

March 16, 2023

**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 for the Hawthorn Solar Project (Queue Position No. 832) Among the New York Independent System Operator, Inc., Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation d/b/a National Grid, and Hawthorn Solar, LLC; Request for Waiver of the 60-Day Notice Period; Docket No. ER23-\_\_\_\_-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 for the Hawthorn Solar project (NYISO Queue Position No. 832) entered into by the NYISO, National Grid, as the Connecting Transmission Owner, and Hawthorn Solar LLC ("Hawthorn"), as the Interconnection Customer (the "Interconnection Agreement").<sup>3</sup> The Interconnection Agreement is labeled as Service Agreement No. 2756 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 exceptions 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 NYISO 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 March 2, 2023, 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 (2022).

<sup>3</sup> Capitalized terms that are not otherwise defined in this filing letter shall have the meaning specified in Attachments S, X, or Z 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**

Hawthorn is constructing a 20 MW solar generation facility in Hoosick Falls, New York (the “Facility”). Additional details regarding the Facility can be found in Attachment 2 of the Interconnection Agreement.

The Facility will interconnect to National Grid’s 115 kV North Troy-Hoosick Line 5, located approximately 14.5 miles from National Grid’s North Troy Substation and approximately 3.21 miles from its Hoosick Substation. 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 March 2, 2023, by the NYISO, National Grid, and Hawthorn. The Interconnection Agreement largely conforms to the language in the Pro Forma SGIA contained in Attachment Z of the NYISO OATT with the exceptions described below in this Part I.B. The Joint Filing Parties submit that the changes specified below satisfy 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 changes.

**1. Hawthorn’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 Hawthorn have agreed that Hawthorn 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, Hawthorn, can construct the Connecting Transmission Owner’s Interconnection Facilities and upgrades 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).

## **2. Modifications Related to Billing and Security Arrangements**

Article 6.1.1 of the Pro Forma SGIA provides that a Connecting Transmission Owner shall bill the applicable Interconnection Customer on a monthly basis, or as otherwise agreed by those Parties, for its design, engineering, construction, and procurement costs. As permitted by Article 6.1.1, National Grid and Hawthorn have agreed to an alternative billing arrangement for Hawthorn to make advance payments to National Grid for the cost of Connecting Transmission Owner's Interconnection Facilities and Upgrades, which will be in lieu of Hawthorn providing Security to National Grid. Accordingly, the parties have agreed to modify Article 6.1.1 of the Interconnection Agreement to reference the details of the alternative billing arrangement, which are set forth in Section 2 of Attachment 4 of the Interconnection Agreement. The Commission has previously accepted changes to the Pro Forma SGIA to reflect alternative billing and invoice arrangements agreed to by the parties.<sup>7</sup>

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

The Joint Filing Parties request an effective date of March 2, 2023, 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>8</sup>

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<sup>7</sup> See *New York Independent System Operator, Inc. and Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation d/b/a National Grid*, Letter Order, Docket No. ER21-1088-000 (April 7, 2021) (accepting modifications to the pro forma Small Generator Interconnection Agreement to address alternative billing and invoicing procedures); see also *New York Independent System Operator, Inc.*, Letter Order, Docket No. ER19-589-000 (Feb. 1, 2019) (same).

<sup>8</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).

**III. Communications and Correspondence**

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<sup>9</sup> The NYISO respectfully requests waiver of 18 C.F.R. § 385.203(b)(3) (2022) to permit service on counsel in both Washington, D.C. and Richmond, VA.

**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**

A complete copy of this filing will be posted on the NYISO's website at [www.nyiso.com](http://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.

**VI. Conclusion**

Wherefore, the Joint Filing Parties respectfully request that the Commission accept the Interconnection Agreement for filing with an effective date of March 2, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

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