

30.4 Queue Position

30.4.1 General

The NYISO shall assign a Queue Position based upon the date and time of receipt of the valid Interconnection Request; provided that, if the sole reason an Interconnection Request is not valid is the lack of required information on the application form, and the Developer provides such information in accordance with Section 30.3.3.3, then the NYISO shall assign the Developer a Queue Position based on the date the application form was originally filed. Moving a Point of Interconnection shall result in a lowering of Queue Position if it is deemed a Material Modification under Section 30.4.4.3. The Queue Position of each Interconnection Request will be used to determine the order of performing the Interconnection Studies. A higher queued Interconnection Request is one that has been placed “earlier” in the queue in relation to another Interconnection Request that is lower queued.

30.4.2 Clustering

At NYISO’s option, Interconnection Requests may be studied serially or in clusters for the purpose of the Interconnection System Reliability Impact Study.

Clustering shall be implemented on the basis of Queue Position. If the NYISO elects to study Interconnection Requests using Clustering, all Interconnection Requests received within a period not to exceed one hundred and eighty (180) Calendar Days, hereinafter referred to as the “Queue Cluster Window” shall be studied together. Deadlines for completing all Interconnection System Reliability Impact Studies for which an Interconnection Study Agreement has been executed during a Queue Cluster Window shall be in accordance with Section 30.7.4, for all Interconnection Requests assigned to the same Queue Cluster Window. The NYISO may study an Interconnection Request separately to the extent warranted by Good Utility Practice based upon the electrical remoteness of the proposed Large Facility.

Clustering Interconnection System Reliability Impact Studies shall be conducted in such a manner to ensure the efficient implementation of the applicable regional transmission expansion plan in light of the New York State Transmission System capabilities at the time of each study.

The Queue Cluster Window shall have a fixed time interval based on fixed annual opening and closing dates. Any changes to the established Queue Cluster Window interval and opening or closing dates shall be announced with a posting on the NYISO's OASIS beginning at least one hundred and eighty (180) Calendar Days in advance of the change and continuing thereafter through the end date of the first Queue Cluster Window that is to be modified.

30.4.3 Transferability of Queue Position

A Developer may transfer its Queue Position to another entity only if such entity acquires the specific Large Facility identified in the Interconnection Request and the Point of Interconnection does not change. As a result of such a transfer, the acquiring entity shall become the Developer of the specific Large Facility identified in the Interconnection Request.

30.4.4 Modifications

The Developer shall submit to the NYISO, in writing, modifications to any information provided in the Interconnection Request. The Developer shall retain its Queue Position if the modifications are in accordance with Sections 30.4.4.1, 30.4.4.2, 30.4.4.5 or 30.4.4.6, or are determined not to be Material Modifications pursuant to Section 30.4.4.3.

Notwithstanding the above, during the course of the Interconnection Studies, either the Developer or the NYISO or Connecting Transmission Owner may identify changes to the planned interconnection that may improve the costs and benefits (including reliability) of the interconnection, and the ability of the New York State Transmission System to accommodate the Interconnection

Request. To the extent the identified changes are acceptable to the NYISO, Connecting Transmission Owner and Developer, such acceptance not to be unreasonably withheld, NYISO shall modify the Point of Interconnection and/or configuration in accordance with such changes and proceed with any re-studies necessary to do so in accordance with Section 30.6.4, Section 30.7.6 and Section 30.8.5 as applicable and Developer shall retain its Queue Position.

30.4.4.1 Prior to the return of the executed Interconnection System Reliability Impact Study Agreement to the NYISO, modifications permitted under this section shall include specifically: (a) a decrease of up to 60 percent of electrical output (MW) of the proposed project; (b) modifying the technical parameters associated with the Large Facility technology or the Large Generating Facility step-up transformer impedance characteristics; and (c) modifying the interconnection configuration. For plant increases, the incremental increase in plant output will go to the end of the queue for the purposes of study analysis.

30.4.4.2 Prior to the return of the executed Interconnection Facility Study Agreement to the NYISO, the modifications permitted under this section shall include specifically: (a) additional 15 percent decrease of electrical output (MW), and (b) Large Facility technical parameters associated with modifications to Large Facility technology and transformer impedances; provided, however, the incremental Interconnection Study costs associated with those modifications are the responsibility of the requesting Developer.

30.4.4.3 Prior to making any modification other than those specifically permitted by Sections 30.4.4.1, 30.4.4.2, 30.4.4.5 and 30.4.4.6, Developer may first request that the NYISO evaluate whether such modification is a Material Modification. In response to Developer's request, the NYISO shall evaluate the proposed modifications prior to

making them and inform the Developer in writing of whether the modifications would constitute a Material Modification. Any change to the Point of Interconnection except those deemed acceptable under Section 30.4.4.1, 30.6.1, 30.7.2 or so allowed elsewhere shall constitute a Material Modification. The Developer may then withdraw the proposed modification or proceed with a new Interconnection Request for such modification.

30.4.4.4 Upon receipt of Developer's request for modification permitted under this Section 30.4.4, the NYISO shall commence and perform any necessary additional studies as soon as practicable, but in no event shall the NYISO commence such studies later than thirty (30) Calendar Days after receiving notice of Developer's request. Any additional studies resulting from such modification shall be done at Developer's cost.

30.4.4.5 Extensions of less than three (3) cumulative years in the Commercial Operation Date of the Large Facility to which the Interconnection Request relates are not material and should be handled through construction sequencing.

30.4.4.6 Any increase by the Developer, when it executes the Interconnection Facilities Study Agreement, in the number of MWs of Installed Capacity that it previously requested to be evaluated for CRIS shall constitute a Material Modification.