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### For

**Interconnection Customer: 332 Ellisburg St** 

**Applicant: Delaware River Solar** 

1,500 kW Solar Generator System

Reduced to 300kW due to thermal limits

332 Ellisburg St, Sandy Creek, NY 13145

Interconnection to National Grid
NY Central
Central Region
Pulaski District
Sandy Creek Substation
13.2 kV Feeder 6652

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#### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

This report presents the analysis results of the Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation, d/b/a National Grid ("National Grid" or the "Company") interconnection study based on the proposed interconnection and design submittal from the Interconnection Customer in accordance with the Company ESB 750 series. The intent of this report is to assess this project's feasibility, determine its impact to the existing electric power system (EPS), determine interconnection scope and installation requirements, and determine costs associated with interconnecting the Interconnection Customer's generation to the Company's Electric Power System (EPS). This Coordinated Electric System Impact Review (CESIR) study; according to the NYSSIR Section I.C Step 6; identifies the scope, schedule, and costs specific to this Interconnection Customer's installation requirements.

#### 2.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The total estimated planning grade cost of the work associated with the interconnection of the Interconnection Customer is \$285,406.

The interconnection was found to NOT be feasible at the proposed size. The site must be downsized to **300 kW** along with modifications to the existing Company EPS and operating conditions, which are described in detail in the body of this Study. The point of common coupling (PCC) will be discussed during the initial construction field visit. The Customer is responsible for extending their facilities to meet the company at the PCC. The Company is currently proposing a tap off the existing 13.2 kV feeder and placement of a pole with a Company owned recloser. If the Company needs to provide a line extension, additional costs will be incurred by the Customer.

The ability to generate is contingent on this facility being served by the interconnecting circuit during normal Utility operating conditions. Therefore, if the interconnecting circuit is out of service, or if abnormal Utility operating conditions of the area EPS are in effect National Grid reserves the right to disengage the facility.

No future increase in generation output beyond that which specified herein for this interconnection has been studied. Any increase in system size and/or design change is subject to a new study and costs associated shall be borne by the Interconnection Customer. An increase in system size may also forfeit the Interconnection Customer's existing queue position.

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### **3.0 COMPANY EPS PARAMETERS**

Substation	Sandy Creek
Transformer Name	TB2
Transformer Peak Load (kW)	6,100
Contingency Condition Load, N-1 Criteria (kW) (as applicable)	N/A
Daytime Light Load (kW)	601
Generation: Total <sup>1</sup> , Connected, Queued Ahead (kW)	7,817, 6,317, 0
Contingency Condition Generation: Total <sup>1</sup> , Connected, Queued Ahead (kW)	N/A
Supply Voltage (kV)	34.5
Transformer Maximum Nameplate Rating (kVA)	6,600
Distribution Bus Voltage Regulation	yes
Transmission GFOV Status	installed
Bus Tie	N/A
Number of Feeders Served from this Bus	2

Connecting Feeder/Line	6651
Peak Load on feeder (kW)	3,081
Daytime Light Load on Feeder (kW)	329
Feeder Primary Voltage at POI (kV)	13.2
Line Phasing at POI	3
Circuit Distance from POI to Substation	0.89 miles
Distance to nearest 3-phase, (if applicable)	n/a
Line Regulation	N
Line/Source Grounding Configuration at POI	effective
Generation: Total <sup>1</sup> , Connected, Queued Ahead(kW)	5,594, 4,094, 0

System Fault Characteristics without Interconnection Customer DG at POI		
Interconnection Customer POI Location	Pole 17, Ellisburg St	
I 3-phase (3LLL) 1,180 Am		
I Line to Ground (310)	1,273 Amps	
Z1 (100 MVA base) 0.9086 + j 4.2		
Z0 (100 MVA base)	0.4782 + j 2.5759 PU	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The total value referenced here includes the subject generator, connected generation and generation that is queued ahead.

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#### 4.0 INTERCONNECTION CUSTOMER SITE

The Interconnection Customer is proposing a new solar photovoltaic primary service connection with Account No. 25456-06015.

This location is presently served via the Company's 13.2kV radial distribution feeder 6651 from Sandy Creek Substation.

The proposed generating system consists of:

- 3-phase PV inverts with a generation total of 1,500kW.
- One (1) 3,425VA wye-ground/delta step up transformer.
- One (1) Primary neutral grounding reactor.
- Gang operated disconnect switch
- Pole mounted Customer recloser
- Primary Utility Meter
- Gang operated disconnect switch

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### **5.0 SYSTEM IMPACT ANALYSIS**

Category	Criteria	Limit	Result	
Voltage	Overvoltage	< 105% (ANSI C84.1)	Pass	
With the addition nominal.	of the subject generator the maximum v	voltage as modeled on the Feeder is	103.8% of	
Voltage	/oltage Undervoltage > 95% (ANSI C84.1)			
With the addition the limit.	of the subject generator the minimum v	oltage as modeled on the line does	not violate	
Voltage	Substation Regulation for Reverse Power	minimum load criteria	Fail	
•	on on Feeders 6651 and 6652 is 7.82 MV re, the generation to load ratio is 1303%		Feeders is	
Voltage	Feeder Regulation for Reverse Power	Minimum load to generation ratio	N/A	
There are no volta	ge regulators between the site and the s	substation.		
Voltage	Fluctuation	<3% steady state from proposed generation on feeder, <5% steady state from aggregate DER on substation bus, Regulator tap movement exceeds 1 position. <sup>2</sup>	Pass	
-	ge fluctuation on the feeder occurs at point is 0.7% due to the proposed generation	_	uctuation at	
Voltage	Flicker	Screen H Flicker	Pass	
The Pst for the loc	ation with the greatest voltage fluctuation	on is 0.0608 and the emissions limi	t is 0.35.	
Equipment Ratings	Thermal (continuous current)	< 100% thermal limits	Fail	
The subject generator's full output current is 66 A. The total full output current of all DER downstream of transformer is 342 A. The transformers thermal capabilities are 289A.				

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To stay within the t	hermal limitations of	f the transformer,	the maximum	generator output	shall be
reduced to 0.3MW.					

Equipment	Withstand (fault current)	<90% withstand limits	Pass
Ratings			
The additional fault current contribution from the generation does not contribute to interrupting in excess of existing EPS equipment.			
Protection	Unintentional Islanding	Unintentional Islanding Document & Company	Fail

Guidelines

The subject generator is a **0.3 MW** PV generation system.

The proposed generation system exceeds the Company's criteria for islanding a distributed resource, therefore unintentional islanding is a concern. *Therefore*, the following system upgrades are required:

### National Grid Protection and Control package (e.g. the PCC Recloser)

Protection	Protective device coordination	Company Guidelines	Fail
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The DG Interconnection Customer has proposed a Utility Grade Recloser for use as Primary Service Protection (PSP). This protective device is shown in the proper location on the submitted line diagrams. Preliminary recloser device settings were provided in the initial submittals. **Both ground and phase instantaneous and time curve overcurrent settings will need to be provided in this recloser, as well as ESB-756B Power Quality functions (27,59,81)**.

The DG Interconnection Customer will need ensure that this recloser will coordinate, with 0.25 second margin, to the following device characteristics:

Device	Curve	Pickup	Time Dial/Multiplier	Time Delay/Adder	Instantaneous
50/51	U4	400	1	0.0 s	Not Used
50/51N	U4	300	1	0.0 s	Not Used

The customer shall submit formal relay settings for review and approval by National Grid to ensure proper coordination, correct function types, etc. if the project moves forward. These files will be required in their native format (SEL AcSELerator, Cooper Proview, etc.) when submitted.

Protection	Fault Sensitivity	Rated capabilities of EPS	Fail
		equipment	

Of the currently active protectives devices (line reclosers, Station breaker relays, line fusing) on this portion of the system, existing line recloser R41470. *Therefore, the following system upgrades are required:* 

#### R41470 Line Recloser Upgrade to SEL-651R w/ Deadline Sensing

Protection Grou	und Fault Detection	Reduction of reach > x% (by Utility)	Pass
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The DG Interconnection Customer has proposed one (1) 3,425 kVA Yg/ $\Delta$  GSU with a **5.6**  $\Omega$  neutral grounding reactor (NGR).

These devices satisfy the requirements for effective grounding and provide current limiting in order to satisfactorily comply with National Grid standards.

With these devices in service, the Interconnection Customer will contribute approximately **92 A** of 310 current to remote bolted line to ground faults and **252 A** to faults at the PCC.

Protection	Overvoltage - Transmission System	Company 3V0 criteria	Fail
	Fault		

The interconnection of distributed generation facilities to National Grid distribution substations can result in conditions whereby line-to-ground faults on the transmission system could go undetected. This scenario was analyzed for the proposed interconnection to determine if the addition of the subject generator meets the Company's criteria for requiring transmission system line-to-ground fault protection.

The existing station protection schemes were reviewed, and analysis performed, and it has been determined that the addition of this DG Interconnection triggers the requirement of transmission system ground fault protection. *Therefore, the following system upgrades are required*:

### A $3V_0$ protection scheme is required to mitigate the transmission system line-to-ground fault condition at the Sandy Creek Distribution Substation.

Protection	Overvoltage - Distribution System	< 125 % voltage rise	Pass						
	Fault								
With subject generator interconnected the maximum modeled voltage rise on the unfaulted phases of									
the system is <b>113.6%</b> .									
Protection	Effective Grounding	[individual utility specifications]	Pass						
With subject generator interconnected the maximum modeled RO/X1 is 0.3861 PU and the maximum									
modelled <b>X0/X1</b> is <b>1.1835 PU</b> .									
SCADA	Required EMS Visibility for	Monitoring & Control	Fail						
	Generation Sources Requirements								

The **0.3 MW** subject generator triggers the requirement for SCADA reporting to the Utility. *This requirement is covered by the following:* 

#### National Grid Protection and Control package (e.g. the PCC Recloser)

Other	Environmental		

If the facilities are proposed on <u>an existing site with preexisting environmental conditions and/or environmental regulatory obligations</u>, the Customer should be made aware of the following:

• The Customer is responsible, at its sole cost and expense, for providing an uncontaminated corridor for National Grid's facilities such that intrusive work performed during installation and long-term maintenance would not result in potential contact with any site contamination and would not interfere with institutional or engineering controls, if applicable. The aerial extent, depth, and location of the uncontaminated corridor required for National Grid's facilities will be determined with the Customer.

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- The Customer is responsible for providing any and all information regarding site conditions, the nature and extent of any site contamination, and design information for any engineering controls (including plans and drawings), if applicable, immediately upon acceptance of this proposal.
- The Customer is responsible for all obligations imposed by governmental authorities, including but not limited to notifications regarding modifications to institutional or engineering controls (if applicable), any required monitoring and/or reporting obligations, disposal of any wastes generated at the site, and the resolution of any violations caused by the work."

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### 6.0 MITIGATIONS FOR SYSTEM IMPACT ANALYSIS FAILURES

Detail below is intended to provide sufficient information and clarity to give the Interconnection Customer an understanding to the relationship of costs and scope associated with the DER interconnection and the system modifications due to the DER impact. Where scope items are identified, associated labor, equipment rentals and indirect project support functions (such as engineering and project management) are intended and implied.

Upgrade Required	Option 1 – [name]	Option 2+ [name] (if applicable)	Failures Addressed				
3V0 cost sharing	\$26,502	Cost, or n/a	Overvoltage - Transmission System Fault				
LTC Bi-directional control co-generation capability	Included in 3V0 Cost	n/a	Substation Regulation for Reverse Power				
Scada Integration	Included in PCC Cost	n/a	Required EMS Visibility for Generation Sources				
National Grid Protection and Control Package \$103.814		n/a	Unintentional Islanding				
Existing National Grid Recloser Upgrade \$69,631		n/a	Fault Sensitivity				

<sup>\*-</sup>No cost to developer as this is an in-progress National Grid Project

Additional details on the scope of each option can be found below:

#### Option 1:

The substation upgrades required to facilitate the proposed installation include the following:

- 3V0 protection is required on transformer bank TB2.
- LTC Bi-directional control co-generation capability.

The Distribution upgrades required to facilitate the proposed installation include the following:

- National Grid Protection and Control Package (13.2 kV Recloser, Switches, Poles, and associated hardware). Reference ESB-756B Figure 5.
- SCADA Integration (Equipment integrated into PCC Recloser)
- Upgrade Recloser R41470 on pole 173 US 11

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#### 7.0 CONCEPTUAL COST ESTIMATE

The following items are a good faith estimate for the scope and work required to interconnect the project estimated under rates and schedules in effect at the time of this study in accordance with the most recent version of the New York State Standardized Interconnection Requirements ("SIR").

### **Planning Grade Estimate**

Case#:		506455													
CESIR Estimate to Developer															
National Grid Work Segment	Planning Grade Cost Estimate not including Tax Liability		Capital portion for calculating tax liability		Tax Liability Applied to Capital		Customer Cost Total								
Distribution Modifications		Material		Labor	(	Overheads		Pre-Tax	Total \$		Capital Costs		Rate		Total \$
Distribution System Modifications													13.91%		
National Grid Protection and Control Package (Recloser, Switches, and Poles)	\$	37,478	\$	16,566	\$	37,415	\$	i.	91,459	\$	88,816	\$	12,354	\$	103,814
Upgrade recloser	\$	30,117	\$	8,816	\$	23,254	\$	6	62,187	\$	53,513	\$	7,444	\$	69,631
Non-System Costs													13.91%		
Customer Documentation Review, Field Verification and Witness Testing	\$	14	\$	12,000	\$	6,000	\$	6	18,000	\$		\$	-	\$	18,000
CEI Project Mgt			\$	3,500	\$	1,500									
Substation Modifications													13.91%		
							\$	,	-	\$	-	\$		\$	-
3V0 cost sharing on TB2							\$		-			\$	-	\$	26,502
Distribution Summary	\$	101,169	\$	47,704	\$	77,820	\$	5 2	226,693	\$	195,621	\$	12,354	\$	253,904
Station Summary	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	<del>}</del>	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	26,502
Total	\$	101,169	\$	47,704	\$	77,820	\$	2	226,693	\$	195,621	\$	12,354	\$	280,406

#### Notes:

- 1. These estimated costs are based upon the results of this study and are subject to change. All costs anticipated to be incurred by the Company are listed.
- 2. The Company will reconcile actual charges upon project completion and the Interconnection Customer will be responsible for all final charges, which may be higher or lower than estimated according to the SIR I.C step 11.
- 3. This estimate does not include the following:
  - additional interconnection study costs, or study rework
  - additional application fees,
  - applicable surcharges,
  - property taxes,
  - overall project sales tax,
  - · future operation and maintenance costs,
  - adverse field conditions such as weather and Interconnection Customer equipment obstructions.
  - extended construction hours to minimize outage time or Company's public duty to serve.
  - the cost of any temporary construction service, or
  - any required permits.

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<sup>4.</sup> Cost adders estimated for overtime would be based on 1.5 and 2 times labor rates if required for work beyond normal business hours. Per Diems are also extra costs potentially incurred for overtime labor.