

THIS FILING LETTER DOES NOT CONTAIN ANY CEII. ATTACHMENTS I, II, AND IV DO NOT CONTAIN ANY PRIVILEGED OR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION. ATTACHMENT III INCLUDES A ONE-LINE SCHEMATIC FOR WHICH CEII DESIGNATION IS REQUESTED IN PART III BELOW, AND IS SUBMITTED SEPARATELY.

May 27, 2021

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 Amended and Restated Small Generator Interconnection Agreement Among the New York Independent System Operator, Inc., New York State Electric & Gas Corporation, and Orangeville Energy Storage LLC; Request for Critical Energy Infrastructure Information Designation; and Request for Waiver of the 60-Day Notice Period; Docket No. ER21-____-000

Dear Ms. Bose:

Pursuant to Section 205 of the Federal Power Act¹ and Section 35.13 of the Commission's regulations,² the New York Independent System Operator, Inc. ("NYISO") and New York State Electric & Gas Corporation ("NYSEG") (together, the "Joint Filing Parties") hereby tender for filing an executed Amended and Restated Small Generator Interconnection Agreement entered into by the NYISO, NYSEG, as the Connecting Transmission Owner, and Orangeville Energy Storage LLC ("Orangeville"), as the Interconnection Customer (the "Amended Agreement").³ The Interconnection Agreement is labeled as Service Agreement No. 2562 under the NYISO's Open Access Transmission Tariff ("OATT").

The Joint Filing Parties respectfully request that the Commission accept the Amended Agreement for filing. The Amended Agreement conforms to the NYISO's *pro forma* Small Generator Interconnection Agreement ("Pro Forma SGIA") that is contained in Attachment Z to the OATT with limited non-conforming exceptions previously accepted by the Commission for the prior version of this agreement. Further, as described in Part II of this letter, the Joint Filing

¹ 16 U.S.C. § 824d.

² 18 C.F.R. § 35.13 (2019).

³ 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.

Parties respectfully request a waiver of the Commission's prior notice requirements⁴ to make the Amended Agreement effective as of May 20, 2021, which is the date of its full execution. Finally, as described in Part III of this letter, NYSEG requests that the one-line diagram included in the Amended Agreement be protected from disclosure as Critical Energy Infrastructure Information.

I. Discussion

A. Background

The Amended Agreement supersedes the Small Generator Interconnection Agreement among the NYISO, NYSEG, and Orangeville that was filed in the Commission's Docket No. ER21-154-000 on October 20, 2020,⁵ and was accepted by the Commission on December 17, 2020 (the "Original Agreement").⁶ The Original Agreement was based on and is consistent with the Pro Forma SGIA, but included certain non-conforming modifications, which were accepted by the Commission.

Orangeville is constructing a 20 MW energy storage facility located in the Town of Orangeville in Wyoming County, New York (the "Facility"). Subsequent to the effective date of the Original Agreement, Orangeville proposed changes to the inverters for its Facility. The NYISO determined the changes were non-material, and Orangeville elected to move forward with the change.

Accordingly, the NYISO, NYSEG, and Orangeville have revised Attachment 2 of the Original Agreement to reflect Orangeville's change. In addition, the NYISO, NYSEG, and Orangeville have made the following additional modifications to the Original Agreement:

- Revisions to reflect that this is the "Amended and Restated" Agreement;
- Revisions to the Milestones in Attachment 4 to indicate that certain milestones were completed or have been modified.

The Amended Agreement does not include variations from the Pro Forma SGIA other than those already accepted by the Commission for the Original Agreement.

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

The Joint Filing Parties request an effective date of May 20, 2021, for the Amended Agreement, which is the date of its full execution. The Joint Filing Parties respectfully request

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

⁵ *New York Independent System Operator and New York State Electric & Gas Corporation*, Docket No. ER21-154-000 (October 20, 2020).

⁶ *New York Independent System Operator and New York State Electric & Gas Corporation*, Letter Order, Docket No. ER21-154-000 (December 17, 2020).

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.⁷

III. Request for CEII Treatment

Pursuant to Sections 388.112 and 388.113 of the Commission's regulations,⁸ NYSEG requests that the one-line diagram included as the figure in Attachment 3 of the Amended Agreement be protected from disclosure as Critical Energy Infrastructure Information ("CEII").⁹ The diagram contains detailed, one-line schematics of NYSEG's facilities that, if disclosed, could pose a threat to the security and the reliability of the New York State bulk power system. The diagram provides more than simply the general location of critical infrastructure. Unlike publicly available maps of power transmission lines and generation and substation facilities, the schematics show the exact nature and specific location of facilities used to maintain the reliability of the New York State bulk power system.

The diagram, in NYSEG's assessment, reveals such critical information related to the facilities depicted therein that, if disclosed, could be useful to a person seeking to disable the power grid. Therefore, the disclosure of the CEII diagram would pose a threat to the reliability of the New York State bulk power system and the health and safety of New York residents. Moreover, the information revealed in this schematic reveals CEII, which the Commission has determined to be exempt from mandatory disclosure under 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(F). The diagrams have been omitted from the Public version of the Interconnection Agreement included in this filing.

The Joint Filing Parties are electronically submitting a non-public version of this filing. The diagram is included only in the non-public version of the Amended Agreement in the filing.

⁷ 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).

⁸ 18 C.F.R. §§ 388.112 and 388.113.

⁹ As required by Section 388.113(d)(1)(i) of the Commission's regulations, NYSEG has described in the filing letter how the one-line diagram in Attachment 3 satisfies the definition of critical energy infrastructure information as that term is defined in Section 388.113(c)(1). In addition, as required by Section 388.113(d)(1)(ii) the cover page of the filing letter and the relevant page of the Amended Agreement that contains critical energy infrastructure information is labelled as including CEII and marked DO NOT RELEASE, and a Public and CEII version of the Amended Agreement are being filed with this letter. The CEII material is redacted in the Public version. Finally, as required by Section 388.113(d)(1)(i), NYSEG requests that the Commission designate the CEII material submitted on May 27, 2021, with the full five-year CEII designation provided for in Section 388.113(e)(1) as the information provided in the one-line diagrams will continue to satisfy the definition of critical energy infrastructure information for this entire period.

The non-public diagram is marked: “**FIGURE CONTAINS CEII – DO NOT RELEASE PURSUANT TO 18 C.F.R. §§ 388.112 and 388.113.**” The non-public diagram should be treated as CEII reviewable by Commission Staff. In accordance with the Commission’s April 14, 2017 notice on labeling of non-public information, each page of the non-public version of the filing is marked “**CUI//CEII.**”¹⁰ A placeholder has been included in place of the non-public diagram in the public version of the Amended Agreement.

All communications relating to this request for privileged and confidential treatment should be addressed to NYSEG’s Counsel listed below.

IV. Communications and Correspondence

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

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¹⁰ See Notice of Document Labelling Guidance for Documents Submitted to or Filed with the Commission or Commission Staff (Apr. 14, 2017) (unreported).

¹¹ The NYISO respectfully requests waiver of 18 C.F.R. § 385.203(b)(3) (2014) to permit service on counsel in both Washington, D.C. and Richmond, VA.

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V. Documents Submitted

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

- A clean Public version of the Amended Agreement (Attachment I);
- A blacklined Public version of the Amended Agreement showing the changes from the Original Agreement (Attachment II);
- A clean CEII version of the Amended Agreement (Attachment III); and
- The signature pages for the Amended Agreement (Attachment IV).

VI. 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.

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VII. Conclusion

Wherefore, the Joint Filing Parties respectfully request that the Commission accept the Amended Agreement for filing with an effective date of May 20, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

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