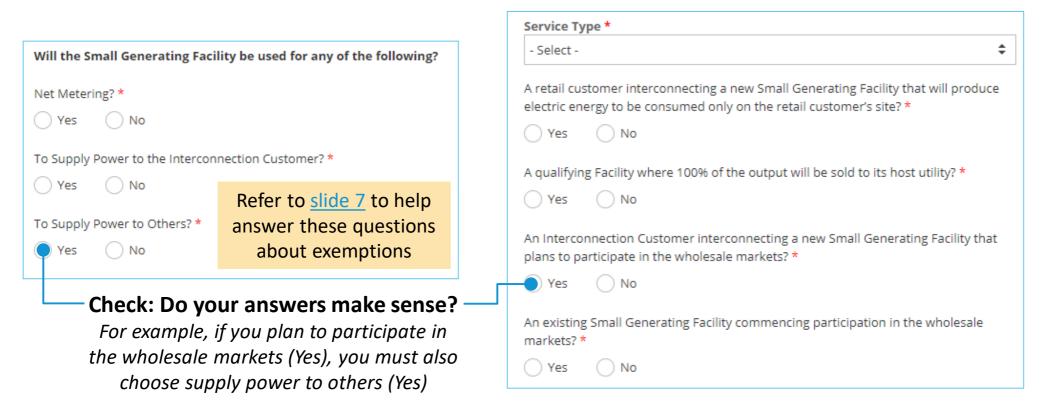
Tips for Completing Your IR

Avoid these common mistakes



If applicable, you must get a queue position in time to submit an SOI

- Verify that all of your values are accurate and use the same
- Use consistent common values (MVA rating, MVAR capability, impedances, etc.)
- Your choices should be consistent with other selections (and all forms and all applications going forward)





Tips and Lookouts for the Attachments to IR Tab



This tab contains the information to complete Attachments 2, A, and A1

POI must be modeled in the ISO-NE PSSE basecase

★ Requests Small Generator												
Fields marked with an asterisk (*) are required and must be filled in prior to submitting Small Generator Interconnection Request Project Information General Associated Documents Fignature Value and V						n History						
Attachments	to IR											Save
Requested Co	mmercial Ope	rations Date	*	Requested In	n-Service	Date *	 	Re	equested Initial S	ynchronizatio	n Date *	
	nt of Interconn s visible on the o			include owner o	f POI, volt	age level ar	nd name (ex: CMP 1	15 kv	Line 229). Also, pl	ease note that	all inform	ation
Energy Source * Solar Wind Natural Gas FuelOil			Diesel Other					ydro Type * (e.g. l Other, Please Des				
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Generators	Generators											
Name Type Valid Submitt			+									
There are currently no Generators associated with this Request												
Small Genera	ting Facility Ch			nverter-based N								
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Small Generating Facility Characteristic Data (for Rotating Machines)												
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These dates:

- Are the basis for future extensions
- Must be consistent throughout ISO applications (e.g., FCTS)

^{*} Requests to extend by more than 3 years are considered if due diligence is shown, and circumstances are out of the control of the IC



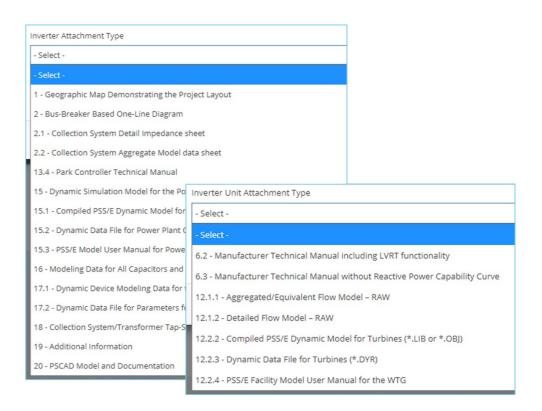
Attachment A: Wind and Inverter-Based Generating Facilities

Tips for completing Attachment A and uploading documents via Attachment A Uploads tab

- Supplementary Wind and Inverter-Based Generating Facility (Attachment A) is found in attachments to IR tab
- Use **Attachment A Uploads** tab to upload required documents



- As you upload a document for each step in Attachment A, (e.g., 1-Geographic Map), you will see the file name listed for that step
- You must save Attachment A before the option to add units becomes available in Step 3
 - 1. Click Save and confirm
 - 2. Scroll to the bottom of Attachment A and click the Edit button
 - 3. Click the plus (+) button in step 3 to add a new unit





Tips for Completing the Attachments to IR Tab



Avoid common data errors that could delay approving your IR

Provide the maximum output of each generator including each energy storage device Primary frequency response operating range for electric storage resources Minimum State of Charge: Maximum State of Charge:							
Generating Facility Capacity (MW)	Maximum Net MW Electrical Output	Maximum Gross MW Electrical Output					
At or above 90 degrees F *	Net @ 90	Gross @ 90					
At or above 50 degrees F*	Net @ 50	Gross @ 50					
At or above 20 degrees F *	Net @ 20	Gross @ 20					
At or above 0 degrees F *	Net @ 0	Gross @ 0					
List components of the Small Generating Facility equipment package that are currently certified * Equipment Type Certfifying Entity Add new							

Enter total values for the whole project

- 107.1/2	ues per-inverter		
Generator (or solar collector) * Enter vare			
Manufacturer, Model, & Number *	Version Number *		
Nameplate Output Power Rating in kW *	Winter Nameplate Output kW Power Rating *		
Summer kW	Winter kW		
Nameplate Output Power Rating in kVA *	Winter Nameplate Output kVA Power Rating *		
Summer kVA	Winter kVA		
Individual Generator Power Factor *			
Rated Power Factor Leading *	Rated Power Factor Lagging *		
Total Number of Generators in wind farm to be interconnected Interconnection Request *	d pursuant to this		
Elevation *	Single or Three Phase * Single Phase Three Phase		

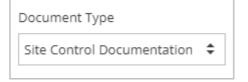


Submit Site Control (as needed)

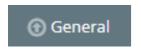
Upload the files and provide comments

1. Upload site control and site map indicating the precise physical location of the proposed SGF (e.g., US Geological Survey topographic map or other diagram or documentation)

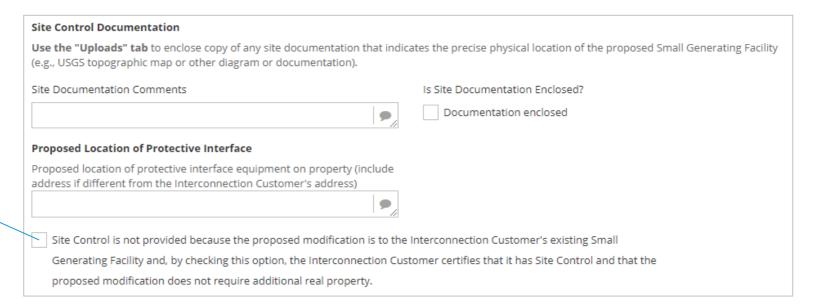




2. Add comments and additional details from the General tab



Site control is not needed if IR is for a modification of existing SGF and does not require additional real property

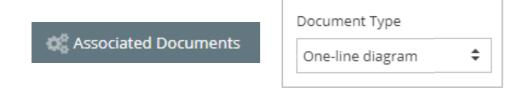




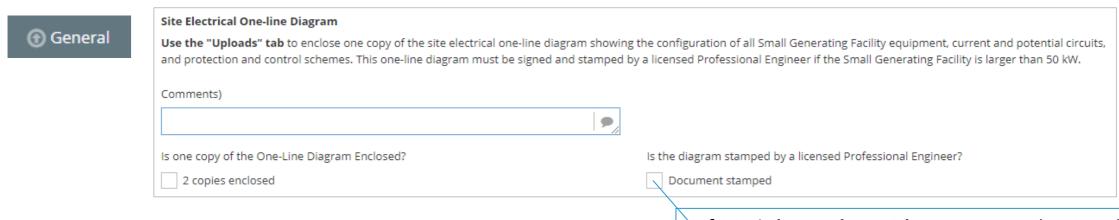
Submit One-Line Diagram

Upload the file and provide comments

1. Upload your one-line diagram file from the Associated Documents tab



2. Add comments and additional details from the General tab



If SGF is larger than 50 kW, copy must be signed and stamped by a licensed professional engineer



Tips and Lookouts for Submitting Modeling Data

Avoid mistakes which can delay receiving your queue position

Complete, accurate, and consistent technical data are critical

- Plan enough time to secure technical help (e.g., consultants to perform benchmarking analysis)
- Be consistent with common values across files and platforms (MVA rating, MVAR capability, impedances, etc.)
 - Applications should match PSSE files, PSSE files should match PSCAD, etc.
- Listed POI must be explicitly modeled in the ISO PSSE basecase
- PSSE, PSCAD, and ASPEN models must be site-specific (not connected to an infinite bus)
- All generation types must upload power flow model data sheets
 - Must be fully functioning, non-proprietary, non-confidential (public)
 - Must be standard library models in PSS/E or applicable applications
 - Do not submit user models

Types of power flow model data sheets to upload

- Wind and inverter-based SGFs must upload a PSCAD model
 - Include a benchmarking analysis, confirming acceptable performance of the PSS/E model in comparison to the PSCAD model
- Inverter-based SGFs must upload a collection system detailed impedance sheet

Requirements of PSS/E Models

are written in Appendix B of Planning Procedure PP5-6

Requirements of PSCAD Models

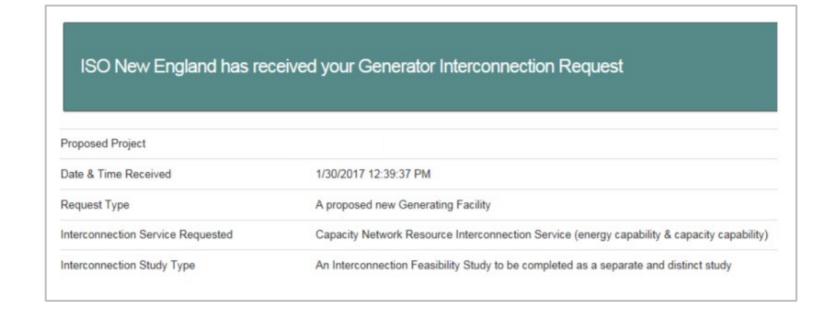
are written in Appendix C of Planning Procedure PP5-6



What to Expect After Submitting Your IR

Immediately

The designated primary representative will receive a confirmation email from the ISO when we have received your submitted application



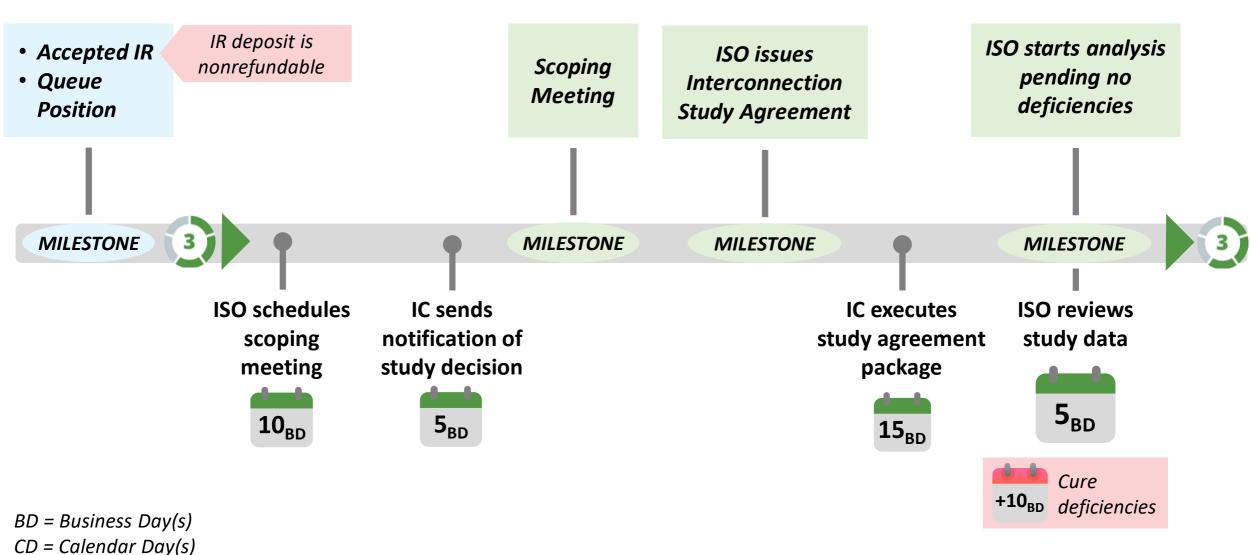
ISO has 3 business days to determine if there is a problem

You have 10 days to cure identified deficiencies



Step 3 (Part 1)

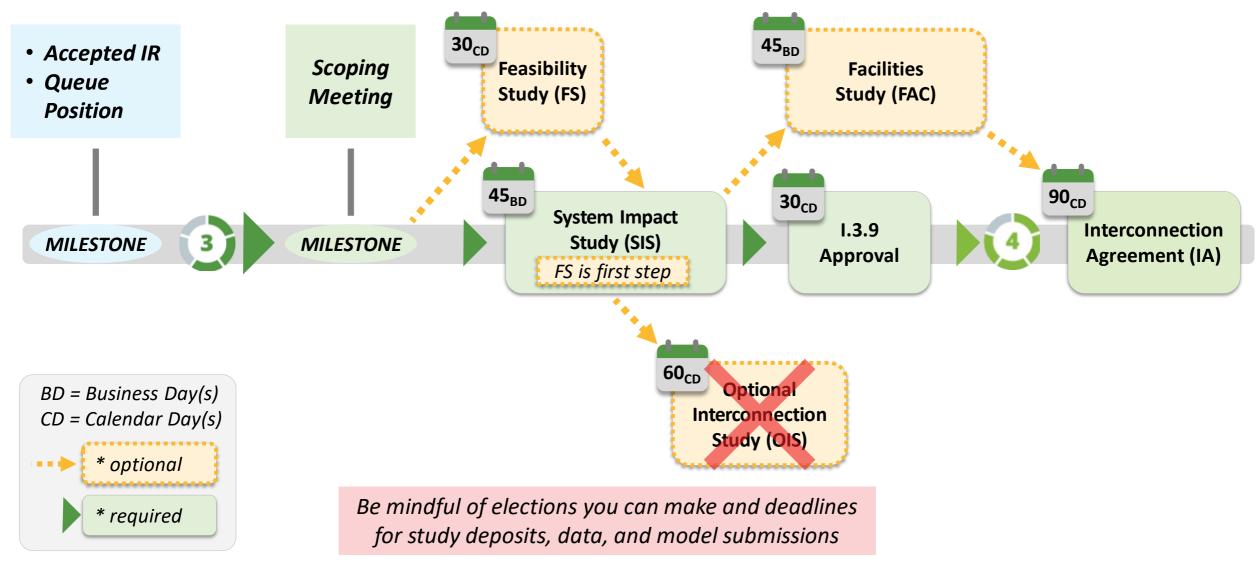
Scoping meeting to the executed study agreement analysis date





Step 3 (Part 2)

Perform interconnection studies applicable to your project





Study Deposits and Other Requirements

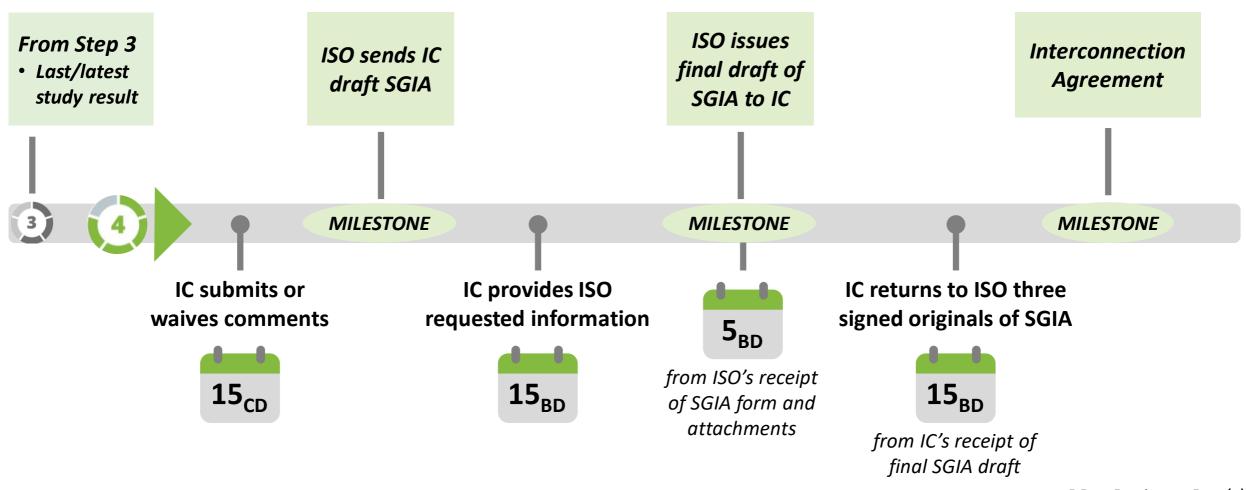
Study	Deposit	Other requirements
Feasibility Study (FS)	Refundable deposit of the lesser of 50% of estimated study costs or \$1,000	 Can be done as first part of SIS to expedite process Option to include preliminary, non-binding analysis for FCM
'Alternative' Feasibility Study (AFS)	Refundable deposit of the lesser of 50% of estimated study costs or \$1,000	 Only applies in 'weak grid' areas of the system Option to include preliminary, non-binding analysis for FCM
System Impact Study (SIS)	Refundable deposit of 50% of the estimated cost for the transmission portion and 100% of the estimated cost for the distribution study	 PSCAD model and benchmarking analysis required of all inverter based technology or if determined needed during scoping meeting for other technologies Option to include preliminary, non-binding analysis for FCM
Facilities Study (FAC)	Refundable deposit of 100% of the estimated study cost	Can be waived to expedite Interconnection Agreement

- After FS study report is delivered to the IC, a results meeting is scheduled
- 5 business days after the FS results meeting, the ISO issues the SIS agreement



Step 4

Small Generation Interconnection Agreement (SGIA) development timeframe



BD = Business Day(s)

CD = Calendar Day(s)



Small Generation Interconnection Agreement (SGIA)

Follow rules in Section 4.8 (SGIA) of Schedule 23

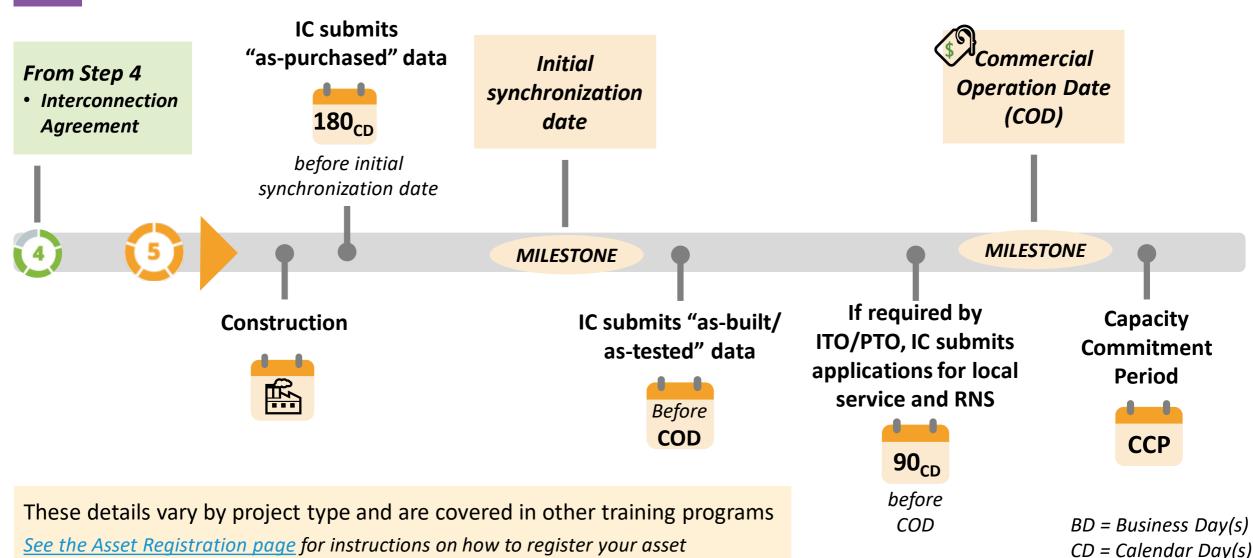
- SGIA initiated following the acceptance of one of these items
 - the FAC report (less common)
 - SIS report (if FAC waived)
- If you waive the FAC, you must commit to the following milestones:
 - Siting approval for the generating facility and interconnection facilities
 - Engineering of interconnection facilities approved by interconnecting transmission owner
 - Ordering of long lead time material for interconnection facilities and system upgrades
 - Initial synchronization date
 - Commercial operation date

See Attachment 4 of the SGIA for additional milestones set forth by the Interconnection Agreement.



Step 5

Deadlines for submitting data and registering your asset



LG/ETU-Specific Interconnection Process Steps



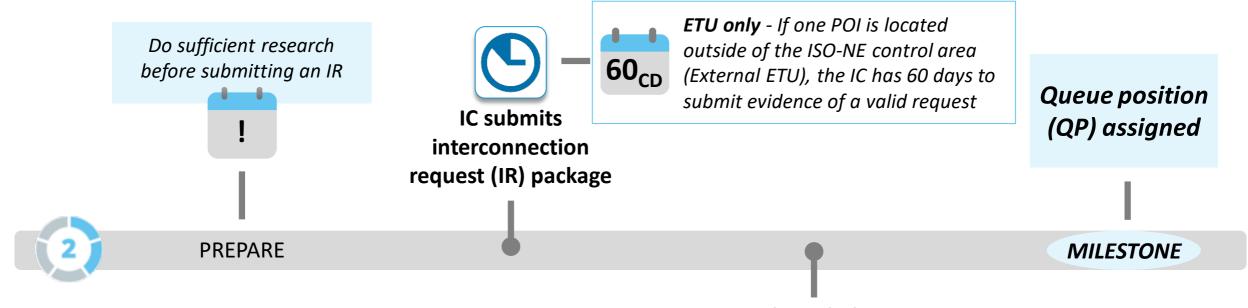
Jump to other topics:

- General Overview
- SG Process
- LG/ETU Process (you are here)



Step 2 Timeline

Submitting an Interconnection Request



ISO acknowledges IR and identifies deficiencies



= No wait

BD = Business Day(s)

CD = Calendar Day(s)



Large Generator/ETU IR Requirements

Your IR will not be deemed valid if any of these components are missing

A completed large generator or ETU Interconnection Request (IR) includes these items

\$50,000 deposit (+\$10,000 in lieu of site control)

- Non-refundable 10 business days after the scoping meeting
- Send via electronic funds transfer (do not mail checks)
- Contact ISO Billing Department (<u>billingdept@iso-ne.com</u>) to get banking information

Site Control documentation (CNRIS/CNIIS)

Site Map

One-line diagram (ETU only)



General Tips for LGF/ETU

- The IR requires less information up-front
 - Fields are still visible in the IR to be completed later to support the interconnection studies
 - ETU requires a one-line diagram

Are you an ETU with one POI outside the ISO-NE control area?

- If connecting to another control area, you have 60 days from when you submit your IR to provide evidence of an valid request to that control area
- ETUs with both POIs internal to the ISO-NE footprint are not eligible for CNI interconnection service – you need to interconnect outside of ISO-NE in order to participate in FCM (External ETU)



Project Site Control Documentation Information

Capacity network resource or capacity network import interconnection service	Network resource or network import interconnection service (energy only)	Existing generators or ETU
Provide documentation demonstrating site control under the same interconnection customer name	Demonstrate site control or post an additional deposit of \$10,000	You do not need to submit site control documentation if the proposed modification either: • does not require any additional real property • is for a pool transmission facility (PTF) not owned by the interconnection customer



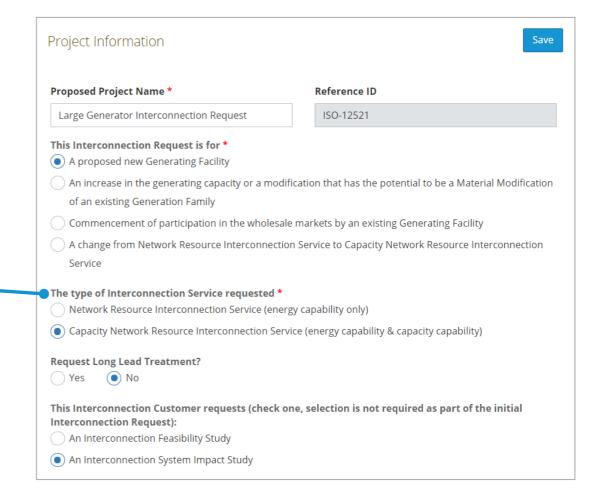
Entity listed on site control should be same company as interconnection customer (not an affiliate)



Project Information Tab

Reminder: Service Type is Very Important

- Network Resource/Import Interconnection Service (energy capability only)
- Capacity Network Resource/Import Interconnection Service (energy capability & capacity capability)



* Screenshot reflects LGIR



Step 3 (Part 1)

From Step 2

- IR valid
- QP assigned

Scoping Meeting

ISO issues Interconnection Study Agreement



from IC's notification of study decision IC submits technical data



from ISO's issuance of study agreement (FS or SIS) ISO starts analysis pending no deficiencies

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MILESTONE

ISO schedules scoping meeting



IC sends ISO notification of study decision



from scoping meeting IR deposit becomes nonrefundable



from scoping meeting All parties execute study agreement



ISO reviews associated technical data

MILESTONE





BD = Business Day(s)

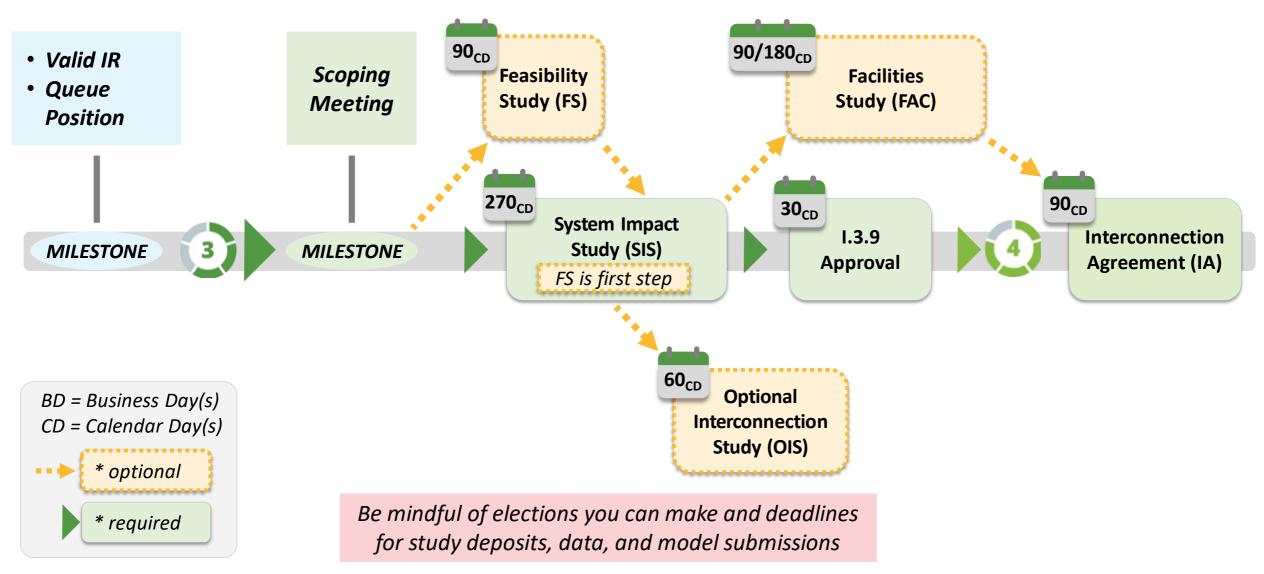
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Step 3 (Part 2)

Perform interconnections studies applicable to your project





Technical Data Is Due When You Execute the SIS Agreement

Due 30 CD from when respective study agreement (FS or SIS) issued

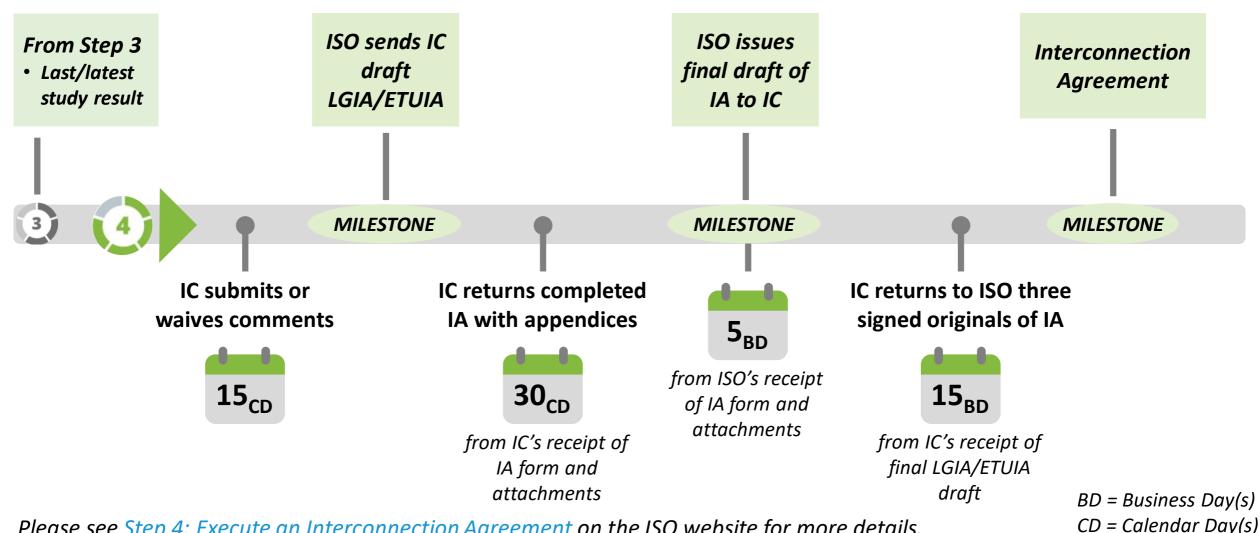
<u>Planning Procedure 5-6 (PP 05-6)</u>, Interconnection Planning Procedure for Generation and Elective Transmission Upgrades, has all the information you need for your technical submittals

- Read benchmarking details in Appendix C Section 3.4.1
 - Verify that PSSE and PSCAD models match
 - Confirm all additional forms are filled out consistently with the model settings
- ISO will work with IC whose responsibility it is to loop in the manufacturer, if needed
 - IC may give consent for ISO to work directly with the OEM, but the IC still needs to be accountable if OEM is not responsive

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Interconnection Agreement Development Timeframe



Please see <u>Step 4: Execute an Interconnection Agreement</u> on the ISO website for more details.



Interconnection Agreement Milestones

Key Milestones

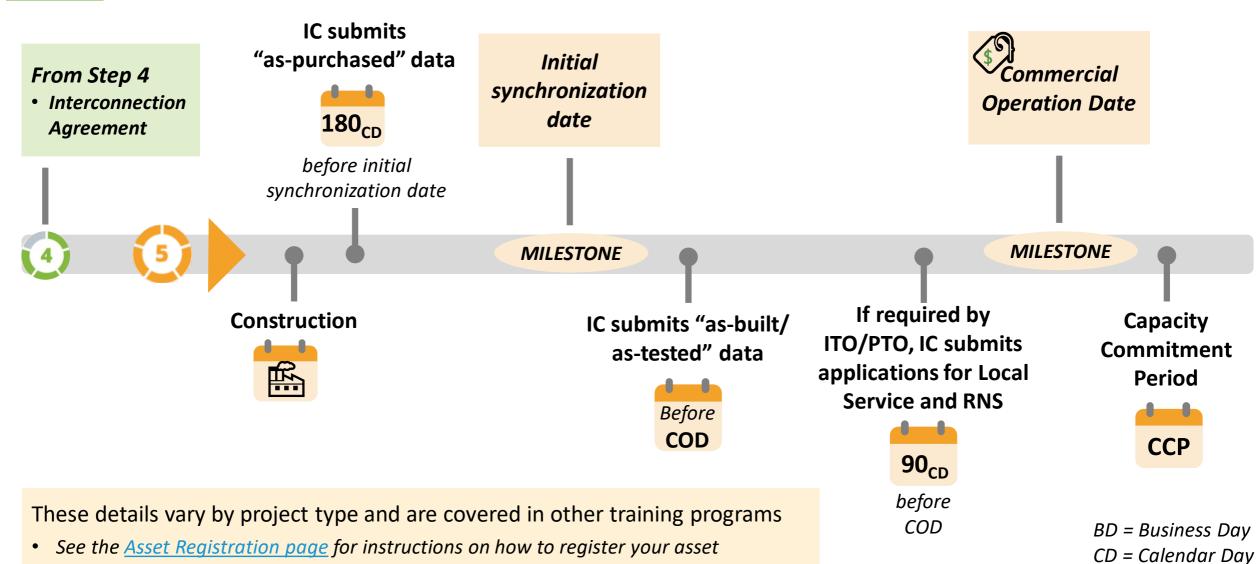
- Milestone 4 in LGIA/ETUIA IC must either provide evidence of major permits obtained OR a refundable deposit of the *greater of* 20% of the total costs for the interconnection facilities and other upgrades identified in the SIS (or FAC) *or* ITO's initial payment installment.
- The dates for the following milestones under Appendix B in the LGIA are negotiated with the ITO and directly influence the development of an overall schedule and commitment:
 - Milestone 7C—when you provide written authorization to the ITO to start spending
 - Milestone 10A—commitment to ordering long-lead-time materials and equipment
 - Milestone 15A—start of the construction of the interconnection facilities

See the New Generator Projects: Process Guide on the ISO website for more details.



Step 5

Deadlines for submitting data and registering your asset



Questions

Summary

We covered:

- Eligibility for the Interconnection Process (IP)
- Tips for preparing for the Interconnection Process
- Timeline for the Interconnection Process
- Comparison of the IP timeline versus the FCM timeline
- Overview of the Interconnection Process
- Tips for completing your Interconnection Request
- Special considerations for your project's type

References

- ISO-NE website: <u>www.iso-ne.com</u>
- Transmission, Markets, and Services Tariff (<u>Participate > Rules and Procedures</u>)
- Market Rule 1 (<u>Participate > Rules and Procedures > Transmission, Markets, and Services Tariff</u>)
- Interconnection Process Guide (<u>Participate > Applications and Status Changes</u>)
- Interconnection Request Tracking Tool (IRTT): https://irtt.iso-ne.com/
- Interconnection Request Tracking Tool (IRTT) User Guide: (<u>Participate > Support > User Guides</u>)
- FCM Participation Guide: <u>Markets and Operations > Markets Data and Information > Forward Capacity Market</u>

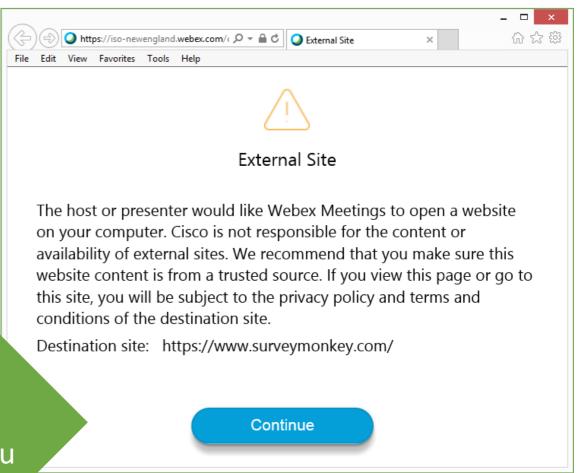
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	February 2	FCM Existing Capacity Qualification Process	 Subscribe to the <u>ISO Training</u> mailing list to receive notices about upcoming training 	
	February 9	FCM Delisting	View presentation and recordings of past webinars Training Materials	
day	February 16	Interconnection Process	at <u>Participate > Training > Training Materials</u>	
	February 23	FCM Show of Interest for New Demand Capac	Show of Interest for New Demand Capacity Resources Show of Interest for New Generation and Imports New Capacity Offer Price Development New Capacity Qualification for Demand Capacity Resources Registration opens soon!	
	February 23	FCM Show of Interest for New Generation and		
	March 29	FCM New Capacity Offer Price Development		
	May 11	FCM New Capacity Qualification for Demand		
	May 11	FCM New Capacity Qualification for Generation	on and Imports	

Contact Participant Support and Solutions



Submit a request via Ask ISO (preferred)

https://askiso.force.com/

Email AskISO@iso-ne.com

Phone

(413) 540-4220 (call center)

(833) 248-4220

Pager (for emergency inquiries outside of business hours)

(877) 226-4814

Business hours and additional contact details are available from the Participant Support page

Visit the Participant Support page

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Submitting a Small Generator Interconnection Request

Documentation and deposits you must submit with your IR

A completed small genera	completed small generator capacity Interconnection Request (IR) includes these items		
\$2,500 non-refundable deposit	 Send via electronic funds transfer (EFT)* Contact ISO Billing Department (billingdept@iso-ne.com) to get banking information Do not mail checks 		
Site Control documentation (if applicable)	 Must be in the name of the entity submitting the IR, the Interconnection Customer (IC) Not required for modification to existing Small Generating Facility if IC certified in the IR that it has Site Control Modification proposed does not require additional real property 		
Site Map	te Map Map must be detailed, such as a map from the U.S. Geological Survey, which clearly indicates the site of the new facility and pertinent surrounding structures		
One-line diagram Copy must be signed and stamped by a licensed Professional Engineer			
Technical Data: Models for all interconnection studies	 All wind and inverter-based projects (e.g., solar, battery) must provide acceptable PSSE and PSCAD models as well as a benchmark analysis (See PP5-6) Other types of generators may also be required to supply an acceptable simulation model, as discussed at the scoping meeting User-models will not be accepted 		
Schedule 23, Attachment 2, and <u>Attachment A</u> to the IR form, provide details for the technical data required			

^{*} WIRE ACH (automated clearing house) is used for EFT. See https://www.fiscal.treasury.gov/ach/



Checklist of Documents to Upload



Upload from the Associated Documents tab; Comment and verify from the tabs listed here

Gene	ral Tab	
	Site Electrical One-line Diagram	
	Site control Documentation	
	Protection & Control Schemes	
	Protection & Control Circuits	
Attac	hments to IR Tab	
	Generators > Model Requirements	
	SGF Characteristic Data (for Rotating Machines) > Excitation and	
	Governor System Data for Synchronous Generators Only	
	Interconnection Facilities Information > Transformer Fuse Data (fuse	
	manufacturer's minimum melt and total clearing time-current curves)	
	Interconnecting Circuit Breaker (Discrete Components) > Proposed	
	Time-Overcurrent Coordination Curves	
	Interconnecting Circuit Breaker > Corrections Curves	
	Supplementary Wind and Inverter-Based Generating Facility >	
	X Attachment A has its own uploads area (covered earlier)	
Signa	ture Tab	
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Attachment A Supplementary Wind and Inverter-Based Generating Facility Form				
Attachment A-1 Cluster System Impact Study Application Form				
General Project Documents				
Interconnecting Circuit Breaker - Coordination Curves				
Interconnection Facilities Information - Curves				
One-line diagram				
Protection & Control Circuits				
Protection & Control Schemes				
Site Control Documentation				
Small Generating Facility Characteristic Data (for Rotating Machines) - Block Diagram				
Small Generating Facility Information - Datasheet				



Submitting a Large Generator or ETU Interconnection Request

Documentation and Deposits You Must Submit with Your IR

A completed large generator or ETU capacity Interconnection Request (IR) includes these items		
\$50,000 deposit Nonrefundable 10 business days after scoping meeting	6	
Site Control documentation (if applicable)	and the state of t	
Site Map	Provide a detailed map, such as those produced by the US Geological Survey, which clearly indicates the site of the new facility and pertinent surrounding structures.	
One-line diagram	Required with ETU IR submission and Large Generator technical data submission	
Technical Data: Models for all interconnection studies	 Wind and inverter-based projects: Provide acceptable PSSE and PSCAD models n All other types of generators: Provide a PSSE model Note: You may also be required to supply a PSCAD (discussed at the scoping meeting) ETU: An acceptable PSSE model is required with technical data submission; PSCAD models may be requested and must be provided within 90 days of the request 	

Technical data submittal is due no later than the due date of execution of the System Impact Study Agreement

- All large generators submit Schedule 22, Appendix 1, Attachment A
- Wind and inverter-based generators submit technical data required in Schedule 22, Appendix 1, Attachment A-1
- All elective transmission upgrades (ETU) submit Schedule 25, Appendix 1, Attachment A