

ATTACHMENT D

Methodology for Completing a System Impact Study

Upon receipt of a Completed Application, the Transmission Provider or, in the case of ITC Service, the ITC will determine whether sufficient transmission capability will be available to accommodate the transmission service requested in such Application. The Transmission Provider or, as applicable, the ITC will apply the criteria and practices described in Attachment C of this Tariff to determine if sufficient transmission capability exists. If sufficient transmission capability exists to support the transaction described in the Eligible Customer's Application, as supplemented with necessary details such as the sources and sinks of the power to be scheduled under the request, the Transmission Provider will so inform the Eligible Customer. If the Transmission Provider determines that sufficient transmission capability may not exist to accommodate the service request, the Transmission Provider will notify the Eligible Customer of the need to initiate a System Impact Study to proceed with processing the request. Upon a request by the Eligible Customer, the Transmission Provider will tender a study agreement to the Eligible Customer for a System Impact Study.

Upon receipt of a completed study agreement, the Transmission Provider or ITC, if applicable, in coordination with the affected Transmission Owners, ITC and/or ITC Participants, and other affected parties, will cause a System Impact Study to be performed to determine whether the request for transmission service can be accommodated through construction of Direct Assignment Facilities or Network Upgrades, if available. The System Impact Study will apply all applicable criteria and standards and will consider any potential constraints in making this determination.

If the studies predict that a constraint will occur in the system of another transmission provider or non-Transmission Provider Control Area, the Transmission Provider or ITC, as applicable, will so inform the Eligible Customer requesting service. The Transmission Provider, and, as applicable, ITC, and Eligible Customer will need to work with the appropriate parties to determine if the limitation is valid and to determine the facility additions or redispatch that may be required by others to support the transfer.