

November 24, 2020

**By Electronic Delivery**

Honorable Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20426

Re: Joint Filing of an Executed Small Generator Interconnection Agreement Among the New York Independent System Operator, Inc., Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation d/b/a National Grid, and Martin Rd Solar, LLC; Request for Waiver of the 60-Day Notice Period; Docket No. ER21-\_\_\_\_-000

Dear Ms. Bose:

Pursuant to Section 205 of the Federal Power Act<sup>1</sup> and Section 35.13 of the Commission's regulations,<sup>2</sup> the New York Independent System Operator, Inc. ("NYISO") and Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation d/b/a National Grid ("National Grid") (together, the "Joint Filing Parties") hereby tender for filing an executed Small Generator Interconnection Agreement entered into by the NYISO, National Grid, as the Connecting Transmission Owner, and Martin Rd Solar, LLC ("Martin Rd"), as the Interconnection Customer (the "Interconnection Agreement").<sup>3</sup> The Interconnection Agreement is labeled as Service Agreement No. 2571 under the NYISO's Open Access Transmission Tariff ("OATT").

The Joint Filing Parties respectfully request that the Commission accept the Interconnection Agreement for filing. With the limited exception described in Part I of this letter, the Interconnection Agreement conforms to the NYISO's *pro forma* Small Generator Interconnection Agreement ("Pro Forma SGIA") that is contained in Attachment Z to the OATT. Further, as described in Part II of this letter, the Joint Filing Parties respectfully request a waiver of the Commission's prior notice requirements<sup>4</sup> to make the Interconnection Agreement effective as of November 16, 2020, which is the date of its full execution.

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<sup>1</sup> 16 U.S.C. § 824d.

<sup>2</sup> 18 C.F.R. § 35.13 (2019).

<sup>3</sup> Capitalized terms that are not otherwise defined in this filing letter shall have the meaning specified in Attachments S or X of the NYISO OATT, and if not defined therein, in the NYISO OATT and NYISO Market Administration and Control Area Services Tariff.

<sup>4</sup> See *Prior Notice and Filing Requirements Under Part II of the Federal Power Act*, 64 FERC ¶ 61,139, clarified, 65 FERC ¶ 61,081 (1993).

**I. Discussion**

**A. Background**

Martin Rd is constructing a 20 MW solar electricity generating facility to be located in the Town of Machias in Cattaraugus County, New York (the “Facility”). Additional details regarding the Facility can be found in Attachment 2 of the Interconnection Agreement.

The Facility will interconnect to certain facilities of National Grid that are part of the New York State Transmission System. The Point of Interconnection is National Grid’s existing 115 kV Arcade – Five Mile Line 167 between structure 375 and 376. Attachment 3 of the Interconnection Agreement includes a one-line diagram showing the Point of Interconnection.

**B. The Interconnection Agreement Closely Conforms to the Pro Forma SGIA Contained in Attachment Z of the NYISO OATT**

The Interconnection Agreement was fully executed on November 16, 2020 by the NYISO, National Grid, and Martin Rd. The Interconnection Agreement largely conforms to the language in the Pro Forma SGIA contained in Attachment Z of the NYISO OATT with the exception described below in this Part I.B. The Joint Filing Parties submit that the change specified below satisfies the Commission’s standard for variations from the Pro Forma SGIA, because unique circumstances exist that require a non-conforming agreement.<sup>5</sup> Therefore, the Joint Filing Parties respectfully request that the Commission accept the Interconnection Agreement with the non-conforming change.

**1. Martin Rd’s Construction of Portions of the Connecting Transmission Owner’s Interconnection Facilities**

Section 1.5.3 of the Pro Forma SGIA provides that the Connecting Transmission Owner shall construct, operate, and maintain its Interconnection Facilities and Upgrades covered by the agreement. National Grid and Martin Rd have agreed that Martin Rd will be responsible for constructing certain Connecting Transmission Owner’s Interconnection Facilities associated with the Facility. Accordingly, the parties agreed to modify Section 1.5.3 of the Interconnection Agreement to clarify that the Interconnection Customer, Martin Rd, can construct the Connecting Transmission Owner’s Interconnection Facilities with the agreement of the parties. The Commission has previously accepted this change to the Pro Forma SGIA.<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>5</sup> See, e.g., *PJM Interconnection, LLC*, 111 FERC ¶ 61,163 at PP 10-11, *reh’g denied*, 112 FERC ¶ 61,282 (2005).

<sup>6</sup> See *New York Independent System Operator, Inc. and New York State Electric & Gas Corporation*, Letter Order, Docket No. ER20-1603-000 (June 18, 2020) (accepting interconnecting agreement modified to permit the Interconnection Customer to agree to construct Connecting Transmission Owner’s Interconnection Facilities); *New York Independent System Operator, Inc. and New York State Electric & Gas Corporation*, Letter Order, Docket No. ER20-1602-000 (June 18, 2020) (same).

## **II. Proposed Effective Date and Request for Waiver of the 60-Day Notice Period**

The Joint Filing Parties request an effective date of November 16, 2020 for the Interconnection Agreement, which is the date of its full execution. The Joint Filing Parties respectfully request that the Commission waive its prior notice requirement to permit the requested effective date. The Commission has previously permitted interconnection agreements to become effective upon the date of execution.<sup>7</sup>

## **III. Communications and Correspondence**

All communications and service in this proceeding should be directed to:

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<sup>7</sup> See, e.g., *New York Independent System Operator, Inc. and New York State Electric & Gas Corporation*, Letter Order, Docket No. ER11-2953-000 (April 7, 2011) (accepting interconnection agreement effective as of date of execution); see also *New York Independent System Operator, Inc. and Niagara Mohawk Power Corp.*, Letter Order, Docket No. ER08-985-000 (June 26, 2008) (same); *New York Independent System Operator, Inc. and New York Power Authority*, Letter Order, Docket No. ER08-861-000 (May 27, 2008) (same); *New York Independent System Operator, Inc. and New York Power Authority*, Letter Order, Docket No. ER08-699-000 (May 16, 2008) (same).

<sup>8</sup> The NYISO respectfully requests waiver of 18 C.F.R. § 385.203(b)(3) (2019) to permit service on counsel in both Washington, D.C. and Richmond, VA.

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**IV. Documents Submitted**

The Joint Filing Parties submit the following documents with this filing letter:

- A clean version of the Interconnection Agreement (Attachment I);
- A blacklined version of the Interconnection Agreement showing the changes from the Pro Forma SGIA (Attachment II); and
- The signature pages for the Interconnection Agreement (Attachment III).

**V. Service**

On behalf of the Joint Filing Parties, the NYISO will send an electronic link to this filing to the official representative of each of its customers, to each participant on its stakeholder committees, to the New York Public Service Commission, and to the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities. In addition, a complete copy of the documents included with this filing will be posted on the NYISO's website at [www.nyiso.com](http://www.nyiso.com).

**VI. Conclusion**

Wherefore, the Joint Filing Parties respectfully request that the Commission accept the Interconnection Agreement for filing with an effective date of November 16, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

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