

# D.P.U. 11-75 Interconnection: Wednesday, October 24

## Technical Conference Agenda

### 1) PROCEDURAL ISSUES RELATED TO THE TARIFF: 30 MINUTES

Once we receive the redline tariff we plan to seek comments and reply comments from the full service list on the report and the tariff. What further process, if any, is warranted?

### 2) SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES RELATED TO THE TARIFF 1 HOUR 30 MINUTES

#### Timelines and Fees:

- Why aren't the complex project timelines consistent across years? (p. 16)
- Why not a requirement that fees be evaluated every few years?
- Page 16, Section 3(C)(D-E) These bullets reference 1, 2, and 3 "above"
  1. Were these bullets supposed to reference a, b, and c?
- Page 17, Section 3(E) first ¶ Please define "reasonable cause"
- Page 19, Section 3(F) last ¶ Please define "mitigating factor"
- Why no hard deadline for utility review of customer designs? (p. 18)
- Application/Customer Adherence (pp. 21-23)
  - Is not refunding money to applicants a problem for the DPU?
  - How do we ensure transparency of utility tracking before the common system? (p. 22)
  - Section 4(A)(2)(g)
    1. Why do customers have such a long period of time to pay for the upgrades?
    2. Will this delay other projects?

#### Penalties:

- Do we want to address this via an SQ requirement for interconnection?
- If not, what non-SQ mechanism to enforce timelines should we consider?

#### Particular Screens:

- Increasing the single phase eligibility from 10 kW to 15 kW creates a difference between the exemption for net metering systems and interconnection eligibility (p. 10)
- Screen 2: going from 7.5% to 15% what is this change based on? Why not higher? (p. 10)
- Spot network screen: Why 1/15 of load? (p. 10) What is this based on?
- Do we still need a witness test for simplified? How often is it done? (p. 20)

#### Other Tariff Issues:

Similar to the treatment of solar, should other technologies have special treatment?

For example: CHP- different values for summer and winter (and therefore the comparison is to the winter minimum load)?

Please explain "Note 2" on the top of page 12: Does this mean that the absence of load (load reduction) that results from other DG will not be considered?

What is the effect of accelerating the signing of the ISA?

- Is this only for System of Assurance reservation purposes?
- Will this to allow construction to start earlier?

- Pre-Application Report Requirements (pp. 27-28) Page 28, bullet #9: Please define “snap-shot”

### 3) **OTHER ISSUES RAISED BY REPORT (2 HOURS)**

#### **Ombudsperson:**

Do they reside in the Department? If so, they need: Technical expertise, mediation expertise, and can't be involved if the issue is appealed to the commission.

Should DPU play this role?

If the ombudsperson resides outside of the Department, where and how do we procure?

#### **DG Technical Standards Review Group:**

- Who is this group open to? Should someone from the Department sit in?

#### **Separate Utility Run Tracking Systems:**

- Who gets to see the data?

#### **Technical Standards Manual and Technical Standards Review Group:**

- Why should we allow different technical standards among utilities?
- What is the DPU involvement?
  - Approved by the DPU?
  - If not approved, why is the DPU not part of the group?
- How does IEEE 1547 fit in?

#### **Increased Support for Engineers:**

- How do “state agencies, utilities and non-utility stakeholders explore ways to continue increasing the engineering resources (employees and contractors) available to utilities, state agencies and other stakeholders?” (p. 8). Specialized training? University outreach and coordination?

#### **Initial Information Tracking and Reporting:**

- How will the utility tracking system be objective?
- Will employees “log” their hours?

#### **Online Application/Central Administrator for Tracking and Application Process**

Why do we have to wait for April 2013 for the centralized online application?

Can this fit in with other ongoing tracking/application processes?

#### **Issues Not Addressed in the Report but Mentioned in the KEMA Report:**

- Maps
- Pooled Upgrade fees/cost allocation