

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.

March 28, 2022

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 Large Generator Interconnection Agreement for the High Bridge Wind Project Among the New York Independent System Operator, Inc., New York State Electric & Gas Corporation, and High Bridge Wind, LLC; Request for Critical Energy Infrastructure Information Designation; and Request for Waiver of the 60-Day Notice Period; Docket No. ER22-____-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 Large Generator Interconnection Agreement for the High Bridge Wind project (NYISO Queue No. 706) entered into by the NYISO, NYSEG, as the Connecting Transmission Owner, and High Bridge Wind, LLC ("High Bridge Wind"), as the Interconnection Customer (the "Interconnection Agreement").³ The Interconnection Agreement is labeled as Service Agreement No. 2657 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* Large Generator Interconnection Agreement ("Pro Forma LGIA") that is contained in Attachment X to the OATT. Further, as described in Part II of this letter, the Joint Filing Parties respectfully request a

¹ 16 U.S.C. § 824d.

² 18 C.F.R. § 35.13 (2021).

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.

waiver of the Commission's prior notice requirements⁴ to make the Interconnection Agreement effective as of March 15, 2022, 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 Interconnection Agreement be protected from disclosure as Critical Energy Infrastructure Information.

I. Discussion

A. Background

High Bridge Wind is constructing a wind farm located in Chenango, New York (the "Facility"). The Facility will interconnect to NYSEG's new High Bridge Substation in the new bay between new 145kV breakers B2 and B3. Figure A-1 in Appendix A of the Interconnection Agreement includes a one-line diagram showing the Point of Interconnection. Additional details regarding the Facility can be found in Appendix C of the Interconnection Agreement.

The Facility will feed power into the High Bridge Collector Substation, which facilities are High Bridge Wind's Attachment Facilities up to the Point of Change of Ownership. The power will then be fed through NYSEG's Attachment Facilities to the Point of Interconnection for the New York State Transmission System at NYSEG's adjacent High Bridge Substation.

High Bridge is separately developing the High Bridge Battery Storage Facility (Queue No. 784) and will enter into a Small Generator Interconnection Agreement among the NYISO, NYSEG, as the Connecting Transmission Owner, and High Bridge, as the Developer. The High Bridge Battery Storage Facility will connect to feed power through the High Bridge Collector Substation and will also interconnect to the New York State Transmission System via NYSEG's Attachment Facilities (called Connecting Transmission Owner's Interconnection Facilities in the Small Generator Interconnection Agreement) at NYSEG's adjacent High Bridge Substation.

B. The Interconnection Agreement Closely Conforms to the Pro Forma LGIA Contained in Attachment X of the NYISO OATT

The Interconnection Agreement was fully executed on March 15, 2022, by the NYISO, NYSEG, and High Bridge Wind. The Interconnection Agreement largely conforms to the language in the Pro Forma LGIA contained in Attachment X 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 LGIA because unique circumstances exist that require a non-conforming agreement.⁵ The Joint Filing

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 See, e.g., *New York Independent System Operator, Inc. and New York State Electric & Gas Corporation*, Letter Order, Docket No. ER21-154-000 (Dec. 17, 2020) (accepting interconnection agreement effective as of date of execution); see also *PJM Interconnection, LLC*, 111 FERC ¶ 61,163 at PP 10-11, reh'g denied, 112 FERC ¶ 61,282 (2005).

Parties, therefore, respectfully request that the Commission accept the Interconnection Agreement with the non-conforming change.

1. Modifications Required to Reflect Joint Ownership and Use of Interconnection Facilities

The parties modified the metering requirements to account for both the Facility and the High Bridge Battery Storage Facility feeding power into the High Bridge Collector Substation and interconnecting to the New York State Transmission System at High Bridge's adjacent High Bridge Substation. The metering for the High Bridge Battery Storage Facility will be arranged to separately measure the generation from the High Bridge Battery Storage Facility and the generation from the Facility. The parties have specified in Section 3 of Appendix C of the Interconnection Agreement the details concerning how the two generating facilities will be metered to distinguish their output and revised Article 7.1 of the Interconnection Agreement to provide for these metering requirements.

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

The Joint Filing Parties request an effective date of March 15, 2022, 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.⁶

III. Request for CEII Treatment

Pursuant to Sections 388.112 and 388.113 of the Commission's regulations,⁷ NYSEG requests that the one-line diagram included as Figure 1 in Appendix A of the Interconnection Agreement be protected from disclosure as Critical Energy Infrastructure Information ("CEII").⁸

⁶ 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).

⁷ 18 C.F.R. §§ 388.112 and 388.113.

⁸ 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 Figure 1 of Appendix A 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 Interconnection 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 Interconnection 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 March 28, 2022, with the full five-year CEII designation

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 Interconnection Agreement in the filing. 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.**"⁹ A placeholder has been included in place of the non-public diagram in the public version of the Interconnection 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:

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.

⁹ See Notice of Document Labelling Guidance for Documents Submitted to or Filed with the Commission or Commission Staff (Apr. 14, 2017) (unreported).

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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 Interconnection Agreement (Attachment I);
- A blacklined Public version of the Interconnection Agreement showing the changes from the Pro Forma LGIA (Attachment II);

¹⁰ 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.

- A clean CEII version of the Interconnection Agreement (Attachment III); and
- The signature pages for the Interconnection Agreement (Attachment IV).

VI. Service

A complete copy of this filing will be posted on the NYISO's website at www.nyiso.com. The NYISO will send an electronic link to this filing to the official representative of each of its customers and to each participant on its stakeholder committees. In addition, the NYISO will send an electronic copy of this filing to the New York Public Service Commission and to the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities.

VII. Conclusion

Wherefore, the Joint Filing Parties respectfully request that the Commission accept the Interconnection Agreement for filing with an effective date of March 15, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

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