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**RE: Project No. 35077, ERCOT Standard Generation Interconnection Agreement
between CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC and TX Gulf Solar 1, LLC**

To whom it may concern:

Enclosed for filing in Project No. 35077 is the ERCOT Standard Generation Interconnection Agreement (SGIA) dated November 16, 2022 between CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC and TX Gulf Solar 1, LLC. Also enclosed are the SGIA Amendment Provisions agreed to by the parties. This filing is made pursuant to 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 25.195(e).

Respectfully submitted,

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CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC

Enclosures: (1) Executed SGIA Amendment Provisions
(2) Executed SGIA

EXHIBIT 1

**AMENDMENT ONE TO
ERCOT STANDARD GENERATION INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT**

This Amendment One ("Amendment") to the Second Division Solar Electric Reliability Council of Texas Standard Generation Interconnection Agreement, 20INR0248, (the "SGIA") dated October 1, 2020, is made between **TX Gulf Solar 1, LLC** ("Generator") and **CENTERPOINT ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC** ("CenterPoint Energy"), (collectively, "the Parties") effective on the day of November 16, 2022, in consideration of the mutual promises and undertakings herein set forth, Generator and CenterPoint Energy agree to amend the SGIA as follows:

The SGIA dated October 1, 2020 is replaced in its entirety with the SGIA dated November 16, 2022, which is attached to this Amendment.

Except as otherwise expressly provided for herein, the SGIA will continue in full force and effect in accordance with its terms.

Generator and CenterPoint Energy may have caused this Amendment to be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, but all shall constitute one and the same instrument.

CENTERPOINT ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC

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TX GULF SOLAR 1, LLC

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AGREEMENT TO ADOPT SGIA AMENDMENT PROVISIONS

This Agreement to Adopt SGIA Amendment Provisions (this "Agreement") is made as of this day of November 16, 2022 between CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC ("CenterPoint Energy") and TX Gulf Solar 1, LLC ("Generator").

CenterPoint Energy and Generator are parties to that certain ERCOT Standard Generation Interconnection Agreement dated November 16, 2022 (the "SGIA").

The SGIA is based on the form standard generation interconnection agreement approved by the Public Utility Commission of Texas (the "Commission") on May 16, 2000 in Docket No. 22052 and is the required form of agreement to be used between transmission service providers ("TSPs") and power generation companies "for the interconnection of new generating facilities" with a TSP's transmission facilities pursuant to Section 25.195(a) of the Commission's rules.

Section 25.195(a) of the Commission's rules authorizes the parties to modify the terms of the SGIA.

CenterPoint Energy and Generator desire to modify Exhibit A of the SGIA ("Exhibit A"), which contains the general terms and conditions of the SGIA, by adopting the amendment provisions set forth in this Agreement (the "Amendment Provisions") and to file this Agreement in Project No. 35077.

CenterPoint Energy and Generator, therefore, agree to adopt the following Amendment Provisions as amendments to Exhibit A:

ARTICLE 1 AMENDMENT PROVISIONS

Section 1.2. Section 1.2 of Exhibit A is amended to change the defined term to "Commercial Operation Date" and to replace the words "Generator declares" with the words "Generator notifies TSP."

Section 1.3. Section 1.3 of Exhibit A is amended to change the Commission rule reference to 25.5(19).

Section 1.6. Section 1.6 of Exhibit A is amended and restated as follows: "'Facilities Study" shall mean the Full Interconnection Study Report dated February 18, 2022 prepared by the TSP in response to Generator's interconnection request no. 20INR0248."

Section 1.9. Section 1.9 of Exhibit A is amended to change the Commission rule reference to 25.5(56).

Section 1.17. Section 1.17 of Exhibit A is amended to change the Commission rule reference to 25.191(d)(3).

Section 1.19. Section 1.19 of Exhibit A is amended to change the defined term to "System Security Screening Study" and to change the Commission rule reference to 25.198(c).

ARTICLE 2 AMENDMENT PROVISIONS

Section 2.1. Subsections B and C of Section 2.1 of Exhibit A are amended and restated as follows:

B. the TSP may terminate this Agreement (subject to Governmental Authority approval, if required) immediately upon written notice to the Generator if (i) all of the conditions precedent listed in Section 4.3 are not satisfied, and a new In-Service Date is not established pursuant to Section 4.5, within 12 months after the "Scheduled Start Date" specified in Exhibit "B" or (ii) the Commercial Operation Date does not, or the Generator notifies or otherwise informs the TSP that the Commercial Operation Date will not, occur within one year after the scheduled Commercial Operation Date reflected in Exhibit "B"; or

C. either Party may terminate this Agreement for a Default of the other Party in accordance with Section 10.6.

Section 2.2. Section 2.2 of Exhibit A is amended and restated as follows:

Termination Costs. If a Party elects to terminate this Agreement pursuant to Section 2.1 above, the Generator shall promptly pay all costs incurred (or committed to be incurred) by TSP for performance under this Agreement (including costs for the design, planning, licensing, procurement and construction of the TIF and for any upgrades to the TSP System to meet the requirements of the Plant), as of the date of the other Party's receipt of such notice of termination. The TSP may immediately exercise its rights under Section 8.3 and Exhibit "E" to recover such costs through the Security described therein; provided, however, if the Security is insufficient to cover such costs, then the Generator shall reimburse the TSP for any remaining amounts. In the event of termination by either Party, both Parties shall use commercially reasonable efforts to mitigate the damages and charges that they may incur as a consequence of termination. The provisions of Sections 2.2 and 2.3 shall survive termination of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 4 AMENDMENT PROVISIONS

Section 4.2. Section 4.2 of Exhibit A is deleted in its entirety (excluding the section number) and intentionally left blank to preserve the section numbering in Article 4.

Section 4.3. Section 4.3 of Exhibit A is amended and restated as follows:

Construction Commencement. The TSP shall commence design, equipment procurement and construction of the TIF as soon as practicable after all of the following conditions precedent are satisfied:

A. The TSP has completed the Facilities Study pursuant to the Facilities Study Agreement;

B. Approval of the appropriate Governmental Authority has been obtained for any facilities requiring regulatory approval (including any required CCN approvals);

C. Necessary real property rights, if any, have been obtained;

D. The TSP has received written notice to proceed with design, procurement and construction of the TIF (the "Notice to Proceed") from the Generator by the date specified in Exhibit "B";

E. The Generator has provided the Security to the TSP in accordance with Section 8.3 by the date specified in Exhibit "B"; and

F. If a CIAC is specified in Exhibit "C," the Generator has provided the CIAC to the TSP in accordance with Section 8.1 by the date specified in Exhibit "B."

Section 4.5. Section 4.5 of Exhibit A is amended and restated as follows:

Conditions Precedent Delay. To the extent any of the conditions precedent under Section 4.3 is not or cannot be satisfied in time for the TSP to meet the In-Service Date using Good Utility Practice, the Parties will negotiate in good faith to amend the time schedule in Exhibit "B" to establish a new In-Service Date.

ARTICLE 6 AMENDMENT PROVISION

Section 6.2. Section 6.2 of Exhibit A is amended and restated as follows:

Control Area. The Parties acknowledge and agree that the location of the TIF and GIF will be entirely within the ERCOT region and that the ERCOT region constitutes a single Control Area.

ARTICLE 7 AMENDMENT PROVISION

Section 7.3. Section 7.3 of Exhibit A is amended by replacing the term "System Security Study" with "System Security Screening Study."

ARTICLE 8 AMENDMENT PROVISIONS

Section 8.1. Section 8.1 of Exhibit A is amended and restated as follows:

Generator's Cost Responsibility. The Generator will acquire, construct, operate, test, maintain and own the Plant and the GIF at its sole expense. In addition, the Generator shall, by the date set out in Exhibit "B," make a contribution in aid of construction ("CIAC") in the amount set out in and for the TIF facilities described in Exhibit "C," if any, in accordance with PUCT Rules.

Section 8.2. Section 8.2 of Exhibit A is amended by replacing the phrase "Section 4.1.B" with "Sections 2.2 and 4.1.B."

Section 8.3. Section 8.3 of Exhibit A is amended and restated as follows:

Financial Security Arrangements. To secure the Generator's obligation to pay the termination costs described in Section 2.2 if this Agreement is terminated pursuant to

Section 2.1, the TSP may require the Generator to pay a reasonable deposit or provide another means of security, to cover the costs of planning, licensing, procuring equipment and materials, and constructing the TIF. The required security arrangements are specified in Exhibit "E." The Generator shall deliver the financial security called for in Exhibit "E" (the "Security") to the TSP by the date specified in Exhibit "B." Within five business days after the TSP receives notice of the Commercial Operation Date from the Generator, the TSP shall return the Security to the Generator. However, the TSP may retain an amount of the Security to cover the incremental difference between the TSP's actual out of pocket costs associated with the choice of Section 4.1.B over Section 4.1.A, pending a final PUCT Order as contemplated in Section 4.1.B(iii). If the Commercial Operation Date for the Plant does not occur within one year after the scheduled Commercial Operation Date identified in Exhibit "B" or if this Agreement is terminated in accordance with Section 2.1 and the TIF are not required, the TSP may, in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.2, retain as much of the Security as is required to cover the costs it incurred in planning, licensing, procuring equipment and materials, and constructing the TIF. If a cash deposit is provided as the Security pursuant to Exhibit "E," any repayment of such cash deposit shall include interest at a rate applicable to customer deposits as established from time to time by the PUCT or other Governmental Authority. If ERCOT requires the TSP to update the Facilities Study or conduct a new facilities study for the TIF, whether due to a delay in the Commercial Operation Date or otherwise, the TSP may increase the Security amount required from the Generator to cover any increase in the estimated cost of the TIF identified in such updated or new facilities study.

ARTICLE 9 AMENDMENT PROVISIONS

Section 9.1. Subsections B, D, E, F and I of Section 9.1 of Exhibit A are amended and restated as follows:

B. Commercial General Liability Insurance including for premises and operations, providing personal injury coverage; broad form property damage coverage; broad form blanket contractual liability coverage (including coverage for the contractual indemnification; products and completed operations coverage; coverage for explosion, collapse and underground hazards; coverage for sudden and accidental pollution to the extent normally available; coverage for punitive damages to the extent normally available; and cross liability coverage, with minimum limits of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence/One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) aggregate combined single limit for personal injury, bodily injury, including death and property damage.

D. Excess/Umbrella Public Liability Insurance over and above the Employer's Liability, Commercial General Liability and Comprehensive Automobile Liability Insurance coverage, with a minimum combined single limit of Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000) per occurrence/Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000) aggregate.

E. The Commercial General Liability Insurance and Commercial Automobile Liability Insurance, and Umbrella/Excess Liability Insurance policies shall provide the other Party, its parent, associated and affiliated companies and their respective directors, officers, agents, servants and employees ("Other Party Group") with additional insured status. All policies shall contain provisions whereby the insurers waive all rights of subrogation in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement against the Other Party Group, and

each Party shall provide thirty (30) days advance written notice to Other Party Group prior to anniversary date of cancellation except ten (10) days of non-payment of premium.

F. The Commercial General Liability Insurance, Comprehensive Automobile Liability Insurance and Excess/Umbrella Public Liability Insurance policies shall contain provisions that specify that the policies are primary and shall apply to such extent without consideration for other policies separately carried and shall state that each insured is provided coverage as though a separate policy had been issued to each, except the insurer's liability shall not be increased beyond the amount for which the insurer would have been liable had only one insured been covered. Each Party shall be responsible for its respective deductibles or retentions.

I. Within ten (10) days following execution of this Agreement, and as soon as practicable after the end of each fiscal year or at the renewal of the insurance policy and in any event within ninety (90) days thereafter, each Party shall provide certification of all insurance required in this Agreement, executed by each insurer or by an authorized representative of each insurer, or a letter of self-insurance executed by the Party's authorized representative.

ARTICLE 10 AMENDMENT PROVISIONS

Section 10.5. Subsection B of Section 10.5 of Exhibit A is amended and restated as follows:

B. Neither Party shall be considered to be in Default (as hereinafter defined) with respect to any obligation hereunder (including obligations under Article 4), other than the obligation to provide the Security or pay money when due, if prevented from fulfilling such obligation by Force Majeure. A Party unable to fulfill any obligation hereunder (other than an obligation to provide the Security or pay money when due) by reason of Force Majeure shall give notice and the full particulars of such Force Majeure to the other Party in writing or by telephone as soon as reasonably possible after the occurrence of the cause relied upon. Telephone notices given pursuant to this Section shall be confirmed in writing as soon as reasonably possible and shall specifically state full particulars of the Force Majeure, the time and date when the Force Majeure occurred and when the Force Majeure is reasonably expected to cease. The Party affected shall exercise due diligence to remove such disability with reasonable dispatch but shall not be required to accede or agree to any provision not satisfactory to it in order to settle and terminate a strike or other labor disturbance. The In-Service Date will be extended by one day for each day TIF construction is delayed due to Force Majeure.

Section 10.6. Subsection A of Section 10.6 of Exhibit A is amended and restated as follows:

A. The term "Default" shall mean the failure of either Party to perform any obligation in the time or manner provided in this Agreement. No Default shall exist where such failure to discharge an obligation (other than an obligation to provide the Security or to pay money) is the result of Force Majeure as defined in this Agreement or the result of an act or omission of the other Party. Upon a Default, the non-defaulting Party shall give written notice of such Default to the defaulting Party. Except as provided in Section 10.6.B, the defaulting Party shall have thirty (30) days from receipt of the Default notice


within which to cure such Default; provided however, if such Default is not capable of cure within 30 days, the defaulting Party shall commence such cure within 30 days after receipt of the Default notice and continuously and diligently complete such cure within 90 days from receipt of the Default notice; and, if cured within such time, the Default specified in such notice shall cease to exist.

This Agreement and the Amendment Provisions herein are effective as of the effective date of the SGIA.

CENTERPOINT ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC

By:

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Name: Scott Doyle
Title: EVP Utility Operations

TX Gulf Solar 1, LLC

By:

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Name: Kevin Smith
Title: Chief Executive Officer

EXHIBIT 2

**ERCOT STANDARD GENERATION
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT**

Between

TX Gulf Solar 1, LLC

and

CenterPoint Energy, Houston Electric, LLC

for

Second Division Solar Project, Brazoria County, Texas

November 2022

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ERCOT STANDARD GENERATION INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

This Standard Generation Interconnection Agreement is made and entered into this day of November 16, 2022, between CenterPoint Energy, Houston Electric, LLC (“Transmission Service Provider”) and TX Gulf Solar 1, LLC (“Generator”), hereinafter individually referred to as “Party,” and collectively referred to as “Parties.” In consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements herein contained, the Parties hereto agree as follows:

Transmission Service Provider represents that it is a public utility that owns and operates facilities for the transmission and distribution of electricity. Generator represents that it will own and operate the Plant. Pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, Transmission Service Provider shall interconnect Generator’s Plant with Transmission Service Provider’s System consistent with the Facilities Study Agreement executed between the Parties on February 18, 2022.

This Agreement applies only to the Plant and the Parties’ interconnection facilities as identified in Exhibit “C”.

This Agreement shall become effective on November 16, 2022, subject to Governmental Authority approval, if required, and shall continue in full force and effect until terminated in accordance with Exhibit “A”.

This Agreement will be subject to the following, all of which are incorporated herein:

- A. The “Terms and Conditions of the ERCOT Standard Generation Interconnection Agreement” attached hereto as Exhibit “A”;
- B. The ERCOT Requirements (unless expressly stated herein, where the ERCOT Requirements are in conflict with this Agreement, the ERCOT Requirements shall prevail);
- C. The PUCT Rules (where the PUCT Rules are in conflict with this Agreement, the PUCT Rules shall prevail);
- D. The Time Schedule attached hereto as Exhibit “B”;
- E. The Interconnection Details attached hereto as Exhibit “C”;
- F. The notice requirements attached hereto as Exhibit “D”;
- G. The Security Arrangement Details attached hereto as Exhibit “E”;
- H. The Final Substation Development Plan Basic Offer, the current version of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “F”;
- I. The One-Line Relaying and Metering Diagram, the current version of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “G”;
- J. The Transmission Service Provider’s “Specification for Customer-Owned 138kV Substation Design”, specification 007-231-14, as it may be updated from time to time, the current version of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “H”;
- K. The Transmission Service Provider’s “Specification for Remote Telemetry of a Customer Owned Facility”, specification 007-400-02, as it may be updated from time to time, the current version of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “I”;

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- L. Transmission Service Provider's "Transmission & Substation Outage and Clearance Coordination Procedures", as it may be updated from time to time, the current version of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "J";

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Agreement in duplicate originals, each of which shall constitute and be an original effective Agreement between the Parties.

CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC TX Gulf Solar 1, LLC

By: DocuSigned by: Scott Doyle
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Title: EVP Utility Operations

Date: November 16, 2022

By: DocuSigned by: Kenneth Smith
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Title: Chief Executive Officer

Date: November 17, 2022

Exhibit “A”
Terms and Conditions of the ERCOT Standard Generation Interconnection Agreement

ARTICLE 1. DEFINITIONS

Capitalized terms shall have the meanings as set forth below, except as otherwise specified in the Agreement:

1.1 “CCN” shall mean a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity issued by the PUCT.

1.2 “Commercial Operation” shall mean the date on which Generator declares that the construction of the Plant has been substantially completed, Trial Operation of the Plant has been completed, and the Plant is ready for dispatch.

1.3 “Control Area” shall have the meaning ascribed thereto in PUCT Rule 25.5(8) or its successor.

1.4 “ERCOT” shall mean the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, Inc.

1.5 “ERCOT Requirements” means the ERCOT Operating Guides, ISO Generation Interconnection Procedures as well as any other documents adopted by the ISO or ERCOT relating to the interconnection and operation of generators and transmission systems in ERCOT as amended from time to time, and any successors thereto. Any requirement in the foregoing documents imposed upon generation entities or generation facilities shall become the responsibility of the Generator, and any requirements imposed on transmission providers or transmission facilities shall become the responsibility of the TSP.

1.6 “Facilities Study” shall have the meaning as described in PUCT Rule 25.198(g) or its successor.

1.7 “Facilities Study Agreement” shall mean an agreement executed by the Parties relating to the performance of the Facilities Study.

1.8 “GIF” shall mean Generator’s interconnection facilities as described in Exhibit “C.”

1.9 “Good Utility Practice” shall have the meaning described in PUCT Rule 25.5(23) or its successor.

1.10 “Governmental Authority(ies)” shall mean any federal, state, local or municipal body having jurisdiction over a Party.

1.11 “In-Service Date” shall be the date, as reflected in Exhibit “B,” that the TIF will be ready to connect to the GIF.

1.12 “ISO” shall mean the ERCOT Independent System Operator.

1.13 “Plant” shall mean the electric generation facility owned and operated by the Generator, as specified in Exhibit “C.”

1.14 “Point of Interconnection” shall mean the location(s) where the GIF connects to the TIF as negotiated and defined by the Parties and as shown on Exhibit “C” of this Agreement.

1.15 “PUCT” shall mean the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

1.16 “PUCT Rules” shall mean the Substantive Rules of the PUCT.

1.17 “Reasonable Efforts” shall mean the use of Good Utility Practice and the exercise of due diligence (pursuant to PUCT Rule 25.196(e)).

1.18 “System Protection Equipment” shall mean those facilities located within the TIF and the GIF as described in Section 5.6 and Exhibit “C.”

1.19 “System Security Study” shall have the meaning as described in PUCT Rule 25.198(f) or its successor.

1.20 “TCOS” shall mean the TSP’s transmission cost of service as allowed by the applicable Governmental Authority.

1.21 “TIF” shall mean the TSP’s interconnection facilities as described in Exhibit “C” to this Agreement.

1.22 “Trial Operation” shall mean the process by which the Generator is engaged in on-site test operations and commissioning of the Plant prior to Commercial Operation.

1.23 “TSP” shall mean the Transmission Service Provider.

1.24 “TSP System” shall mean the electric transmission facilities, including the TIF, and all associated equipment and facilities owned and/or operated by the TSP.

ARTICLE 2. TERMINATION

2.1 Termination Procedures. This Agreement may be terminated as follows:

A. the Generator may terminate this Agreement after giving the TSP thirty (30) days advance written notice; or

B. the TSP may terminate this Agreement (subject to Governmental Authority approval, if required) on written notice to the Generator if the Generator’s Plant has not achieved Commercial Operation within one year after the scheduled Commercial Operation date reflected in Exhibit “B”; or

C. either Party may terminate this Agreement in accordance with Section 10.6.

2.2 Termination Costs. If a Party elects to terminate the Agreement pursuant to Section 2.1 above, the Generator shall pay all costs incurred (or committed to be incurred) by TSP, as of the date of the other Party’s receipt of such notice of termination, that are the responsibility of the Generator under this Agreement. In the event of termination by either Party, both Parties shall use commercially reasonable efforts to mitigate the damages and charges that they may incur as a consequence of termination. The provisions of the Sections 2.2 and 2.3 shall survive termination of the Agreement.

2.3 Disconnection. Upon termination of this Agreement, the Parties will disconnect the GIF from the TIF.

ARTICLE 3. REGULATORY FILINGS

3.1 Filing. The TSP shall file this executed Agreement with the appropriate Governmental Authority, if required. Any portions of this Agreement asserted by Generator to contain competitively sensitive commercial or financial information shall be filed by the TSP identified as “confidential” under seal stating, for the TSP’s showing of good cause, that Generator asserts such information is confidential information and has requested such filing under seal. If requested by the TSP, Generator shall provide the TSP, in writing, with the Generator’s basis for asserting that the information referred to in this Section 3.1 is competitively sensitive information, and the TSP may disclose such writing to the appropriate Governmental Authority.

3.2 Regulatory Approvals. Unless exempt, the TSP shall timely request ISO and all regulatory approvals necessary for it to carry out its responsibilities under this Agreement. Such approvals shall include any CCN required for the construction of the TIF.

ARTICLE 4. INTERCONNECTION FACILITIES ENGINEERING, PROCUREMENT, AND CONSTRUCTION

4.1 Options. The Generator shall select one of the following options (subsection A or subsection B) and include the selected option in Exhibit “B” for completion of the TIF:

A. The TSP shall design, procure, and construct the TIF, using Reasonable Efforts to complete the TIF by the In-Service Date reflected in Exhibit “B.” The TSP will utilize its own resources and will contract for additional resources, as reasonably necessary, to meet the In-Service Date. Such resources shall include, as the TSP believes is reasonable, use of other contractors, other equipment suppliers, other material suppliers, additional contract personnel, additional payments to contractors for expedited work, and premiums paid to equipment and material suppliers for expedited delivery. The TSP shall not be required to undertake any initiative

which is inconsistent with its standard safety practices, its material and equipment specifications, its design criteria and construction procedures, its labor agreements, applicable laws and regulations, and ERCOT Requirements. In the event the TSP reasonably expects that it will not be able to complete the TIF by the In-Service Date, the TSP will promptly provide written notice to the Generator and will undertake Reasonable Efforts to meet the earliest date thereafter.

B. (i) The TSP shall design, procure, and construct the TIF by the In-Service Date reflected in Exhibit "B." The Parties acknowledge that the In-Service Date was either agreed upon through good faith negotiations or designated by the Generator upon failure of the Parties to agree. In the process of negotiating the In-Service Date, Generator will request a date upon which it reasonably expects it will be ready to begin use of the TIF and upon which it reasonably expects to begin doing so. Any date designated by the Generator shall in no event be less than fifteen months from the date that all conditions of Sections 4.2 and 4.3 have been satisfied. The designated In-Service Date will be extended day for day for each day that the ISO refuses to grant clearances to install equipment. If the TSP fails to complete the TIF by the In-Service Date reflected in Exhibit "B," the TSP shall pay the Generator liquidated damages in accordance with this Section 4.1.B.

(ii) The Parties agree that actual damages to the Generator, in the event the TIF are not completed by the In-Service Date, may include Generator's fixed operation and maintenance costs and lost opportunity costs. Such actual damages are uncertain and impossible to determine at this time. The Parties agree that, because of such uncertainty, any liquidated damages paid by the TSP to the Generator shall be an amount equal to $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1% of the actual cost of the TIF, per day. However, in no event shall the total liquidated damages exceed 20% of the actual cost of the TIF. The Parties agree that such liquidated damages are less than the Generator's actual damages. The Parties agree that the foregoing payments will be made by the TSP to the Generator as just

compensation for the damages caused to the Generator, which actual damages are uncertain and impossible to determine at this time, and as reasonable liquidated damages, but not as a penalty or a method to secure performance of this Agreement.

(iii) The TSP shall apply to have the full costs of the TIF included in TCOS. If the PUCT issues a final, appealable order excluding from TCOS any portion of the TIF costs, including higher contractor and vendor costs due to liquidated damage provisions in those contracts and insurance costs to cover liquidated damages, which costs may have been reasonably incurred but which the PUCT finds should not be recovered through TCOS, the Generator shall reimburse the TSP for such costs in an amount not to exceed the difference between the TSP's estimate of the cost of the TIF under section 4.1.A and the TSP's estimate of the cost of the TIF under Section 4.1.B as reflected in Exhibit "C." Such costs shall be estimated using Good Utility Practice.

(iv) No liquidated damages shall be paid to Generator if the Generator is not ready to commence use of the TIF for the delivery of power to the Plant for Trial Operation or export of power from the Plant on the In-Service Date, unless the Generator would have been able to commence use of the TIF for the delivery of power to the Plant for Trial Operation or export of power from the Plant but for TSP's delay.

(v) If the In-Service Date has been designated by the Generator upon a failure of the Parties to agree on the In-Service Date, the TSP may, at its option, require the Generator to subcontract with the TSP for all or part of the design, procurement and construction of the TIF in accordance with the TSP's standard subcontractor agreements. In such event, the TSP shall be subject to the payment of liquidated damages to the Generator only if the In-Service Date is not met solely due to the TSP's failure to complete the portion of the TIF for which the TSP has

retained responsibility. It is the intent of this subsection to give the TSP full control of the contents and quality of the TIF. To the extent the Generator acts as a subcontractor to the TSP, the following will apply: 1) The Generator shall engineer, procure equipment, and construct the TIF (or portions thereof) using Good Utility Practice and using standards and specifications provided in advance by the TSP; 2) In its engineering, procurement and construction of the TIF, the Generator shall comply with all requirements of law to which the TSP would be subject in the engineering, procurement or construction of the TIF; 3) The TSP shall review and approve the engineering design, acceptance tests of equipment, and the construction of the TIF; 4) The TSP shall have the right to approve and accept for operation the TIF in accordance with the standards and specifications provided in advance by the TSP, such approval and acceptance shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned, or delayed; 5) Should any phase of the engineering, equipment procurement, or construction of the TIF, including selection of subcontractors, not meet the standards and specifications provided by the TSP, and therefore be deemed unacceptable, then the Generator shall be obligated to remedy that portion of the TIF or selection of subcontractors that is deemed unacceptable, the TSP's approval of the Generator's selection of subcontractors will not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed; and 6) Once the TIF is accepted for operation by the TSP, then the TSP shall reimburse the Generator for the reasonable and necessary costs incurred by the Generator to complete the TIF, not to exceed the amount specified in the subcontract. Such reimbursement shall be made within thirty days after receipt of the invoice, unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties.

4.2 Equipment Procurement. If responsibility for construction of the TIF is borne by the TSP, then the TSP shall commence design of the TIF and procure necessary equipment within a reasonable time after all of the following conditions are satisfied:

A. The TSP has completed the Facilities Study pursuant to the Facilities Study Agreement;

B. The TSP has received written authorization to proceed with design and procurement from the Generator by the date specified in Exhibit "B"; and

C. The Generator has provided security to the TSP in accordance with Section 8.3 by the dates specified in Exhibit "B."

4.3 Construction Commencement. The TSP shall commence construction of the TIF as soon as practicable after the following additional conditions are satisfied:

A. Approval of the appropriate Governmental Authority has been obtained for any facilities requiring regulatory approval;

B. Necessary real property rights, if any, have been obtained;

C. The TSP has received written authorization to proceed with construction from the Generator by the date specified in Exhibit "B"; and

D. The Generator has provided security to the TSP in accordance with Section 8.3 by the dates specified in Exhibit "B."

4.4 Work Progress. The Parties will keep each other advised periodically as to the progress of their respective design, procurement and construction efforts. If, at any time, the Generator becomes aware that the completion of the TIF will not be required until after the specified In-Service Date, the Generator will promptly provide written notice to the TSP of a new, later In-Service Date.

4.5 Conditions Precedent Delay. To the extent this Agreement incorporates a specified In-Service Date and the Generator fails to satisfy conditions precedent under Sections 4.2 and 4.3 so

that the TSP may meet the In-Service Date, the Parties will negotiate in good faith to establish a new schedule for completion of the TIF.

ARTICLE 5. FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT

5.1 Information Exchange. The Parties shall exchange information and mutually agree upon the design and compatibility of the Parties' interconnection facilities. The Parties shall work diligently and in good faith to make any necessary design changes to ensure compatibility of the GIF to the TSP System.

5.2 GIF Construction. Generator agrees to cause the GIF to be designed and constructed in accordance with Good Utility Practice, ERCOT Requirements and the National Electrical Safety Code in effect at the time of construction. Within one-hundred and twenty (120) days after Commercial Operation, unless the Parties agree on another mutually acceptable deadline, the Generator shall deliver to the TSP the following "as-built" drawings, information and documents for the GIF: a one-line diagram, a site plan showing the Plant and the GIF, plan and elevation drawings showing the layout of the GIF, a relay functional diagram, relaying AC and DC schematic wiring diagrams and relay settings for all facilities associated with the Generator's main-power transformers, the facilities connecting the Generator to the main power transformers and the GIF, and the impedances (determined by factory tests) for the associated main power transformers and the generators.

5.3 TIF Construction. The TSP agrees to cause the TIF to be designed and constructed in accordance with Good Utility Practice, ERCOT Requirements and the National Electrical Safety Code in effect at the time of construction.

5.4 Equipment Changes. For facilities not described in Exhibit "C," if either Party makes equipment changes to the Plant, the GIF, the TIF or the TSP System which it knows will affect the

operation or performance of the other Party's interconnection facilities, the Parties agree to notify the other Party, in writing, of such changes. Such changes shall be made in accordance with ERCOT Requirements and coordinated between the Parties.

5.5 Metering, Telemetry and Communications Requirements.

A. Metering and telemetry of data will be accomplished in accordance with ERCOT Requirements. The specific metering, telemetry and communications equipment to be installed and data to be telemetered are described in Exhibit "C."

B. At the Point of Interconnection, the metering and telemetry equipment shall be owned by the TSP. However, the TSP shall provide the Generator with metering and telemetry values in accordance with ERCOT Requirements.

C. A minimum set of inputs to the telemetry equipment are specified in Exhibit "C." Additional sets of inputs may be subsequently mutually agreed upon.

D. The TSP will notify the Generator at least five (5) working days in advance of any planned maintenance, inspection, testing, or calibration of the metering equipment, unless otherwise agreed to in writing. The Generator, or its designated representative, shall have the right to be present for these activities and to receive copies of any documents related to the procedures and results.

E. Prior to the connection of the GIF to the TIF, acceptance tests will be performed by the owning Party to ensure the proper functioning of all metering, telemetry and communications equipment associated with the Point of Interconnection and both Parties' interconnection facilities, and to verify the accuracy of data being received by the TSP, the Control Area(s) in which the

Plant and the TSP are located and the Generator. All acceptance tests will be performed consistent with ERCOT Requirements.

F. The TSP shall, in accordance with Good Utility Practice and ERCOT Requirements, specify communications facilities, including those necessary to transmit data from the metering equipment to the TSP, that are necessary for the effective operation of the Plant and the GIF with the TSP System. Such communication facilities shall be included in Exhibit "C." The Generator shall make arrangements to procure and bear the cost of such facilities.

G. Any changes to the meters, telemetry equipment, voltage transformers, current transformers, and associated panels, hardware, conduit and cable, which will affect the data being received by the other Party must be mutually agreed to by the Parties.

H. Each Party will promptly advise the other Party if it detects or otherwise learns of any metering, telemetry or communications equipment errors or malfunctions that require the attention and/or correction by the other Party. The Party owning such equipment shall correct such error or malfunction as soon as reasonably feasible in accordance with ERCOT Requirements.

5.6 System Protection and Other Controls Requirements.

A. Each Party's facilities shall be designed to isolate any fault, or to correct or isolate any abnormality, that would negatively affect the other Party's system or other entities connected to the TSP System.

B. The Generator shall be responsible for protection of its facilities consistent with ERCOT Requirements.

C. Each Party's protective relay design shall incorporate the necessary test switches to perform the tests required in Section 5.6.F. The required test switches will be placed such that they

allow operation of lockout relays while preventing breaker failure schemes from operating and causing unnecessary breaker operations and tripping the Generator's units.

D. Recording equipment shall be installed to analyze all system disturbances in accordance with ERCOT Requirements.

E. Each Party will test, operate and maintain System Protection Equipment in accordance with ERCOT Requirements. Each Party will provide reasonable notice to the other Party of any testing of its System Protection Equipment allowing such other Party the opportunity to have representatives present during testing of its System Protection Equipment.

F. Prior to the In-Service Date, and again prior to Commercial Operation, each Party or its agent shall perform a complete calibration test and functional trip test of the System Protection Equipment. At intervals suggested by Good Utility Practice or at intervals described in the ERCOT Requirements if so defined therein, and following any apparent malfunction of the System Protection Equipment, each Party shall perform both calibration and functional trip tests of its System Protection Equipment. These tests do not require the tripping of any in-service generation unit. These tests do, however, require that all protective relays and lockout contacts be activated.

5.7 No Annexation. Any and all equipment placed on the premises of a Party shall be and remain the property of the Party providing such equipment regardless of the mode and manner of annexation or attachment to real property, unless otherwise mutually agreed by the Parties.

ARTICLE 6. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

6.1 Operation and Maintenance of Interconnection Facilities. The Parties agree to operate and maintain their systems in accordance with Good Utility Practice, National Electrical Safety Code, the ERCOT Requirements, PUCT Rules and all applicable laws and regulations. Subject to any necessary ISO approval, each Party shall provide necessary equipment outages to allow the other Party to perform periodic maintenance, repair or replacement of its facilities. Such outages shall be scheduled at mutually agreeable times, unless conditions exist which a Party believes, in accordance with Good Utility Practice, may endanger persons or property. No changes will be made in the normal operation of the Point of Interconnection without the mutual agreement of the Parties except as otherwise provided herein. All testing of the Plant that affects the operation of the Point of Interconnection shall be coordinated between the TSP, the Control Area(s) in which the Plant and the TSP are located, and the Generator and will be conducted in accordance with ERCOT Requirements.

6.2 Control Area Notification. At least six months before Trial Operation, the Generator shall notify the TSP in writing of the Control Area in which it will be located. If the Generator elects to be located in a Control Area other than the Control Area in which the TSP is located, all necessary agreements, including but not limited to remote control area generator interchange agreements, if applicable, and appropriate measures under such agreements, shall be executed and implemented prior to the placement of the Plant in the other Control Area. The Parties will diligently cooperate with one another to enable such agreements to be executed and implemented on a schedule necessary to meet the Trial Operation date specified in Exhibit "B."

6.3 Land Rights and Easements. Terms and conditions addressing the rights of the TSP and the Generator regarding any facilities located on the other Party's property shall be addressed in a

separate, duly executed and recorded easement agreement between the Parties. Prior to Commercial Operation, the Parties will mutually agree upon procedures to govern access to each other's property as necessary for the Parties to fulfill their obligations hereunder.

6.4 Service Interruption. The Parties recognize that the interruption of service provisions of the PUCT Rules give TSP the right to disconnect the TSP System from the Plant under the conditions specified therein. The Generator will promptly disconnect the Plant from the TSP System when required by and in accordance with the PUCT Rules and ERCOT Requirements.

6.5 Switching and Clearance.

A. Any switching or clearances needed on the TIF or the GIF will be done in accordance with ERCOT Requirements.

B. Any switching and clearance procedure necessary to comply with Good Utility Practice or ERCOT Requirements that may have specific application to the Plant shall be addressed in Exhibit "C."

6.6 Start-Up and Synchronization. Consistent with ERCOT Requirements and the Parties' mutually acceptable procedure, the Generator is responsible for the proper synchronization of the Plant to the TSP System.

6.7 Routine Operational Communications. On a timely basis, the Parties shall exchange all information necessary to comply with ERCOT Requirements.

6.8 Blackstart Operations. If the Plant is capable of blackstart operations, Generator will coordinate individual Plant start-up procedures consistent with ERCOT Requirements. Any blackstart operations shall be conducted in accordance with the blackstart criteria included in the ERCOT Requirements and the TSP Blackstart Plan on file with the ISO. Notwithstanding this section, the Generator is not required to have blackstart capability by virtue of this Agreement. If

the Generator will have blackstart capability, then Generator shall provide and maintain an emergency communication system that will interface with the TSP during a blackstart condition.

6.9 Power System Stabilizers. The Generator shall procure, install, maintain and operate power system stabilizers if required to meet ERCOT Requirements and as described in Exhibit “C.”

ARTICLE 7. DATA REQUIREMENTS

7.1 Data Acquisition. The acquisition of data to realistically simulate the electrical behavior of system components is a fundamental requirement for the development of a reliable interconnected transmission system. Therefore, the TSP and the Generator shall be required to submit specific information regarding the electrical characteristics of their respective facilities to each other as described below in accordance with ERCOT Requirements.

7.2 Initial Data Submission by TSP. The initial data submission by the TSP shall occur no later than 120 days prior to Trial Operation and shall include transmission system data necessary to allow the Generator to select equipment and meet any system protection and stability requirements.

7.3 Initial Data Submission by Generator. The initial data submission by the Generator, including manufacturer data, shall occur no later than 90 days prior to the Trial Operation and shall include a completed copy of the following forms contained in the ISO’s Generation Interconnection Procedure: (1) Plant Description/Data and (2) Generation Stability Data. It shall also include any additional data provided to the ISO for the System Security Study. Data in the initial submissions shall be the most current Plant design or expected performance data. Data submitted for stability models shall be compatible with the ISO standard models. If there is no

compatible model, the Generator will work with an ISO designated consultant to develop and supply a standard model and associated data.

7.4 Data Supplementation. Prior to Commercial Operation, the Parties shall supplement their initial data submissions with any and all “as-built” Plant data or “as-tested” performance data which differs from the initial submissions or, alternatively, written confirmation that no such differences exist. Subsequent to Commercial Operation, the Generator shall provide the TSP any data changes due to equipment replacement, repair, or adjustment. The TSP shall provide the Generator any data changes due to equipment replacement, repair, or adjustment in the directly connected substation or any adjacent TSP-owned substation that may affect the GIF equipment ratings, protection or operating requirements. The Parties shall provide such data no later than 30 days after the date of the actual change in equipment characteristics. Also, the Parties shall provide to each other a copy of any additional data later required by the ISO concerning these facilities.

7.5 Data Exchange. Each Party shall furnish to the other Party real-time and forecasted data as required by ERCOT Requirements. The Parties will cooperate with one another in the analysis of disturbances to either the Plant or the TSP’s System by gathering and providing access to any information relating to any disturbance, including information from oscillography, protective relay targets, breaker operations and sequence of events records.

ARTICLE 8. PERFORMANCE OBLIGATION

8.1 Generator’s Cost Responsibility. The Generator will acquire, construct, operate, test, maintain and own the Plant and the GIF at its sole expense. In addition, the Generator may be required to make a contribution in aid of construction in the amount set out in and for the facilities described in Exhibit “C,” if any, in accordance with PUCT Rules.

8.2 TSP's Cost Responsibility. The TSP will acquire, own, operate, test, and maintain the TIF at its sole expense, subject to the provisions of Section 4.1.B and the contribution in aid of construction provisions of Section 8.1 of this Agreement.

8.3 Financial Security Arrangements. The TSP may require the Generator to pay a reasonable deposit or provide another means of security, to cover the costs of planning, licensing, procuring equipment and materials, and constructing the TIF. The required security arrangements shall be specified in Exhibit "E." Within five business days after the Plant achieves Commercial Operation with respect to the applicable Phase, the TSP shall return the deposit or security to the Generator relating to such Phase. However, the TSP may retain an amount to cover the incremental difference between the TSP's actual out of pocket costs associated with the choice of Section 4.1.B over Section 4.1.A, pending a final PUCT Order as contemplated in Section 4.1.B(iii). If the Plant has not achieved Commercial Operation within one year after the scheduled Commercial Operation date identified in Exhibit "B" or if the Generator terminates this Agreement in accordance with Section 2.1 and the TIF are not required, the TSP may, subject to the provisions of Section 2.2, retain as much of the deposit or security as is required to cover the costs it incurred in planning, licensing, procuring equipment and materials, and constructing the TIF. If a cash deposit is made pursuant to Exhibit "E," any repayment of such cash deposit shall include interest at a rate applicable to customer deposits as established from time to time by the PUCT or other Governmental Authority.

ARTICLE 9. INSURANCE

9.1 Each Party shall, at its own expense, maintain in force throughout the period of this Agreement and until released by the other Party the following minimum insurance coverages, with insurers authorized to do business in Texas:

A. Employers Liability and Worker's Compensation Insurance providing statutory benefits in accordance with the laws and regulations of the State of Texas. The minimum limits for the Employer's Liability insurance shall be One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) each accident bodily injury by accident, One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) each employee bodily injury by disease, and One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) policy limit bodily injury by disease.

B. Commercial General Liability Insurance including premises and operations, personal injury, broad form property damage, broad form blanket contractual liability coverage (including coverage for the contractual indemnification) products and completed operations coverage, coverage for explosion, collapse and underground hazards, independent contractors coverage, coverage for pollution to the extent normally available and punitive damages to the extent normally available and a cross liability endorsement, with minimum limits of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence/One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) aggregate combined single limit for personal injury, bodily injury, including death and property damage.

C. Comprehensive Automobile Liability Insurance for coverage of owned, non-owned and hired vehicles, trailers or semi-trailers designed for travel on public roads, with a minimum combined single limit of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence for bodily injury, including death, and property damage.

D. Excess Public Liability Insurance over and above the Employer's Liability, Commercial General Liability and Comprehensive Automobile Liability Insurance coverage, with a minimum combined single limit of Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000) per occurrence/Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000) aggregate.

E. The Commercial General Liability Insurance, Comprehensive Automobile Liability Insurance, and Excess Public Liability Insurance policies shall name the other Party, its

parent, associated and affiliated companies and their respective directors, officers, agents, servants and employees ("Other Party Group") as additional insured. All policies shall contain provisions whereby the insurers waive all rights of subrogation in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement against the Other Party Group and provide thirty (30) days advance written notice to Other Party Group prior to anniversary date of cancellation or any material change in coverage or condition.

F. The Commercial General Liability Insurance, Comprehensive Automobile Liability Insurance and Excess Public Liability Insurance policies shall contain provisions that specify that the policies are primary and shall apply to such extent without consideration for other policies separately carried and shall state that each insured is provided coverage as though a separate policy had been issued to each, except the insurer's liability shall not be increased beyond the amount for which the insurer would have been liable had only one insured been covered. Each Party shall be responsible for its respective deductibles or retentions.

G. The Commercial General Liability Insurance, Comprehensive Automobile Liability Insurance and Excess Public Liability Insurance policies, if written on a Claims First Made basis, shall be maintained in full force and effect for two (2) years after termination of this Agreement, which coverage may be in the form of tail coverage or extended reporting period coverage if agreed by the Parties.

H. The requirements contained herein as to the types and limits of all insurance to be maintained by the Parties are not intended to and shall not in any manner, limit or qualify the liabilities and obligations assumed by the Parties under this Agreement.

I. Within ten (10) days following execution of this Agreement, and as soon as practicable after the end of each fiscal year or at the renewal of the insurance policy and in any

event within ninety (90) days thereafter, each Party shall provide certification of all insurance required in this Agreement, executed by each insurer or by an authorized representative of each insurer.

J. Notwithstanding the foregoing, each Party may self-insure to the extent it maintains a self-insurance program; provided that, such Party's senior secured debt is rated at investment grade, or better, by Standard & Poor's. For any period of time that a Party's senior secured debt is unrated by Standard & Poor's or is rated at less than investment grade by Standard & Poor's, such Party shall comply with the insurance requirements applicable to it under Sections 9.1.A through 9.1.I. In the event that a Party is permitted to self-insure pursuant to this Section 9.1.J, it shall not be required to comply with the insurance requirements applicable to it under Sections 9.1.A through 9.1.I.

K. The Parties agree to report to each other in writing as soon as practical all accidents or occurrences resulting in injuries to any person, including death, and any property damage arising out of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 10. MISCELLANEOUS

10.1 Governing Law and Applicable Tariffs.

A. This Agreement for all purposes shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of Texas, excluding conflicts of law principles that would refer to the laws of another jurisdiction. The Parties submit to the jurisdiction of the federal and state courts in the State of Texas.

B. This Agreement is subject to all valid, applicable rules, regulations and orders of, and tariffs approved by, duly constituted Governmental Authorities.

C. Each Party expressly reserves the right to seek changes in, appeal, or otherwise contest any laws, orders, rules, or regulations of a Governmental Authority.

10.2 No Other Services. This Agreement is applicable only to the interconnection of the Plant to the TSP System at the Point of Interconnection and does not obligate either Party to provide, or entitle either Party to receive, any service not expressly provided for herein. Each Party is responsible for making the arrangements necessary for it to receive any other service that it may desire from the other Party or any third party. This Agreement does not address the sale or purchase of any electric energy, transmission service or ancillary services by either Party, either before or after Commercial Operation.

10.3 Entire Agreement. This Agreement, including all Exhibits, Attachments and Schedules attached hereto, constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties with reference to the subject matter hereof, and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous understandings or agreements, oral or written, between the Parties with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement. There are no other agreements, representations, warranties, or covenants which constitute any part of the consideration for, or any condition to, either Party's compliance with its obligations under this Agreement. Notwithstanding the other provisions of this Section, the Facilities Study Agreement, if any, is unaffected by this Agreement.

10.4 Notices. Except as otherwise provided in Exhibit "D," any formal notice, demand or request provided for in this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed properly served, given or made if delivered in person, or sent by either registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, overnight mail or fax to the address or number identified on Exhibit "D" attached to this Agreement. Either Party may change the notice information on Exhibit "D" by giving five business days written notice prior to the effective date of the change.

10.5 Force Majeure.

A. The term “Force Majeure” as used herein shall mean any cause beyond the reasonable control of the Party claiming Force Majeure, and without the fault or negligence of such Party, which materially prevents or impairs the performance of such Party’s obligations hereunder, including but not limited to, storm, flood, lightning, earthquake, fire, explosion, failure or imminent threat of failure of facilities, civil disturbance, strike or other labor disturbance, sabotage, war, national emergency, or restraint by any Governmental Authority.

B. Neither Party shall be considered to be in Default (as hereinafter defined) with respect to any obligation hereunder (including obligations under Article 4), other than the obligation to pay money when due, if prevented from fulfilling such obligation by Force Majeure. A Party unable to fulfill any obligation hereunder (other than an obligation to pay money when due) by reason of Force Majeure shall give notice and the full particulars of such Force Majeure to the other Party in writing or by telephone as soon as reasonably possible after the occurrence of the cause relied upon. Telephone notices given pursuant to this Section shall be confirmed in writing as soon as reasonably possible and shall specifically state full particulars of the Force Majeure, the time and date when the Force Majeure occurred and when the Force Majeure is reasonably expected to cease. The Party affected shall exercise due diligence to remove such disability with reasonable dispatch, but shall not be required to accede or agree to any provision not satisfactory to it in order to settle and terminate a strike or other labor disturbance.

10.6 Default

A. The term “Default” shall mean the failure of either Party to perform any obligation in the time or manner provided in this Agreement. No Default shall exist where such failure to discharge an obligation (other than the payment of money) is the result of Force Majeure as defined

in this Agreement or the result of an act or omission of the other Party. Upon a Default, the non-defaulting Party shall give written notice of such Default to the defaulting Party. Except as provided in Section 10.6.B, the defaulting Party shall have thirty (30) days from receipt of the Default notice within which to cure such Default; provided however, if such Default is not capable of cure within 30 days, the defaulting Party shall commence such cure within 30 days after notice and continuously and diligently complete such cure within 90 days from receipt of the Default notice; and, if cured within such time, the Default specified in such notice shall cease to exist.

B. If a Default is not cured as provided in this Section, or if a Default is not capable of being cured within the period provided for herein, the non-defaulting Party shall have the right to terminate this Agreement by written notice at any time until cure occurs, and be relieved of any further obligation hereunder and, whether or not that Party terminates this Agreement, to recover from the defaulting Party all amounts due hereunder, plus all other damages and remedies to which it is entitled at law or in equity. The provisions of this Section will survive termination of this Agreement.

10.7 Intrastate Operation. The operation of the Plant by Generator shall not cause there to be a synchronous or an asynchronous interconnection between ERCOT and any other transmission facilities operated outside of ERCOT unless ordered by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission under Section 210 of the Federal Power Act. The Parties recognize and agree that any such interconnection will constitute an adverse condition giving the TSP the right to immediately disconnect the TIF from the GIF, until such interconnection has been disconnected. The Generator will not be prohibited by this Section from interconnecting the Plant with facilities operated by the Comision Federal de Electricidad of Mexico, unless such interconnection would

cause ERCOT utilities that are not “public utilities” under the Federal Power Act to become subject to the plenary jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

10.8 No Third Party Beneficiaries. This Agreement is not intended to and does not create rights, remedies, or benefits of any character whatsoever in favor of any persons, corporations, associations, or entities other than the Parties, and the obligations herein assumed are solely for the use and benefit of the Parties, their successors in interest and, where permitted, their assigns.

10.9 No Waiver. The failure of a Party to this Agreement to insist, on any occasion, upon strict performance of any provision of this Agreement will not be considered a waiver of obligations, rights, or duties imposed upon the Parties. Termination or Default of this Agreement for any reason by the Generator shall not constitute a waiver of the Generator’s legal rights to obtain an interconnection from the TSP under a new interconnection agreement.

10.10 Headings. The descriptive headings of the various articles and sections of this Agreement have been inserted for convenience of reference only and are of no significance in the interpretation or construction of this Agreement.

10.11 Multiple Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which is deemed an original but all constitute one and the same instrument.

10.12 Amendment. This Agreement may be amended only upon mutual agreement of the Parties, which amendment will not be effective until reduced to writing and executed by the Parties.

10.13 No Partnership. This Agreement shall not be interpreted or construed to create an association, joint venture, agency relationship, or partnership between the Parties or to impose any partnership obligation or liability upon either Party. Neither Party shall have any right, power or authority to enter into any agreement or undertaking for, or act on behalf of, or to act as or be an agent or representative of, or to otherwise bind, the other Party.

10.14 Further Assurances. The Parties agree to (i) furnish upon request to each other such further information, (ii) execute and deliver to each other such other documents, and (iii) do such other acts and things, all as the other Party may reasonably request for the purpose of carrying out the intent of this Agreement and the documents referred to in this Agreement. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the TSP shall, at the Generator's expense, when reasonably requested to do so by the Generator at any time after the execution of this Agreement, prepare and provide such information in connection with this Agreement (including, if available, resolutions, certificates, opinions of counsel or other documents relating to the TSP's corporate authorization to enter into this Agreement and to undertake the obligations set out herein) as may be reasonably required by any potential lender to the Generator under a proposed loan agreement. The TSP will use commercially reasonable efforts to obtain any opinion of counsel reasonably requested by Generator, but the TSP shall not be in Default of any obligation under this Agreement if the TSP is unable to provide an opinion of counsel that will satisfy any potential lender to the Generator. Specifically, upon the written request of one Party, the other Party shall provide the requesting Party with a letter stating whether or not, up to the date of the letter, that Party is satisfied with the performance of the requesting Party under this Agreement.

10.15 Indemnification and Liability. The indemnification and liability provisions of the PUCT Rule 25.202(b)(2) or its successor shall govern this Agreement.

10.16 Consequential Damages. OTHER THAN THE LIQUIDATED DAMAGES HERETOFORE DESCRIBED, IN NO EVENT SHALL EITHER PARTY BE LIABLE UNDER ANY PROVISION OF THIS AGREEMENT FOR ANY LOSSES, DAMAGES, COSTS OR EXPENSES FOR ANY SPECIAL, INDIRECT, INCIDENTAL, CONSEQUENTIAL, OR PUNITIVE DAMAGES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO LOSS OF PROFIT OR

REVENUE, LOSS OF THE USE OF EQUIPMENT, COST OF CAPITAL, COST OF TEMPORARY EQUIPMENT OR SERVICES, WHETHER BASED IN WHOLE OR IN PART IN CONTRACT, IN TORT, INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE, STRICT LIABILITY, OR ANY OTHER THEORY OF LIABILITY; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT DAMAGES FOR WHICH A PARTY MAY BE LIABLE TO THE OTHER PARTY UNDER ANOTHER AGREEMENT WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED TO BE SPECIAL, INDIRECT, INCIDENTAL, OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES HEREUNDER.

10.17 Assignment. This Agreement may be assigned by either Party only with the written consent of the other; provided that either Party may assign this Agreement without the consent of the other Party to any affiliate of the assigning Party with an equal or greater credit rating and with the legal authority and operational ability to satisfy the obligations of the assigning Party under this Agreement; and provided further that the Generator shall have the right to assign this Agreement, without the consent of the TSP, for collateral security purposes to aid in providing financing for the Plant, provided that the Generator will require any secured party, trustee or mortgagee to notify the TSP of any such assignment. Any financing arrangement entered into by the Generator pursuant to this Section will provide that prior to or upon the exercise of the secured party's, trustee's or mortgagee's assignment rights pursuant to said arrangement, the secured creditor, the trustee or mortgagee will notify the TSP of the date and particulars of any such exercise of assignment right(s). Any attempted assignment that violates this Section is void and ineffective. Any assignment under this Agreement shall not relieve a Party of its obligations, nor shall a Party's obligations be enlarged, in whole or in part, by reason thereof. Where required, consent to assignment will not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed.

10.18 Severability. If any provision in this Agreement is finally determined to be invalid, void or unenforceable by any court having jurisdiction, such determination shall not invalidate, void or make unenforceable any other provision, agreement or covenant of this Agreement; provided that if the Generator (or any third-party, but only if such third-party is not acting at the direction of the TSP) seeks and obtains such a final determination with respect to any provision of Section 4.1.B, then none of the provisions of Section 4.1.B. shall thereafter have any force or effect and the Parties' rights and obligations shall be governed solely by Section 4.1.A.

10.19 Comparability. The Parties will comply with all applicable comparability and code of conduct laws, rules and regulations, as amended from time to time.

10.20 Invoicing and Payment. Unless the Parties otherwise agree (in a manner permitted by applicable PUCT Rules and as specified in writing in an Exhibit "E" attached hereto), invoicing and payment rights and obligations under this Agreement shall be governed by PUCT Rules or applicable Governmental Authority. Invoices shall be rendered to the paying Party at the address specified on, and payments shall be made in accordance with the requirements of, Exhibit "D."

10.21 Confidentiality.

A. Subject to the exception in Section 10.21.B, any information that a Party claims is competitively sensitive, commercial or financial information under this Agreement ("Confidential Information") shall not be disclosed by the other Party to any person not employed or retained by the other Party, except to the extent disclosure is (i) required by law; (ii) reasonably deemed by the disclosing Party to be required to be disclosed in connection with a dispute between or among the Parties, or the defense of litigation or dispute; (iii) otherwise permitted by consent of the other Party, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld; or (iv) necessary to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement or as a transmission service provider or a Control Area operator including

disclosing the Confidential Information to the ISO. The Party asserting confidentiality shall notify the other Party in writing of the information it claims is confidential. Prior to any disclosures of the other Party's Confidential Information under this subsection, or if any third party or Governmental Authority makes any request or demand for any of the information described in this subsection, the disclosing Party agrees to promptly notify the other Party in writing and agrees to assert confidentiality and cooperate with the other Party in seeking to protect the Confidential Information from public disclosure by confidentiality agreement, protective order or other reasonable measures.

B. This provision shall not apply to any information that was or is hereafter in the public domain (except as a result of a breach of this provision).

**Exhibit “B”
Time Schedule**

1. Interconnection Option chosen by Generator (check one):

 X Section 4.1.A. or Section 4.1.B

If Section 4.1.B is chosen by Generator, the In-Service Date(s) was determined by (check one):
 (1) N/A good faith negotiations, or (2) N/A designated by Generator upon failure to agree.
2. Generator must deliver each of the following items (collectively, the “Prerequisite Items”) to TSP by no later than December 1, 2022 (the “Scheduled Start Date”):
 - A. The Notice to Proceed defined in Section 4.3 of Exhibit “A”;
 - B. The CIAC, if any, described in Exhibit “C”; and
 - C. The Security described in Exhibit “E.”
3. The TIF In-Service Date is the later of January 3, 2024 or 18 months after TSP’s receipt of the Prerequisite Items.
 - (A) Generator acknowledges that ERCOT may impose transmission line outage restrictions on TSP (the “Outage Restriction”) during the months of May through September of any given calendar year due to summer load peaks (the “Outage Restriction Period”); and
 - (B) Generator agrees that if the TIF In-Service Date falls on a date during an Outage Restriction Period, TSP may delay the TIF In-Service Date to a date no earlier than the end of that Outage Restriction Period.
4. The scheduled Commercial Operation Date is the later of May 1, 2024 or three (3) months after the TIF In-Service Date.
5. The TIF In-Service Date and scheduled Commercial Operation Date shall each be extended day-for-day for each calendar day that the following milestones are not achieved:
 - A. TSP has obtained ownership or possession of the deed(s) and/or easement(s) for the TIF property by the date that is 11 months prior to the TIF In-Service Date; and
 - B. If applicable, Generator has provided and made available to TSP an all-weather, access road for use by TSP during the construction of the TIF by the date that is 9 months prior to the TIF In-Service Date. Given adjacency to a public road, Generator anticipates TSP will provide its own direct, all-weather access road for the TIF; Generator will provide a wholly separate all-weather access road for construction and operations for the GIF.

The Parties may change the dates and times in this Exhibit B in accordance with Section 4.5 of Exhibit “A.”

**Exhibit “C”
Interconnection Details**

- 1) Plant Name: Second Division Solar Project (“Plant”).
- 2) Point of Interconnection Location
 - A) TSP system side of Plant’s terminating structure(s)/transmission voltage circuit breaker(s)/disconnect switch(es) inside Generator’s DAMAZO Substation, located at Brazoria County, Texas.
- 3) Delivery Voltage: 138 kV
- 4) Number and Size of Generating Unit(s)
 - A) Plant will be comprised of a solar array generator with a total net rating of 101.7 MW (“Planned Capacity”), which is projected to be the Plant’s Net Dependable Capability, as defined by ERCOT Requirements.
- 5) Type of Generating Unit
 - A) One hundred forty (140) PVU-L0840GR solar inverters rated at 0.813 MVA each. Each inverter skid array has its own 138kV/34.5 kV GSU transformer.
 - B) Electrical characteristics of Plant’s generating units shall be in accordance with the most recent version of data that Generator has provided to TSP and shall be consistent with data provided to ERCOT.
- 6) Metering Equipment
 - A) TSP shall provide and install ERCOT Polled Settlement (EPS) primary and check meters, 138 kV instrument transformers and associated wiring required for measuring the output of the Plant’s generation and auxiliary electrical load at TSP’s PYTHIAS Substation. The 138 kV metering instrument transformers for the EPS metering shall be procured by TSP and owned, maintained, and replaced by TSP. TSP shall install and maintain the metering system’s components in a manner consistent with ERCOT Requirements and the PUCT Substantive Rules.
- 7) Generator Interconnection Facilities (GIF)
 - A) Generator shall furnish, operate, and maintain a complete generation facility capable of generating the Planned Capacity, including, but not limited to, all generators, generator step-up transformers, protective devices, and other transformers and associated foundations, the terminating structures, all relays necessary for the protection, synchronization and coordination of the generators, generator auxiliary equipment and the disconnect switches and foundations at the Point of Interconnection.
 - B) The generation unit(s) shall meet all voltage and reactive requirements as outlined in the ERCOT Protocol, ERCOT Operating Guides and other binding documents.
 - C) Generator shall furnish, own and maintain the connection from Plant’s equipment to Plant’s terminating structure at the Point of Interconnection, including phase conductors, static

conductors, structure(s), tower fittings, suspension insulators, terminating clamps and line conductor terminal fittings.

- D) TSP shall provide to Generator the TSP's alpha/numeric identifiers for incoming 138 kV transmission lines and shall provide TSP's alpha/numeric identifiers for high voltage circuit breakers, switches, power transformers, generators and certain low side equipment and the TSP's assigned 6-character substation identification for the GIF, DAMAZO. The GIF high voltage circuit breakers, switches, transformers, generators and certain low side equipment, including 34.5kV feeder breakers, shall be identified with TSP's identifiers. TSP will develop a substation basic one-line diagram that includes these identifiers. The Generator shall mark these identifiers on the substation equipment. TSP may stencil identification numbers on substation equipment and mount signs, labels, drawings, telephone numbers, and instructions on the GIF. The Generator shall use TSP's assigned substation name, or Substation ID, and equipment identifiers in discussions with TSP and in RARF submittals.
- E) Generator shall provide the foundations for Plant's terminating structures and disconnecting devices. Generator shall design and install the Plant's terminating structure(s), and disconnecting devices in accordance with TSP's conductor loading requirements.
- F) Generator shall connect its generating plant ground mat, directly or indirectly to TSP's PYTHIAS Substation ground mat. The grounding method shall be designated by the TSP and descriptions for each method are as follows:
 - 1) Direct method - direct method should be utilized when Generator's plant's proximity makes directly bonding feasible. To obtain reasonable separation, direct bonding method shall consist of a minimum of two subgrade grounding connections originating from (and ending to) different corners of the two grids, in order to eliminate common mode failure. In this scenario, the two grounding systems are directly bonded via dedicated grounding conductors of adequate ampacity to establish electrical bond(s).
 - 2) Indirect method - electrical bonding(s) between the generating plant ground mat and the TSP's ground mat established via overhead shield or static wires. The overhead grounding connections shall consist of static wire(s), of adequate ampacity, and be continuous throughout all transmission towers, if any, between the PYTHIAS and DAMAZO Substations. The static wires shall be terminated or bonded at both ground mats via grounding leads (of adequate ampacity), which connect the ground grid to the static wire(s).
- G) Electrical characteristics of Plant's Generator Interconnection Facilities shall be in accordance with the most recent version of TSP's "Specification for Customer 138 kV Substation Design" attached as Exhibit "H" and in particular, the section pertaining to "Generation".
- H) Generator shall provide the 34.5-138 kV step-up transformer with a 138 kV circuit breaker and disconnect switch for isolation from the PYTHIAS Substation.
- I) Generator shall provide NEMA four-hole pads on Plant's disconnect switch for connection to NEMA four-hole pads on TSP's connecting conductors.
- J) Generator shall grant to TSP all necessary land rights, in a form acceptable to and drafted by TSP.

- K) Generator shall own all protective relays, instrument transformers, instrumentation, and control equipment physically located on Plant side of the Points of Interconnection.
- 8) TSP Interconnection Facilities (TIF)
- A) Generator shall facilitate conveyance to TSP, and TSP shall purchase, fee title to the property for the PYTHIAS Substation at an agreed price that shall not be greater than the market price as determined by an independent appraisal, the cost of said appraisal shall be split evenly between Generator and TSP. TSP shall subsequently construct the PYTHIAS Substation on real property at the location shown in Exhibit F.
 - B) TSP shall complete its entire scope of work on the PYTHIAS Substation (except for Punch List Items) including, but not limited to, bus works, supports, structures, circuit breakers, disconnect switches, relays, and other equipment necessary for protection and coordination, controls, and wiring all as necessary to provide an interconnection between Plant's generation facilities and TSP's System; energize the same, and interconnect with Plant, all as provided herein.
 - 1) Punch List Items are defined as those non-material items of work that remain to be performed in order to ensure full compliance with this Agreement. Punch List Items do not include any items of work, alone or in the aggregate, non-completion of which (i) prevents the PYTHIAS Substation from being used for its intended purposes as described in this Agreement or in accordance with applicable laws; (ii) prevents the PYTHIAS Substation from being legally, safely, and reliably placed in commercial operation; or (iii) in the exercise of reasonable engineering judgment could have an adverse effect on the operation, efficiency, or reliability of the PYTHIAS Substation, or its ability to transmit the Plant's power to the ERCOT grid.
 - C) TSP shall furnish, own, and maintain the connection from TSP's equipment to Plant's terminating structure(s) at the Point of Interconnection, including phase conductors, static conductors, structures, tower fittings, suspension insulators, terminating clamps and line conductor terminal fittings with NEMA standard four-hole flat pads for attachment to the NEMA four-hole pads on Plant's disconnecting device.
 - D) TSP shall furnish, own, and maintain the connection from PYTHIAS Substation to TSP's transmission system.
 - E) TSP shall develop and install transmission improvements that it determines, in its sole discretion, are foreseeable and reasonably necessary to safely, reliably, and economically integrate the Plant into the TSP System. TSP MAKES NO PROMISE, REPRESENTATION, OR WARRANTY AS TO WHETHER THE TSP SYSTEM WILL BE FREE OF CONSTRAINTS AT ANY TIME, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO TIMES WHEN THE TRANSMISSION IMPROVEMENTS UNDER THIS AGREEMENT ARE BEING MADE OR AFTER THEIR COMPLETION.
 - F) TSP shall construct the PYTHIAS Substation as shown on the drawing entitled "CenterPoint Energy 138 kV PYTHIAS Substation, Substation Development Plan for Second Division Solar Facility Study Basic Offer " dated 09-08-2022 ("Final Substation Development Plan Basic Offer") as listed in Exhibit "F" and any subsequent modifications to such drawing(s) made by TSP and delivered to Generator.
 - G) Generator shall facilitate to TSP all necessary land rights, in a form acceptable to and drafted by TSP.

9) Communications Facilities

- A) TSP shall provide and maintain, at TSP's expense, a communication circuit for real-time data transmittal via SCADA equipment from the PYTHIAS Substation to TSP's Energy Management System.
- B) Generator shall provide a fiber optic communication interface device on its end of the fiber and TSP will provide a fiber optic communication interface device on its end of the fiber associated with the RTU inputs between Plant and the PYTHIAS Substation.
- C) Generator shall furnish RTU inputs identified in Exhibit "C", Paragraph 11)D) from the Plant to the PYTHIAS Substation's communication interface point.
- D) TSP shall furnish RTU inputs identified in Exhibit "C", Paragraph 11)E) from PYTHIAS Substation to Plant's communication interface termination point.
- E) TSP shall provide, install, and own fiber optic communication cables between PYTHIAS Substation and DAMAZO Substation. The fiber optic communication cables will have strands of single mode fiber optics to be utilized at 1300nm wavelength for communication of protection data and telemetry.

TSP-provided fiber optic cable(s) will terminate at Generator's terminating structure(s) located at the Point of Interconnection and provide sufficient cable to connect to a Generator-provided, installed, and owned fiber optic splice box(es). Generator shall provide, install and own the fiber optic communication cable(s) from the Generator's fiber optic splice box(es) located at the terminating structure(s), at the Point of Interconnection, to inside the DAMAZO Substation control house. Generator fiber optic cables shall terminate at the fiber optic termination panel in the DAMAZO Substation

10) System Protection Equipment

- A) Generator shall provide two sets of protective relaying accuracy (C800) current transformers on Generator's 138 kV circuit breakers associated with the protective relaying between Plant and the PYTHIAS Substation. Each set of current transformers will provide signals to independent sets of primary and backup protective relays for the interconnecting lead between the GIF and the PYTHIAS Substation. The current transformer ratio will be approved by the TSP relay protection engineer and reflected on the Generator's drawings.
- B) The fiber optic communication cables will have strands of single mode fiber optic cable to be utilized at 1300 nm wavelength for communication of protection data and telemetry.

11) Telemetry Requirements

- A) TSP shall furnish a substation SCADA RTU at the PYTHIAS Substation. The RTU will be multi-port equipped and operate with protocols compatible with TSP. The RTU will be equipped to monitor the PYTHIAS Substation as outlined in Paragraph 11 and control circuit breakers in the PYTHIAS Substation. TSP shall also furnish the RTU inputs, such as contacts and transducers, in the PYTHIAS Substation. Selected real-time data of the PYTHIAS Substation will be available at TSP's RTU for Generator's use. TSP's RTU will be equipped with a DNP-3 "Slave" serial communication port for this purpose. TSP shall furnish the fiber optic cable(s) between the PYTHIAS Substation and the Plant RTU or DCS "Master" serial communication port for this purpose.
- B) Generator shall furnish Plant data to TSP's RTU communication port at the PYTHIAS Substation as referenced below. The Generator's RTU/DCS shall be equipped with a

DNP-3 “Slave” serial communication port for this purpose. TSP shall furnish the fiber optic cable between the Plant and the PYTHIAS Substation RTU “Master” serial communication port for this purpose.

- C) Generator shall provide Plant data to ERCOT according to ERCOT requirements. TSP is not responsible for providing Plant data to ERCOT.
- D) Generator shall provide to TSP at TSP’s PYTHIAS Substation the following signals originating at Generator’s Plant:
 - 1) Analog Data from Plant
 - (i) Kilovolts for each collector bus (A phase scaled as line-to-line).
 - (ii) Net megawatts for each generator feeder (three phase).
 - (iii) Net megavars for each generator feeder (three phase).
 - (iv) Net megavars for the reactive support equipment (three phase).
 - (v) Kilovolts for 138 kV transmission voltage (A phase scaled as line-to-line).
 - (vi) Net megawatts and megavars for the 138 kV transmission line (three phase).
 - (vii) Frequency at the collector bus or at each generating unit
 - (viii) Megawatts and megavars for each 138 kV transformer (three phase).
 - (ix) Megawatts and megavars for each 34.5 kV transformer (three phase).
 - 2) Status Data from Plant
 - (i) Status of the 138 kV transmission voltage circuit breakers.
 - (ii) Status of all 34.5 kV circuit breakers for feeders and reactive support equipment.
 - (iii) Status of generator automatic voltage regulator (automatic and manual).
- E) TSP will provide to Generator at Generator’s DAMAZO Substation the following signals originating at TSP’s PYTHIAS Substation:
 - 1) Analog Data from TSP Substation Devices
 - (i) Kilovolts for the Point of Interconnection (A phase scaled as line-to-line).
 - (ii) Megawatts, megavars, and megawatt-hour data.
 - 2) Data from TSP Substation Devices
 - (i) Status of transmission voltage circuit breakers associated with the generator lead(s).
 - (ii) Alarm for failure of Pilot Wire/fiber optic relaying communication channels, if applicable.

12) Supplemental Terms and Conditions

- A) The following drawings are attached and made a part of this agreement as Exhibit “F” and Exhibit “G” – Attached Drawings. (*Note: The drawings contain a line of demarcation between TSP provided facilities and Generator provided facilities*).
 - 1) CenterPoint Energy 138 kV Development Plan for Second Division Solar Generation Project Facility Study Basic Offer, dated 09-08-2022.
 - 2) Basic Offer – CenterPoint Energy 138 kV One-Line Relaying and Metering Diagram for Second Division Solar Generation Facility Project Facility Study dated 09-08-2022, - sheets 1 of 1.
- B) Cost Responsibility:
 - 1) Notwithstanding the provisions of Exhibit “A”, Section 8.1, the amount of the contribution in aid of construction, if any, that Generator may be required to make, shall be specified in Exhibit “E”, Security Arrangement Details.

- 2) The Generator does not desire any enhancements to TSP's basic offer interconnection facilities and therefore no contribution in aid of construction ("CIAC") of the Transmission Interconnection Facilities is required.
 - 3) The TIF described herein is designed based on the generating capacity provided by the Generator. It is assumed that the generating facility will be capable of generating the Planned Capacity by the Scheduled Commercial Operation Date specified in Exhibit "B". Within the first 12 months following Commercial Operation, if the highest level of Actual Capacity is less than the Planned Capacity, the Generator shall be responsible for TIF costs, if any, that are determined, solely by the TSP, to have been incurred to accommodate Generator's Planned Capacity, but are then determined to not be necessary to accommodate Generator's Actual Capacity. As used here, "Actual Capacity" shall mean the Plant's total Net Dependable Capability, as determined or accepted by ERCOT, in accordance with ERCOT Requirements. Generator shall pay such costs determined herein within thirty (30) days following the receipt of TSP's invoice.
- C) Clarifications to Exhibit "A"
- 1) The Parties agree that at the time of executing this Agreement the references to the PUCT Rules contained within certain definitions set forth in Exhibit "A", "Article 1. Definitions" have the meanings ascribed to such terms as established in the current PUCT Rules. The Parties recognize that the PUCT Rules are amended from time to time by the PUCT. The parties also acknowledge that ERCOT issues ERCOT Requirements in which terms are redefined from time to time. When the PUCT Rules or ERCOT Requirements are amended and terms defined in Exhibit "A", "Article 1. Definitions" are affected by such amendments, the Parties agree that such terms shall have the meanings as amended by the PUCT or ERCOT. The term "System Security Study" shall have the same definition as "Security Screening Study" in the ERCOT Requirements.
- D) Miscellaneous
- 1) Each Party shall be solely responsible for keeping itself informed of, and understanding its respective responsibilities under, all applicable North American Electric Reliability Corporation ("NERC") Standards and ERCOT Requirements and all valid, applicable laws, rules, regulations and orders of, and tariffs approved by, duly constituted Governmental Authorities.
 - 2) CenterPoint Energy has documented data specifications that define the operational data CenterPoint Energy requires to perform real-time monitoring. These specifications are incorporated in Section 11 above, Exhibit 'J' Outage and Clearance Coordination Procedure, and Exhibit 'I' Telemetry Specification.
 - 3) Generator shall provide on its property access roads to the TIF, and the access roads will be maintained by Generator in such a manner and condition to allow passage of heavy utility vehicles. Otherwise, Generator shall provide, or cause to be provided, such perpetual easements as reasonably needed by TSP, in a form acceptable to TSP and at no cost to TSP, to use and construct access roads from [NAME OF ROAD] to the TIF in such a manner and condition to allow passage of heavy utility vehicles.
 - 4) TSP will manage TSP's storm water discharge from the PYTHIAS Substation site.
 - 5) TSP shall procure primary station service power to TSP's PYTHIAS Substation.

- 6) Each Party's personnel, contractors, subcontractors, and agents shall abide by and comply with the other Party's reasonable safety requirements and procedures while in areas designated as under that other Party's control.
- 7) In the event that Generator's personnel, contractors, subcontractors, or agents cause delays in the work schedule of TSP, Generator shall reimburse to TSP the additional costs associated with such delays within 30 days of receipt of an invoice for such costs.
- 8) Generator understands and agrees that identification of any, including but not limited to stability, oscillation, harmonic, short circuit, over frequency, under frequency, over voltage, under voltage, phase imbalance, or geomagnetic disturbance conditions that may affect Generator's Plant and implementation of any associated protective measures, are the sole responsibility of Generator.
- 9) ERCOT Requirements.
 - (i) Unless expressly stated herein, where the ERCOT Requirements are in conflict with TSP's specifications or procedures, the ERCOT Requirements shall prevail.
 - (ii) ERCOT requirements currently require installation of power system stabilizers on generators.
 - (iii) Prior to commercial operation, ERCOT may verify that the Generator is meeting ERCOT Requirements, including complying with Guide and Protocol requirements on RARF modeling, telemetry and testing, as well as complying with reactive standards, the provision of accurate stability models, and the installation of power system stabilizers, if required. It should be noted that the Generator will not be able to energize the GIF until authorized by ERCOT (typically 30 days after the TIF is modeled and energized). Failure to meet these ERCOT Requirements may result in delays to commercial operation.
- 10) All generator data, including data for stability studies (transient and voltage) and subsynchronous resonance data, as required by the ERCOT Requirements, shall be provided to ERCOT and the TSP before commercial operation. This data shall be updated when the Plant begins commercial operation. Any updates to this information will be provided within 60 days to ERCOT and the TSP as changes or upgrades are made during the life of the Plant. This requirement applies to all future owners of the Plant. The Generator and any future owners of the Plant shall comply with these data requirements along with all applicable NERC Standards. Such Standards are subject to change from time to time, and such changes shall automatically become applicable based upon the effective date of the approved change.
- 13) Special Operating Conditions, if any, attached: None.

Exhibit "D"**Notice and EFT Information of the ERCOT Standard Generation Interconnection Agreement**

(a) All notices of an operational nature shall be in writing and/or may be sent between the Parties via electronic means including facsimile as follows:	
<p>If to TX Gulf Solar 1, LLC</p> <p>TX Gulf Solar 1, LLC c/o Lightsource Renewable Energy Development LLC 400 Montgomery Street, Floor 8 San Francisco, CA 94104</p>	<p>If to <i>CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC</i></p> <p>CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC Attn: Real Time Operations P.O. Box 1700 Houston, Texas 77251 24 Hour Telephone 713-894-0491</p>
(b) Notices of an administrative nature:	
<p>If to TX Gulf Solar 1, LLC</p> <p>TX Gulf Solar 1, LLC Lightsource Renewable Energy Development LLC 400 Montgomery Street, Floor 8 San Francisco, CA 94104</p>	<p>If to <i>CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC</i></p> <p>CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC Manager, Transmission Accounts P.O. Box 1700 Houston, TX 77251 Phone 713-207-7617 E-mail: kevin.sarvis@CenterPointEnergy.com</p>
(c) Notice for statement and billing purposes:	
<p>If to TX Gulf Solar 1, LLC</p> <p>TX Gulf Solar 1, LLC Lightsource Renewable Energy Development LLC 400 Montgomery Street, Floor 8 San Francisco, CA 94104</p>	<p>If to <i>CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC</i></p> <p>Accounts Payable P.O. Box 1374 Houston, TX 77251-1374 Phone 713-207-7888 E-mail: ap.invoices@centerpointenergy.com Mark Invoices with WF00220951</p>
(d) Information concerning electronic funds transfers:	
<p>If to BNP PARIBAS, C/O BNP PARIBAS RCC, INC., NEWPORT TOWER, SUITE 188, 525 WASHINGTON BLVD., JERSEY CITY, NJ 07310, TO THE ATTENTION OF TRADE FINANCE SERVICES</p>	<p>If to <i>CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC</i></p> <p>Chase Bank of Texas Houston, Texas ABA No. 111000614 For credit to: CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC Account No. 0010-097-0798</p>

Exhibit “E”
Security Arrangement Details

- A) The total estimated project cost to construct the TIF as described in Exhibit “C” (less any CIAC amount described in Exhibit C) is approximately \$14,327,000 (the “Security Estimate”). The Security Estimate does not include the estimated cost for obtaining any required CCNs for the TIF. The Parties at this time do not anticipate that a CCN is required for the construction of the TIF. However, if TSP determines that a CCN is required to construct the TIF or any portion thereof, the estimated cost for obtaining the CCN will be added to the Security Estimate (with such addition, the “Revised Security Estimate”).
- B) In accordance with Section 8.3 of Exhibit A, TSP requires Generator to deliver the Security in the form described below in the amount of the Security Estimate or Revised Security Estimate by the Scheduled Start Date specified in Exhibit “B.”
- C) Generator shall provide the Security in the form of an irrevocable letter of credit in favor of TSP issued by a financial institution reasonably acceptable to TSP having a long-term debt rating by Moody’s Investor Services of “A3” or better, and Standard & Poor’s long-term debt rating of “A-” or better.

Exhibit “F”
Final Substation Development Plan Basic Offer

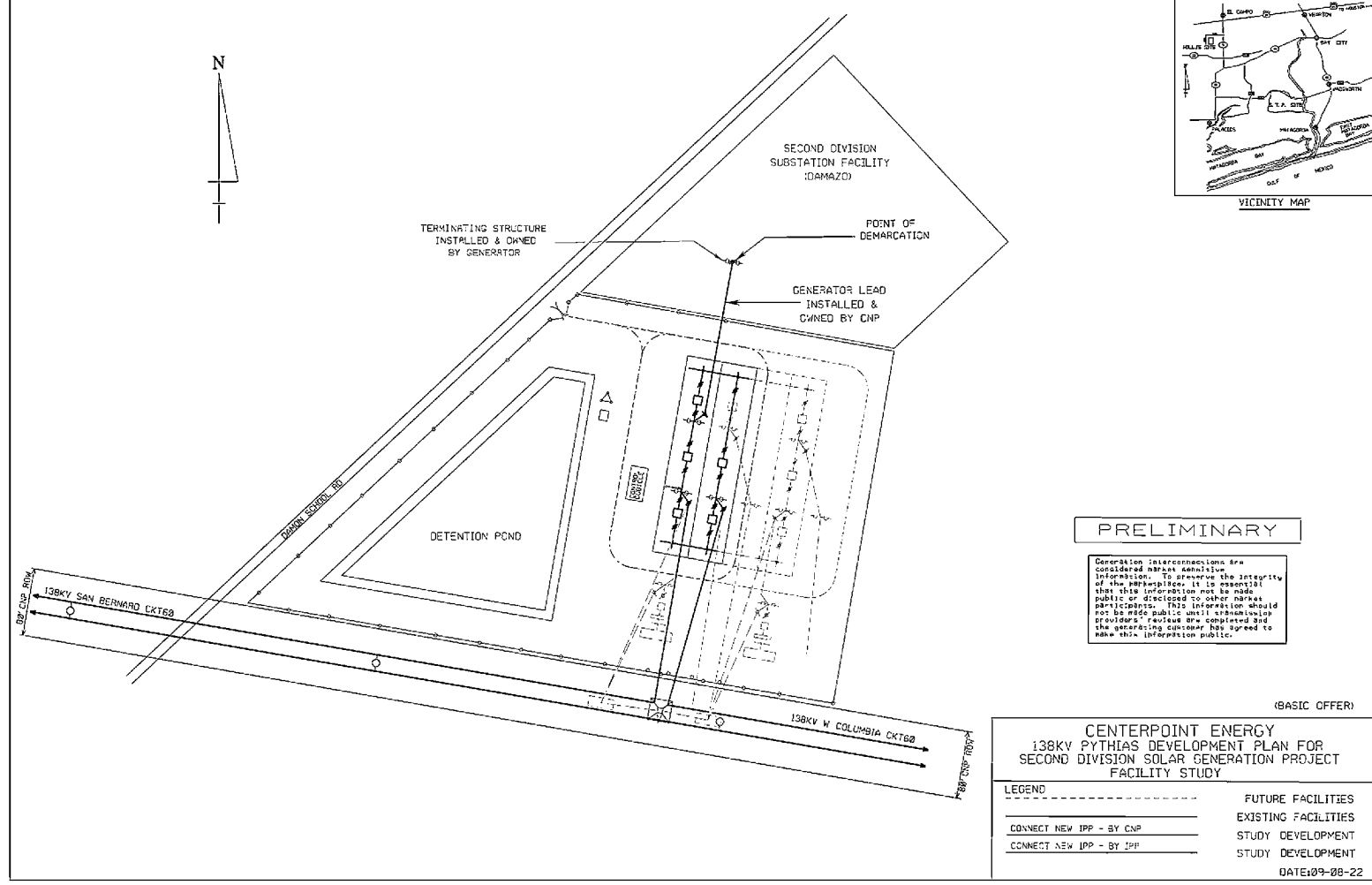


Exhibit “G”
Interconnection Agreement One-Line Relaying and Metering Diagram

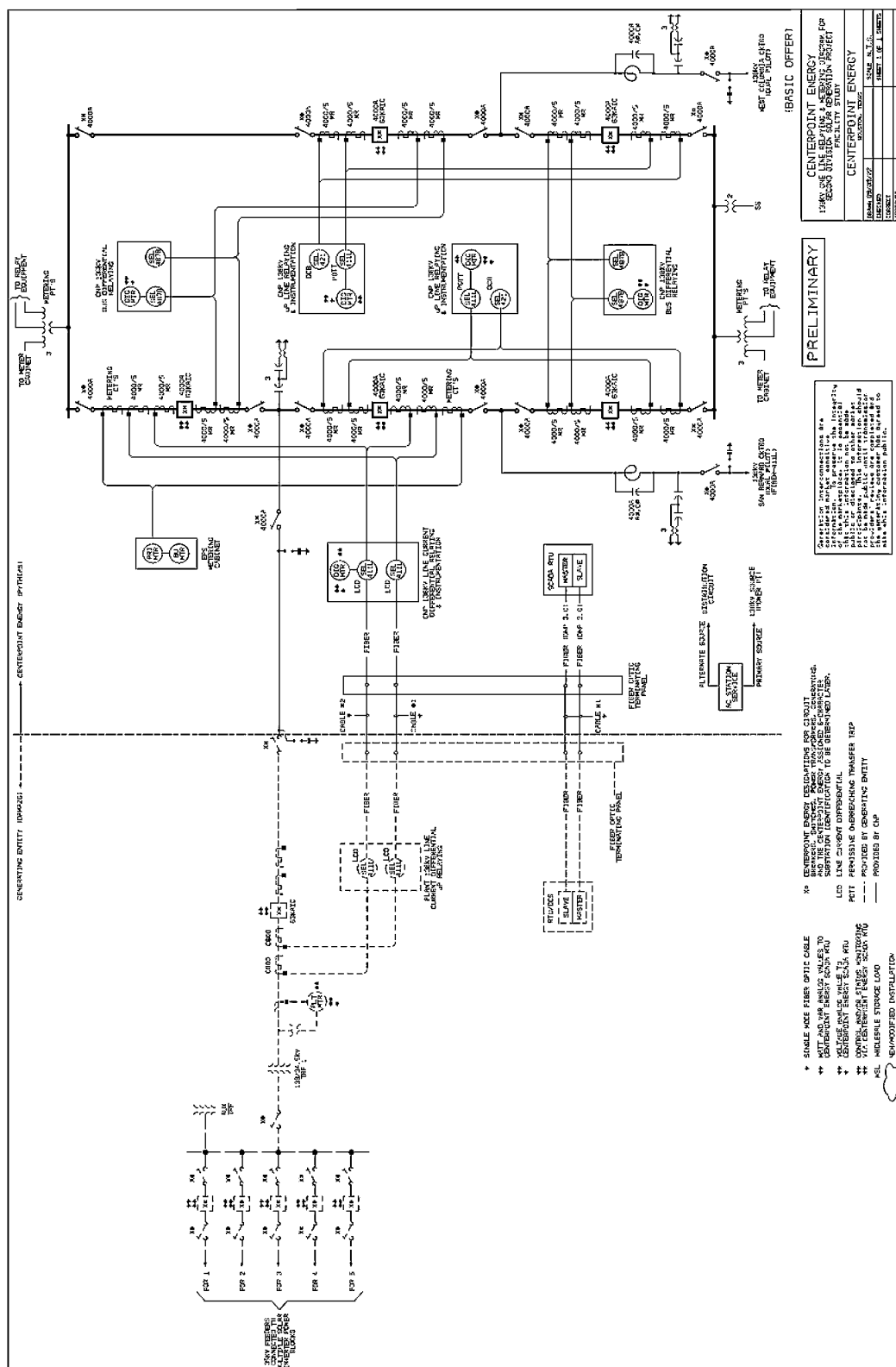


Exhibit "H"
Specification for Customer-Owned 138 kV Substation Design

SPECIFICATION
FOR
CUSTOMER-OWNED 138 kV SUBSTATION DESIGN



ELECTRIC ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

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REFERENCE DRAWINGS: Latest revision of

CenterPoint Energy 004-241-04, Customer-Owned Substation Line Termination Standard

CenterPoint Energy 171-190-06, Design Criteria 138 kV Standard Instrument Transformer Stand, Sh.'s 1 and 2

CenterPoint Energy 581-500-01, 138 kV Potential Transformer Schematic and Wiring Diagram

REFERENCE DOCUMENT: Latest revision of

CenterPoint Energy Transmission & Substation Outage and Clearance Coordination Procedures

REFERENCE SPECIFICATIONS: Latest revision of

CenterPoint Energy 007-400-02, Specification for Remote Telemetry of a Customer-Owned Facility

REFERENCE STANDARDS: Latest revision of

AASHTO	IEEE C57.13
AISC, "Manual of Steel Construction"	IEEE C2 (NESC)
ASCE 10	IEEE 80
ASCE 113	IEEE 519
ANSI C12.1	IEEE 837
ANSI C37.32	IEEE 1119
IEEE C37.06	IEEE 998
IEEE C37.04	IEEE 142
IEEE C37.40	IEEE 1453
IEEE C37.60	NEMA CC 1
IEEE C57.12.00	

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Exhibit "I"
Specification for Remote Telemetry of a Customer-Owned Facility

SPECIFICATION
FOR
REMOTE TELEMETRY OF INTERCONNECTIONS



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REFERENCE DRAWINGS: Latest Revisions of
CenterPoint Energy, CNP Drawing No.BSC-007-400-01 SH.3.
CenterPoint Energy, Telecom Customer Project Plan.

REFERENCE SPECIFICATIONS: Latest Revisions of
CenterPoint Energy, CNP Specification No. 007-231-14, Customer 138kV Substation Design.

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS: Latest Revisions of
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CenterPoint Energy, Substation IFC Process.

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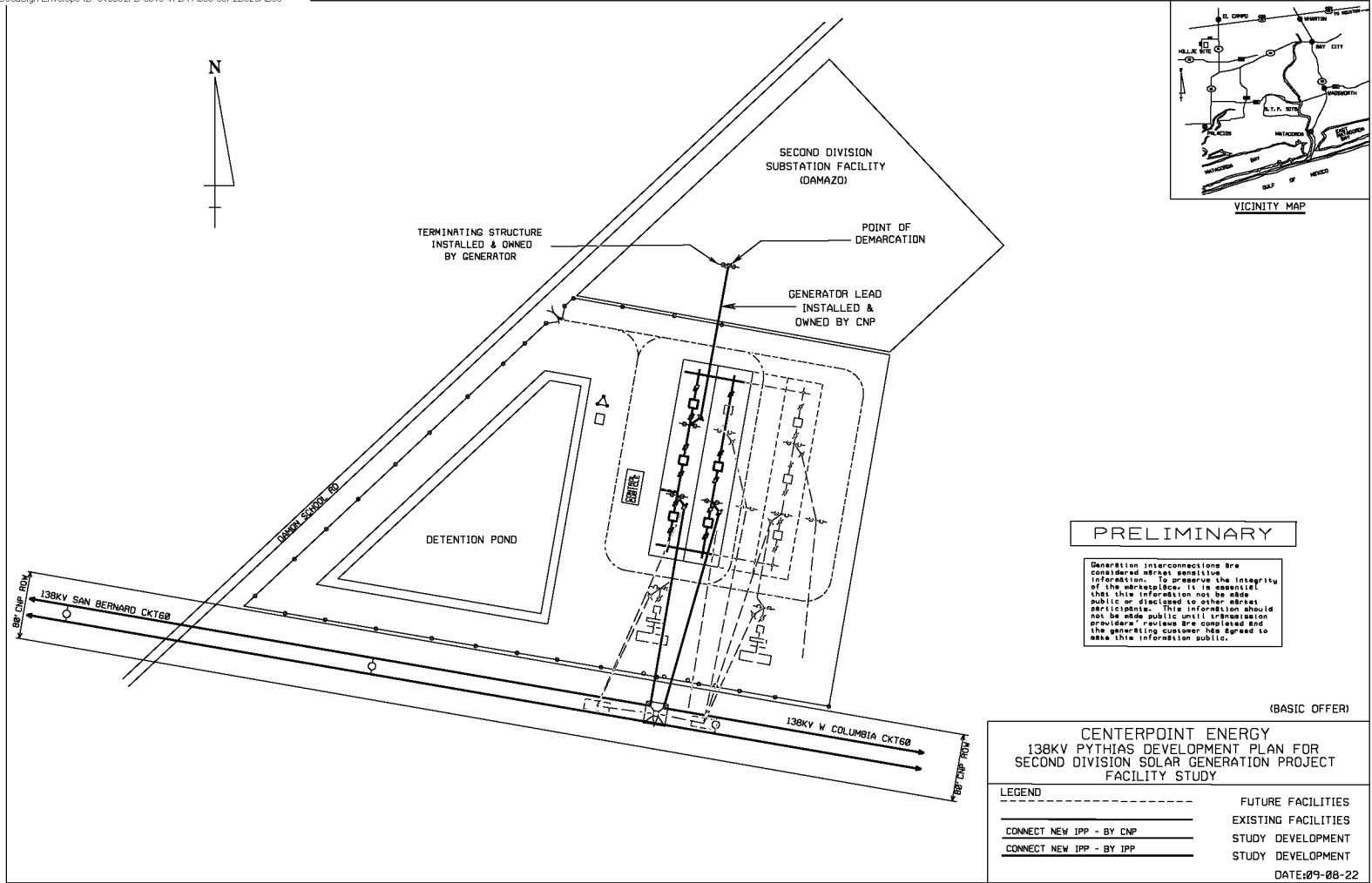
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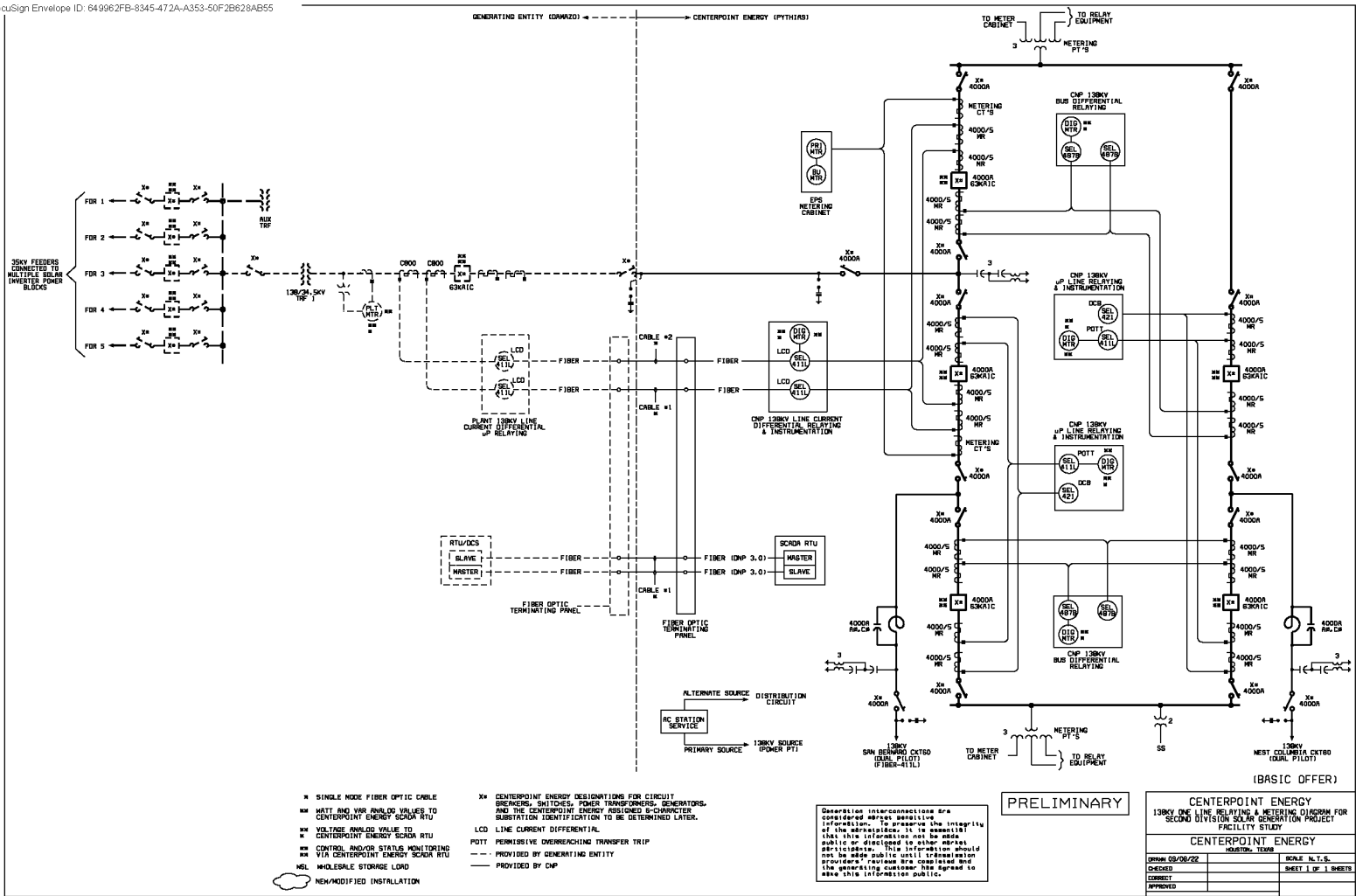
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Generation interconnections are considered market sensitive information. To preserve the integrity of the marketplace, it is essential that this information not be made public or disclosed to other market participants. This information should not be made public until transmission providers' reviews are completed and the generating customer has agreed to make this information public.

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FOR
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CenterPoint Energy 004-241-04, Customer-Owned Substation Line Termination Standard

CenterPoint Energy 171-190-06, Design Criteria 138 kV Standard Instrument Transformer Stand, Sh.'s 1 and 2

CenterPoint Energy 581-500-01, 138 kV Potential Transformer Schematic and Wiring Diagram

REFERENCE DOCUMENT: Latest revision of

CenterPoint Energy Transmission & Substation Outage and Clearance Coordination Procedures

REFERENCE SPECIFICATIONS: Latest revision of

CenterPoint Energy 007-400-02, Specification for Remote Telemetry of a Customer-Owned Facility

REFERENCE STANDARDS: Latest revision of

AASHTO

AISC, "Manual of Steel Construction"

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ASCE 113

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1. SCOPE

- 1.1. This specification covers design criteria for a customer-owned 138 kV substation connected to the CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC (CenterPoint Energy) 138 kV transmission system. This specification is intended to apply to a new customer-owned substation or expansion of an existing customer-owned substation. However, the information in this specification may be applicable when equipment in an existing customer-owned substation is being replaced or modified.

2. GENERAL

- 2.1. A customer that is approved by CenterPoint Energy to receive service from the CenterPoint Energy 138 kV transmission system is required to provide a substation capable of accepting that service from CenterPoint Energy. The customer-owned substation becomes an integral part of the CenterPoint Energy transmission system network and the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) and, therefore, can have a significant impact on overall system reliability. The customer is obligated to meet present CenterPoint Energy design criteria and modify the customer-owned substation in the future as the CenterPoint Energy transmission system continues to evolve. When deemed necessary by CenterPoint Energy, changes may be needed to conform to industry standards, transmission system characteristics, CenterPoint Energy practices, and technological advances to maintain reliability or meet future reliability requirements.
- 2.2. All equipment shall be in accordance with designated standards of this specification, the American National Standards Institute (ANSI), the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE), the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), the American Institute of Steel Construction (AISC), and the National Electrical Manufacturing Association (NEMA). In the event of conflicting requirements, the order of precedence shall be this specification, ANSI, IEEE, ASCE, AISC, and NEMA standards. All electrical clearances shall comply with the latest version of the National Electric Safety Code (NESC).
- 2.3. This specification is not intended to be totally comprehensive. To ensure the efficient coordination between CenterPoint Energy and the customer during the design and construction of the customer-owned substation, CenterPoint Energy requires that engineering documents be submitted to CenterPoint Energy for review before certain equipment is ordered or construction begins. All items requiring CenterPoint Energy review are listed in Article 14 of this specification and shall be submitted in writing to the designated CenterPoint Energy representative.
- 2.4. Any deviations from this specification or project drawings reviewed by CenterPoint Energy require written acceptance from CenterPoint Energy.
- 2.5. All labor and equipment shall be furnished by the customer unless otherwise stated in this specification.
- 2.6. Unless otherwise stated in this specification:
- 2.6.1. CenterPoint Energy will provide only functional reviews of completed drawings and schematics.

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- 2.6.2. CenterPoint Energy will not verify, or correct, point-to-point wiring drawings for the customer – owned substation.
- 2.6.3. CenterPoint Energy requires specific tests which are to be conducted by the customer to verify the proper operation and coordination of the customer-owned substation protection and control equipment (see Article 16 of this specification).
- 2.7. CenterPoint Energy reserves the right to refuse to energize any customer-owned substation which fails to meet this specification.
- 2.8. The customer will coordinate the energization and operation of their high voltage facilities with CenterPoint Energy’s Real Time Operations (RTO) Department per CenterPoint Energy’s “Transmission & Substation Outage and Clearance Coordination Procedures” document.
- 2.9. During energization of new or existing equipment, the customer shall not disable a single level, or multiple levels, of protection that results in no protection for an energized element, such as, a transmission line, high voltage bus, or transformers.
- 2.9.1. The customer shall immediately notify the RTO System Controller (281-894-0491) whenever the customer becomes aware of an energized element that has no protection if the protection cannot be immediately restored.
- 2.9.2. The customer shall immediately notify the RTO System Controller (281-894-0491) of a protective relay that is not functional (such as a “CPU Failure” alarm) or when a protective relay is found powered down, or out of service (such as not enabled), for an energized element
- 2.10. As owner of the substation, it is the customer’s responsibility to comply with the applicable laws, ordinances, codes, rules, and regulations established by applicable government entities.
- 2.11. Because the customer-owned substation becomes an integral part of the CenterPoint Energy transmission system network, CenterPoint Energy requires access to the customer-owned substation and CenterPoint Energy right-of-ways 7 days-a-week, 24 hours-a-day, 365 days-a-year. Site access, site operating procedures and road access to the customer-owned substation by CenterPoint Energy personnel should be considered when determining the substation location.
- 2.12. When terminal blocks and other connections permit, ring tongue lugs shall be used instead of spade or stab-on lugs.

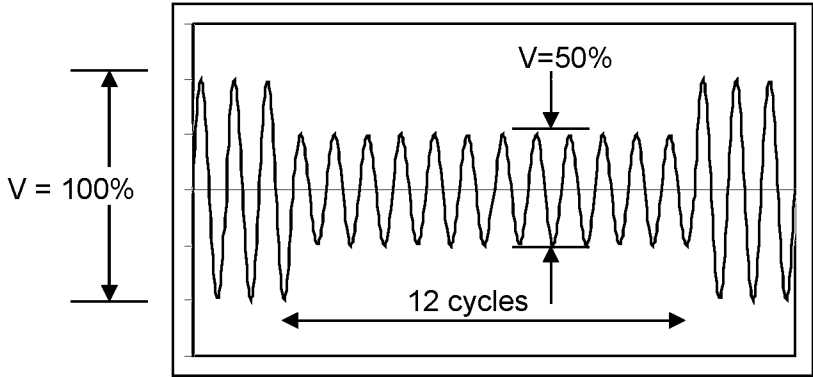
3. CENTERPOINT ENERGY SYSTEM CHARACTERISTICS

- 3.1. CenterPoint Energy’s phase rotation is designated C-B-A counterclockwise and the customer shall phase equipment accordingly. Connection of the customer’s H₁-H₂-H₃ power transformer leads to CenterPoint Energy’s C-B-A, B-A-C or A-C-B phases, respectively, is recommended.
- 3.2. The CenterPoint Energy nominal system voltage is 138kV (L-L)/79.7kV (L-G) +/- 5%. Actual steady-state operational voltage varies around the CenterPoint Energy transmission system network, but

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facilities with a means to regulate the 138 kV transmission system are typically used to control the voltage to be no more than approximately 142 kV (L-L)/82 kV (L-G) to provide a margin from the maximum 145kV (L-L)/83.7 kV (L-G). Dynamic conditions may be encountered which result in voltage exceeding this range. For the purpose of the design and rating of the substation and equipment, it shall be assumed that the maximum continuous negative sequence component of the voltage at the 138 kV bus is 2% of the positive sequence voltage. See Sub-Articles 3.4, 3.5, 4.8 and 7.1.4 of this specification for additional relevant information.

- 3.3. Only instrument transformers, surge arresters, station service voltage transformers, generator step-up transformers and autotransformers are allowed to be connected phase-to-ground on their 138 kV primary terminals.
- 3.4. As the independent system operator (ISO) for the ERCOT Region, ERCOT is responsible for maintaining frequency, which is nominally 60 Hz. Refer to ERCOT (www.ercot.com) Nodal Operating Guides and Protocols for information regarding frequency regulation.
- 3.5. The “voltage dip ride-through” design criteria, that CenterPoint Energy suggests the customer utilize when designing and selecting process and control equipment is illustrated in Figure 1 (Note: This design criteria does not supersede any regulatory voltage ride-through requirements).



“V” represents the phase-to-neutral voltage at the customer’s “load side” of a delta-wye transformer for a phase-to-ground fault at the “high-side” of the transformer.

Figure 1

- 3.6. Multiple-shot, staggered, voltage-supervised, automatic reclosing is utilized on the CenterPoint Energy transmission system. The first automatic reclosing attempt for a CenterPoint Energy transmission line typically occurs approximately one second after the fault has cleared. The number of automatic reclosing attempts varies, but the total duration of the automatic reclosing sequence is typically one minute. The customer shall coordinate operation and protection of electric motors, computers and other equipment accordingly.

4. ELECTRICAL DESIGN CRITERIA

- 4.1. The minimum acceptable electrical design characteristics for 138 kV facilities and equipment are listed below:
Transformer winding impulse level 550 kV BIL

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Bus and switch insulators, and apparatus bushings (i.e., circuit breaker bushings, transformer bushings, coupling capacitors, capacitive voltage transformers (CVT), current transformers (CT), potential transformers (PT), surge arresters etc.) impulse level 650 kV BIL

Bus and switch insulators leakage distance 132 in. leakage distance (equivalent to extra creep 650 kV BIL or 750 kV BIL). Additionally, insulators may require 'coating' in some areas of the system to minimize the likelihood of flashover.

Apparatus bushing leakage distance (circuit breaker bushings, transformer bushings, CVT, CT, PT, surge arresters etc.) 92 in. creep (equivalent to 650 kV BIL – light contamination levels). Additionally, apparatus bushings may require 'coating' in some areas of the system to minimize the likelihood of flashover.

Phase-to-ground clearance 52 in. (metal to metal)

Phase-to-phase bus spacing (including vertical spacing at crossover point of high and low bus) 63 in. (metal to metal)

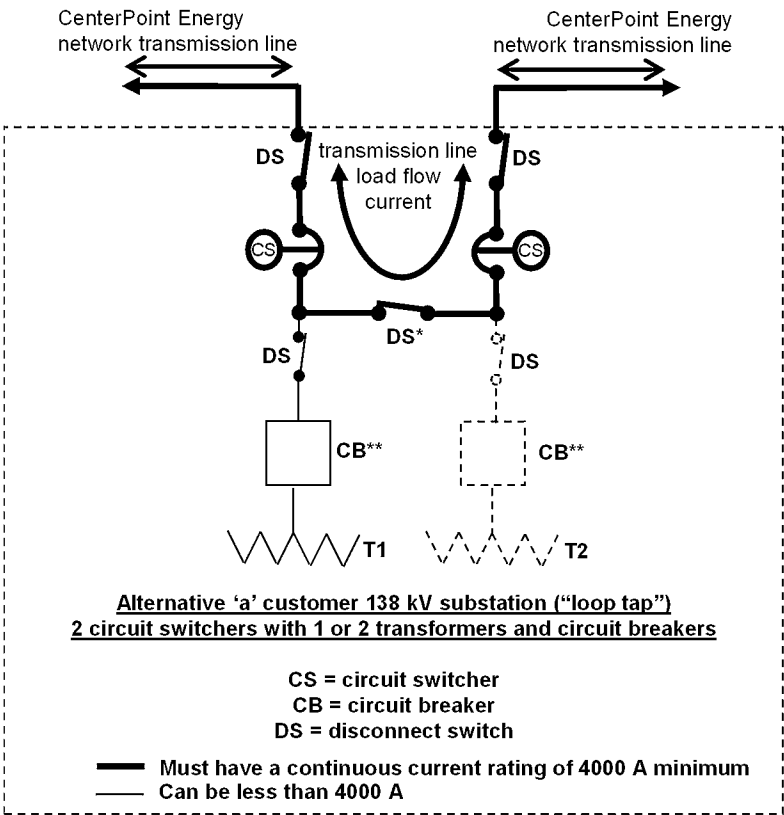
Phase-to-phase horizontal spacing (center line to center line) at incoming line dead-end structure 144 in. (regardless of the line angle)

- 4.2. An air insulated customer-owned substation configured in a 'ring bus', 'double-breaker, double-bus' or 'breaker-and-a-half' arrangement equipped with transmission line protective relaying ("full loop") or an air insulated customer-owned substation configured in a 'loop line tap' arrangement without transmission line protective relaying ("loop tap") are allowed by CenterPoint Energy (see Figure 2 through Figure 7).

- 4.3. Based on the customer-owned substation configuration, equipment in the substation that is subjected to transmission line load flow current (circuit breakers and disconnect switches, bus work, conductors or any series-connected, current carrying devices, such as, free-standing current transformers, protective relays, instrumentation, or hardware within the ring bus or transmission line breaker-and-a-half bay) and incoming transmission line positions (transmission line disconnect switches, line traps, etc.) shall have a continuous current rating of 4000 A minimum and shall have an overload capability of 110 percent of rated current for 2 hours, unless otherwise specified by CenterPoint Energy. The equipment in the customer-owned substation that is not subjected to transmission line load flow current is not required to be 4000 A minimum. However, operational scenarios associated with certain equipment outages could exist that would result in transmission line load current flowing on customer internal lines or buses (customer site internal 'loop line' or customer site internal 'loop bus') and potentially overload the customer's equipment if it is rated less than 4000 A. Therefore, CenterPoint Energy suggests that any customer site internal 'loop line' and customer site internal 'loop bus' (except customer site internal 'radial' line or customer transformer bus connections) be 4000 A minimum (see Figure 2 through Figure

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7). For customer-owned substations connecting to four or more CenterPoint Energy 138 kV transmission lines, contact CenterPoint Energy for the required equipment rating.



All disconnect switches only have arcing horns. Circuit switchers are required to be installed in this configuration. The circuit switchers are used for manual switching of the network transmission line sections.

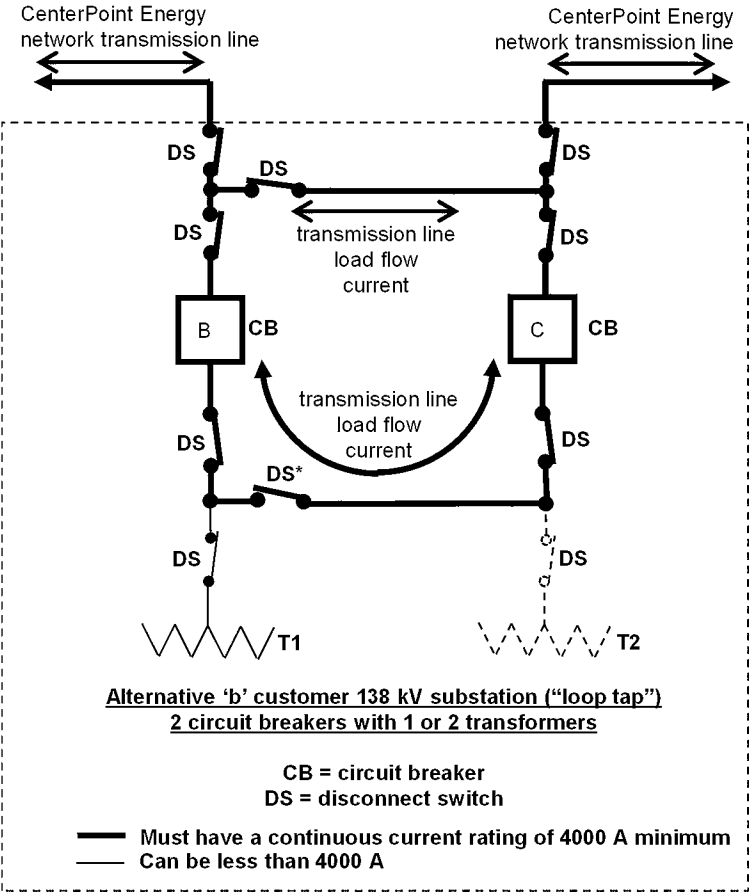
- If two transformers are installed then this disconnect switch is installed and is 'normally closed'.

** For substation arranged for future "full loop" service, the 138 kV circuit breakers that will be in the substation 'loop' shall have a continuous current rating of 4,000 A (see figures 3 to 7)

Figure 2

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All disconnect switches only have arcing horns. Circuit switchers are not used for manual switching of the network transmission line sections in this configuration. The circuit breakers are used for manual switching of the network transmission line sections.

* If two transformers are installed then this disconnect switch is installed and is 'normally open'.

Figure 3

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CB = circuit breaker
DS = disconnect switch

— Must have a continuous current rating of 4000 A minimum
 — Can be less than 4000 A

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* If two transformers are installed then this DS is 'normally open' or 'normally closed' depending on customer operating preference.

Figure 4

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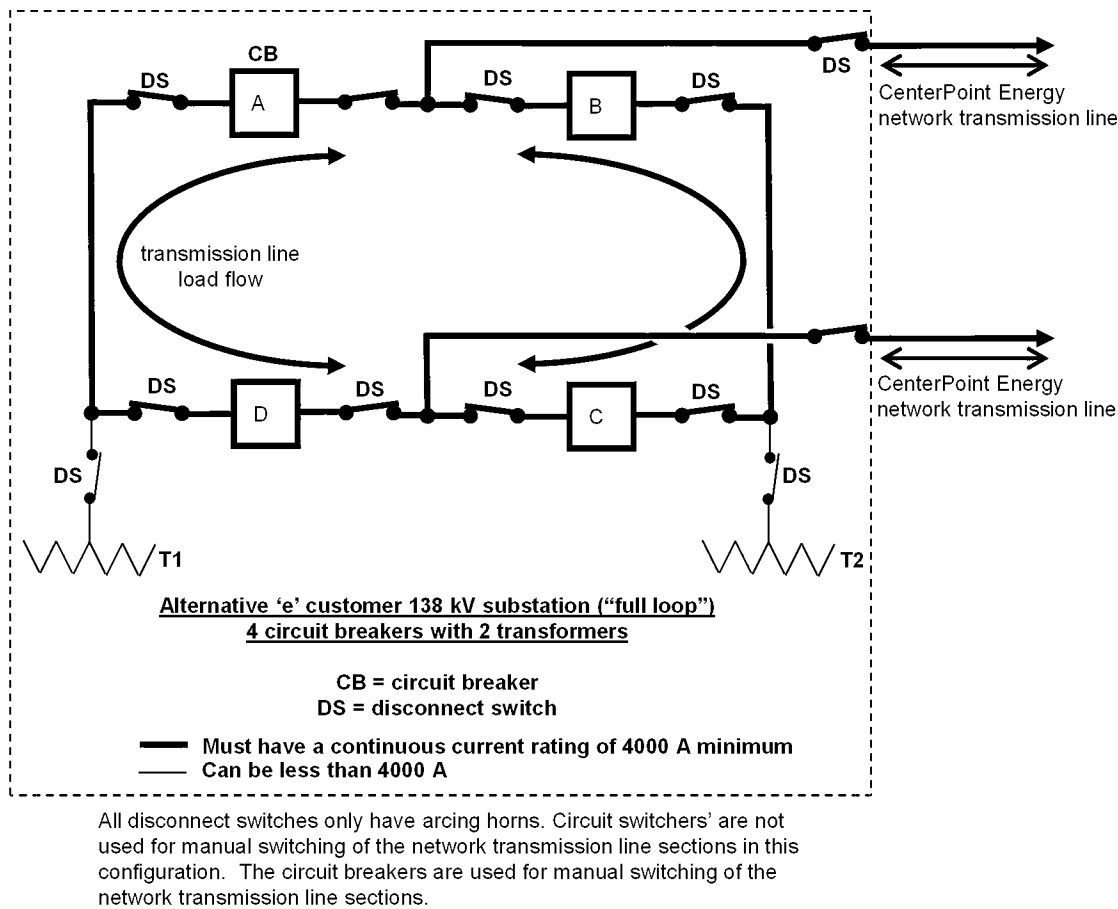
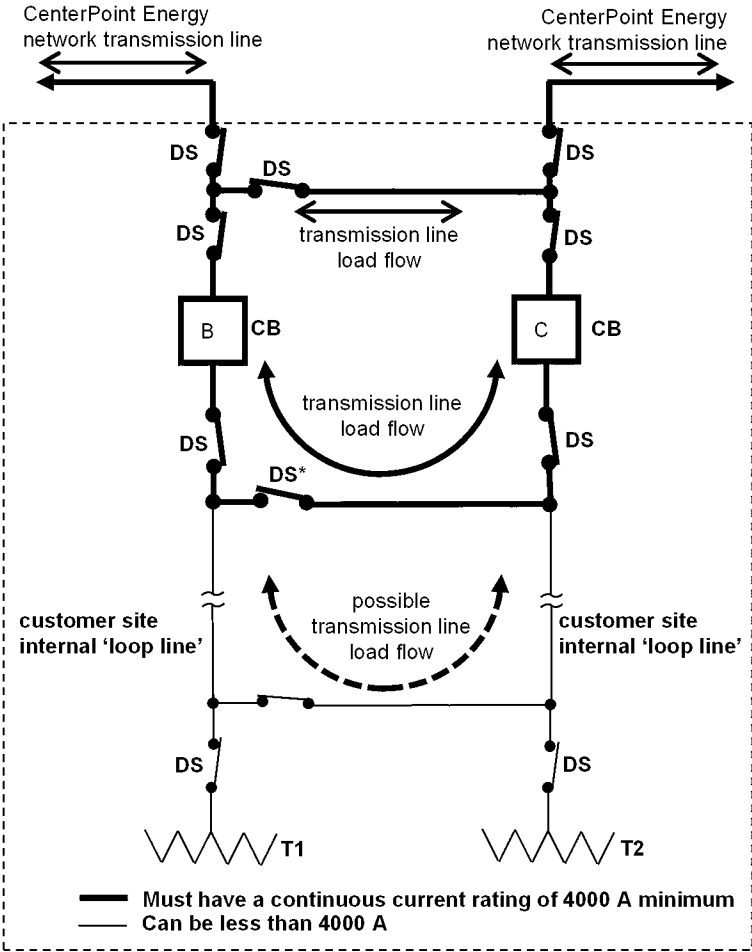


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Any customer connection from the “full loop” substation or “loop tap” substation to the customer’s transformers, customer buses, or customer lines (i.e. customer plant internal ‘loop lines’, etc.) are not required to be 4000 A minimum. However, operational scenarios after a scheduled outage of equipment in a customer substation could exist that would result in transmission line load current flowing on customer site internal lines or buses (customer site internal ‘loop line’ or ‘loop bus’) and potentially overload the customer’s equipment if it is rated less than 4000 A. Therefore, CenterPoint Energy suggests that any customer site internal ‘loop line’ and customer site internal ‘loop bus’ (except customer site internal ‘radial’ line or customer transformer bus connection) be 4000 A minimum.

Figure 7

- 4.4. The 138 kV customer-owned substation shall be designed for a short circuit current of 63 kA rms symmetrical, with X/R ratio of 15, unless otherwise specified by CenterPoint Energy.
- 4.5. 138 kV customer-owned substations which are connected directly into or located within 2 miles electric distance of a CenterPoint Energy 138 kV substation that is designed for a short circuit current of 80 kA rms symmetrical, must be designed to the same short circuit current of 80 kA rms symmetrical, with X/R ratio of 15, unless otherwise explicitly specified by CenterPoint Energy.

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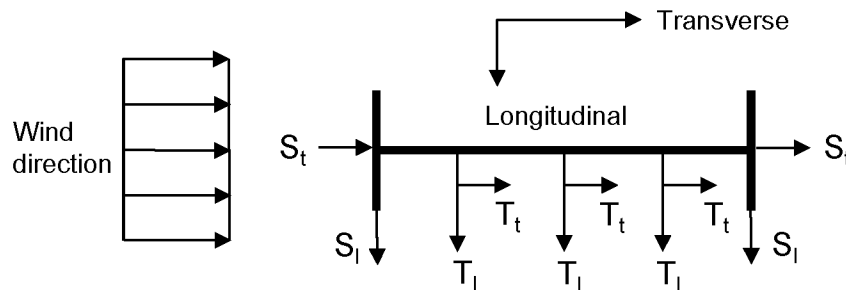
- 4.6. The application of key interlock systems are not permitted on customer-owned substation 138 kV equipment.
- 4.7. The customer's connected load and equipment shall be designed and operated to adhere to the recommended harmonic limits of IEEE 519 and limits of voltage fluctuations and associated light flicker of IEEE 1453.
- 4.8. The customer shall not, without CenterPoint Energy's consent, connect or operate equipment that produces voltage fluctuations, interference or distorted wave forms that adversely affect service to other customers or that may be detrimental to the CenterPoint Energy transmission system. Such equipment includes, but is not limited to, motors, arc furnaces, capacitor banks, etc. The customer is obligated to provide load and equipment information (i.e., load magnitude, peak load, load profile, amount of self-serve generation, load characteristics, motor starting data, load increase) for CenterPoint Energy interconnection study and development of interconnection requirements. CenterPoint Energy may require the installation, on customer's side of the meter, of suitable apparatus or other equipment designed specifically to reasonably limit such adverse effects.
- 4.9. The customer-owned substation ground mat shall be designed for a short circuit current of 63 kA rms symmetrical with X/R ratio of 15 and duration of 0.25 seconds and comply with IEEE 80 and IEEE C2 (NESC). Ground mat connections shall comply with IEEE 837, unless otherwise specified by CenterPoint Energy.
- 4.10. 138 kV customer-owned substations which are connected directly into or located within 2 miles electric distance of a CenterPoint Energy substation that is designed for a short circuit current of 80 kA rms symmetrical, shall design the ground mat for a short circuit current of 80 kA rms symmetrical, with X/R ratio of 15 and duration of 0.25 seconds and comply with IEEE 80 and IEEE C2 (NESC). Ground mat connections shall comply with IEEE 837, unless otherwise specified by CenterPoint Energy.
- 4.11. The customer-owned substation direct lightning stroke shielding design shall comply with IEEE 998.
- 4.12. The customer shall refer to the current CenterPoint Energy tariff for retail delivery service regarding additional information pertaining to load balance, intermittent electrical loads and limitations on adverse effects, equipment sensitive to voltage and wave forms, change in retail customer's electrical load, power factor, and testing of retail customer equipment.

5. STRUCTURAL AND MECHANICAL DESIGN CRITERIA

- 5.1. The customer shall provide a complete structural and foundation design package for the dead-end structures (supporting the CenterPoint Energy transmission lines connected to the customer-owned substation) and the instrument transformer stands in accordance with Article 14 of this specification. The design package shall be signed and sealed by a professional engineer registered in Texas and shall include design references/codes, computer analysis, member design, connection design, foundation design, soil report, structural and foundation drawings, and all other information that documents the design of the structure(s). ASCE 113 may be used for guidance in the design of structures inside the customer-owned substation.

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- 5.2. Design shall be based upon loadings realistically combined to cause the most unfavorable effect upon the structure or component. If the AISC ASD method is used, the 1/3 increase in allowable stress is not permitted for wind loads. The loads and overloads used in Sub-Article 5.4 of this specification must be used for the loading with Allowable Stress Design. If the AISC LRFD method is used, the structure must have a second order elastic analysis (also called a Geometric Nonlinear Analysis). Refer also to Sub-Article 5.4 and 5.5.5 of this specification.
- 5.3. Structures shall meet the Strength Requirements of IEEE C2 (NESC), Section 26, for grade B construction.
- 5.4. The minimum acceptable structural design loading criteria shall be the more severe of the following two cases (note the cases incorporate loads up to a 30 degree angle):
- 5.4.1. Case 1 - Combined Ice and Wind Loading: Reference specification IEEE C2 (NESC); minimum allowable strength factors per Section 26, Table 261-1; loading requirements per Section 25, Rule 250.B and Table 250-1; and loading components to be applied to the structure shall be according to Figure 8 of this specification. The static wire and phase wire loads shown in Case 1 include the required overload factors. The wind on the structure must include a 2.50 overload.



Wind and Ice loads are specified in Section 25 of IEEE C2

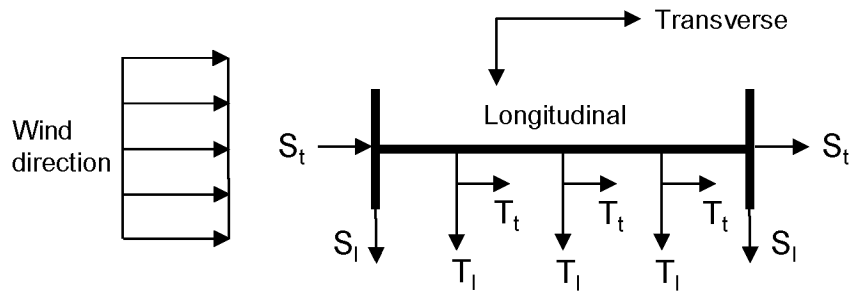
Static wire	Phase wire
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$S_t = 6.7$ kips/wire transversely	$T_t = 14.4$ kips/phase transversely
$S_v = 0.5$ kips/wire vertically	$T_v = 1.5$ kips/phase vertically

CASE 1 - Combined Ice and Wind Loading – Overhead View
static wire and phase wire loading component
(The static wire and phase wire loads shown include the required overload factors)

Figure 8

- 5.4.2. Case 2 - Extreme Wind Loading: Reference specification; IEEE C2 (NESC) Section 25, Rule 250.C; minimum allowable strength factors per IEEE C2 (NESC), Section 26, Table 261-1; and magnitude and direction of static wire and phase wire loading components to be applied to the structure shall be according to Figure 9 of this specification. The static wire and phase wire loads shown in Case 2 include the required overload factors. The wind on structure loads are applied in the Transverse direction and must include a 1.1 overload factor.

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For Case 2 the following shall apply:

Basic Wind speed determined from wind map in, Exposure category C, Importance factor 1.0, Design wind pressure equation and coefficients per IEEE C2 (NESC) Rule 250.C in latest version.

Static wire	Phase wire
$S_l = 12.0$ kips/wire longitudinally	$T_l = 22.0$ kips/phase longitudinally
$S_t = 5.5$ kips/wire transversely	$T_t = 10.5$ kips/phase transversely
$S_v = 0.5$ kips/wire vertically	$T_v = 1.5$ kips/phase vertically

CASE 2 - Extreme Wind Loading – Overhead View
static wire and phase wire loading component
(The static wire and phase wire loads shown include the required overload factors)

Figure 9

5.5. The requirements for dead-end structures are as follows:

- 5.5.1. Customer shall design all attachment points to ensure that sufficient electrical clearance is maintained to the customer's structure ground and equipment. CenterPoint Energy will extend the phase wires to the first item of customer's equipment or bus and will furnish, own and maintain all necessary fittings for terminating the phase wires including the tower fittings, suspension insulators, dead-end clamps and phase wire terminal fittings with NEMA CC 1 standard four-hole terminals (0.5625 in. diameter holes, 1.75 in. centers) for attachment to the first item of equipment or bus in the customer-owned substation. CenterPoint Energy will also furnish stirrup clamps or other similar devices (such as a bar on the NEMA pad that is used with ACSS conductors) on the phase wires as required for connection of surge arresters and potential transformers. Customer will provide a grounding conductor from the customer-owned substation ground mat, up the dead-end structure, to the static wire pull-off plates. CenterPoint Energy will furnish, own and maintain all necessary fittings for terminating the static wire and for connecting the static wire to the customer provided substation ground conductor at the static wire pull-off plates including the tower fittings, dead-end clamps and static wire terminal fittings for attachment to the customer provided substation ground conductor.
- 5.5.2. Customer shall provide pull-off plates for terminating the phase wires and static wires which will accommodate a minimum of 1 in. pin. All pull-off plates must satisfy Equations 4.6-1 and 4.6-2 in ASCE 10. Details for division of ownership shall be in accordance with CenterPoint Energy Drawing 004-241-04 Customer-Owned Substation Line Termination Standard.
- 5.5.3. The height of the dead-end structure's phase wire attachment shall be in accordance with the National Electric Safety Code (IEEE C2) or 40 ft. whichever is greater, unless otherwise specified

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by CenterPoint Energy. The static wire height at attachment shall be at a sufficient elevation and position to provide a shield angle to the outside phase wires of 30° and 45° between two adjacent static wires (see IEEE 142).

- 5.5.4. CenterPoint Energy will determine if the installation of fiber optic cable is required for transmission line protective relaying and/or control purposes. The fiber optic cable installation will normally be installed underground from the transmission line protective relay requiring fiber optic communication (i.e., relay located in the substation control cubicle) to the base of the first CenterPoint Energy transmission line structure outside the substation. However, should an overhead installation be required, additional loadings will be imposed on the customer's dead-end structure. Additional design information concerning the fiber optic cable will be supplied by CenterPoint Energy when overhead fiber optic cable is to be used. The connection for the fiber optic cable is typically at least 8 feet from the nearest phase wire. If an overhead installation is required and the fiber optic cable cannot be accommodated on the dead-end structure, a single pole must be installed in the customer-owned substation to transition the fiber optic cable from overhead to underground.
- 5.5.5. If multiple dead end bays are installed that share a middle column or support, the support must be designed to withstand the loads from the adjacent circuits.
- 5.6. When high-side (138 kV) metering is utilized, the customer shall design, provide and install stands for mounting CenterPoint Energy furnished instrument transformers (potential and current transformers). The customer shall also design and build foundations to support the stands and instrument transformers. The designs shall be in accordance with Sub-Articles 5.1- 5.4 of this specification. The instrument transformer parameters to be used for the design of the instrument transformer stand are indicated on CenterPoint Energy drawing 171-190-06. Since the instrument transformer may change in the future, the stand mounting surface for the instrument transformer must be adjustable or use grating to accommodate diverse mounting bolt patterns. If a grating is used for the stand mounting surface for the instrument transformer, washer plates of sufficient size and thickness to load up 4 bars must be used on top and bottom of the grating. Design calculations showing the load transfer from the bolt to the washer plates to the bars to the column must be provided. The customer is responsible for providing the bolts and washer plates. The customer will design a mounting stand and foundation for the hurricane wind speeds and overloads from Sub-Article 5.4.2 of this specification. If the AISC ASD design method is used, the 1/3 increase in allowable stress will not be permitted. If the AISC LRFD method is used, the structure must have a second order elastic analysis (also called a Geometric Nonlinear Analysis). The customer shall limit the horizontal deflection of the potential transformer and current transformer stand at the instrument mounting height to the mounting height divided by 100. The wind load used for the deflection limit shall be the 5-year mean recurrence interval wind. A conversion factor of 0.78 applied to the hurricane wind pressure will yield the 5 year MRI.

6. SITE CRITERIA

- 6.1. Site preparation and plot plan drawings shall be submitted to CenterPoint Energy for comment. Facilities that must be shown on this drawing include: dimensions of the customer-owned substation site, access roadways, space between the customer-owned substation and access roadways, and drainage features

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such as culverts, ditches and detention facilities (if required). Refer to Sub-Article 14.1.1 of this specification.

- 6.2. The customer shall stake the location of the dead-end structures according to Figure 10. The owner of the substation must submit drawings/documents specific to their substation to CenterPoint Energy in accordance with Article 14 of this specification. The drawings required by Sub-Articles 14.1.1 and 14.1.3 of this specification should show the customer’s desired location for CenterPoint Energy phases. CenterPoint Energy will review this information and, based on the customer-owned substation location and CenterPoint Energy transmission line tower location, will determine if the customer’s desired location for CenterPoint Energy phases can be achieved.

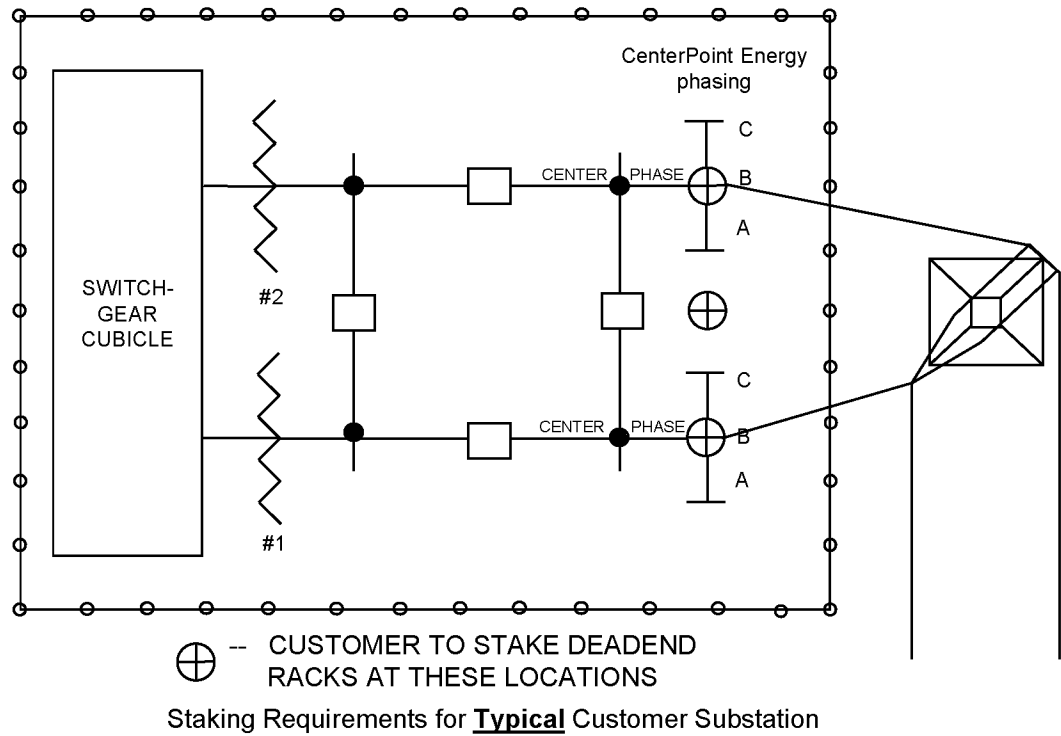


Figure 10

- 6.3. An all-weather access roadbed capable of supporting heavy construction vehicles shall be provided to the customer-owned substation. The areas within the customer-owned substations that need to support heavy vehicular traffic should conform to AASHTO H20 loading.
- 6.4. Access for CenterPoint Energy to attach its transmission line wires to the customer-owned substation dead-end structures shall be provided by either:
- 6.4.1. A 25 ft. wide, leveled, and unobstructed access outside the customer-owned substation site from a main road to the CenterPoint Energy right-of-way and in front of the dead-end structures with substation fencing a maximum of 20 ft. from the attachment point of the dead-ends and a 13 ft. (minimum) wide gate for access into the customer-owned substation.

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- 6.4.2. A 25 ft. wide access inside the customer-owned substation from the substation access gate (20 ft. wide minimum) to the front of the dead-ends with substation fencing a minimum of 25 ft. from the attachment point.
- 6.5. Access and space shall be provided for installation and future replacement of high voltage equipment including metering instrument transformers.
- 6.6. The design elevation of the customer-owned substation site, equipment and control cubicle should take into consideration locating essential components above flood and storm surge levels.

7. HIGH VOLTAGE EQUIPMENT

- 7.1. The requirements for power transformers are as follows:

- 7.1.1. Power transformers shall have a delta winding for connection to the 138 kV system. Power transformers shall conform to IEEE C57.12.00. Power transformers should be equipped with sudden pressure and low oil level detection devices.
- 7.1.2. Power transformers shall have a minimum of two 600:5 A multi-ratio bushing current transformers (BCTs) per 138 kV bushing. Each BCT shall have IEEE C57.13 accuracy C400 or better. Where applications require additional BCTs and/or different ratios, CenterPoint Energy shall provide ratios to support equipment purchase schedule. The secondary resistance of power transformer BCTs shall not exceed 0.0025 ohms per turn. The power transformer BCT secondary rated continuous current shall be 10 A minimum. The power transformer BCT rating factor (R.F.) shall equal 2.0.
- 7.1.3. High-side surge arresters shall be provided in accordance with Sub-Article 7.4 of this specification.
- 7.1.4. The customer shall determine the need for, and if applicable, settings for a transformer tap changer for de-energized operation (no load tap) and automatic on-load tap changer. CenterPoint Energy recommends power transformers be equipped with an automatic on-load tap changer.

- 7.2. The requirements for circuit breakers are as follows:

- 7.2.1. Circuit breakers shall be of the three-pole, outdoor type, 138 kV nominal, in accordance with IEEE C37.06, C37.60, C37.04 and C37.40.
- 7.2.2. For a “full loop” customer-owned substation, “loop tap” substation, or a substation arranged for future “full loop” service, the 138 kV circuit breakers that are or will be in the substation ‘loop’ shall have a continuous current rating of 4,000 A, an overload capability of 110 percent of the rated current for 2 hours and a rated isolated capacitor bank current switching capability of 600 A. For customer-owned substations connecting to four or more 138 kV CenterPoint Energy transmission lines, circuit breakers may be required to have a higher continuous rating. The three phase symmetrical short circuit current interrupting capability of all 138 kV circuit breakers shall be 63 kA rms symmetrical. The rated interrupting time of all 138 kV circuit breakers shall be

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three cycles or less. In some applications, the installation of TRV shaping capacitors may be required in order to achieve the circuit breaker interrupting capability of 63 kA rms symmetrical for line faults. CenterPoint Energy shall determine the placement of TRV shaping capacitors, when required for line faults.

- 7.2.3. Each 138 kV circuit breaker shall be equipped with two 4000:5 A multi-ratio BCTs per 138 kV bushing. Each circuit breaker BCT shall have a relaying accuracy class of C800 on the 4000:5 A tap in accordance with IEEE C57.13. The secondary resistance of the circuit breaker BCT shall not exceed 0.0025 ohms per turn. The circuit breaker BCT secondary rated continuous current shall be 10 A minimum. The circuit breaker BCT rating factor (R.F.) shall equal 2.0.

For the replacement or addition of a 138 kV circuit breaker in an existing customer-owned substation that already has other 138 kV circuit breakers that do not have a continuous current rating of 4,000 A, the following applies to the replacement or addition circuit breaker (i.e., the following requirement is to accommodate interface of the 4000 A replacement or addition 138 kV circuit breaker with any existing circuit breakers that have 2000:5 multi-ratio BCT's in an existing substation while maintaining the design capability for 4000 ampere operation in the future). Each replacement or addition 138 kV circuit breaker shall be equipped with two 3000:5 A multi-ratio BCTs per 138 kV bushing. Each circuit breaker BCT shall have a relaying accuracy class of C800 on the 2000:5 A tap (equivalent to C1200 on the full ratio 3000:5) in accordance with IEEE C57.13. The secondary resistance of circuit breaker BCTs shall not exceed 0.0025 ohms per turn. Circuit breaker BCT secondary rated continuous current shall be 10 A minimum. Circuit breaker BCT rating factor (R.F.) shall equal 2.0.

- 7.2.4. Two trip circuits shall be provided with independent 125 V DC control circuits. If two trip coils operate a single armature, both coils shall be designed or marked in such a way as to prevent their being connected in a manner that would result in the circuit breaker not tripping in the event that both coils are energized simultaneously.
- 7.2.5. Trip circuit or close circuit DC current shall not exceed 15 A (instantaneous and steady state) for the circuit breaker trip or close circuit. If electromechanical protective relays with DC operated 'target and seal-in' units are used in the substation, then the circuit breaker trip circuit shall not draw less than 4 A DC current and a circuit breaker close circuit shall not draw less than 2 A DC current in order ensure reliable 'target and seal-in' unit operation.
- 7.2.6. The DC negative of a trip circuit shall not be fused or use a circuit breaker inside the circuit breaker control cabinet.
- 7.2.7. Surge suppression shall be provided on each trip and close coil. Reference CenterPoint Energy 007-400-02 Specification for Remote Telemetry of a Customer-Owned Facility.
- 7.2.8. The circuit breaker operating mechanism shall be both mechanically and electrically trip-free in any position. For oil circuit breakers, a latch check switch shall be provided.
- 7.2.9. Circuit breakers with air closing mechanisms shall have stored energy for at least 5 close-open operations. Circuit breakers with spring closing mechanisms shall have the spring charging motor circuit connected to a 125 V DC battery source utilizing a DC supply cable dedicated for this

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purpose. Voltage rollover from AC to DC shall not be installed for the spring charging motor circuit for circuit breakers.

- 7.2.10. Gas circuit breakers shall have low SF6 gas pressure alarm and close inhibit contacts. The customer shall indicate on the relay and metering one-line diagram whether the low SF6 gas pressure wiring is set to 'BLOCK TRIP' or to 'AUTO TRIP' the circuit breaker.
- 7.2.11. Circuit breaker internal time delay circuitry for reclosing shall not be utilized. External time delayed automatic reclosing, when utilized, shall be wired/connected directly to the circuit breaker close circuit. External time delay for the circuit breaker closing circuit is to be provided by the automatic reclosing scheme.
- 7.2.12. The circuit breaker internal close and trip circuits shall not go through a 'local/remote' control switch in the circuit breaker. However, if a circuit breaker comes from the manufacturer with a 'local/remote' control switch installed in the circuit breaker, then the 'remote' contact of the control switch that is wired in series with the close and trip circuits must be 'shorted out' or 'by-passed'.

7.3. The requirements for air break switches are as follows:

- 7.3.1. Transmission line disconnect switches and all disconnect switches in the customer-owned substation 'loop' shall be of the outdoor, three pole, gang operated type rated 138 kV nominal, and shall have a continuous current rating of 4000 A , an overload capability of 110 percent of rated current for 2 hours and a rated minimum withstand capability of 164 kA peak. Disconnect switches that are not in the substation 'loop' (i.e., transformer high-side disconnect switch) may be rated for less than 4000 A continuous, but must have a rated minimum withstand capability of 164 kA peak. The switch air gap BIL shall coordinate with the BIL rating of the switch insulators. For customer-owned substations connecting to four or more CenterPoint Energy 138 kV transmission lines, contact CenterPoint Energy for the required rating of switches.
- 7.3.2. Transmission line disconnect switches are required for "full loop" substations or "loop tap" substations converted to "full loop".
- 7.3.3. "Loop tap" substations must be configured and designed with equipment to permit switching for the scheduled outage of either transmission line section without interrupting service to the customer's load. An interrupting device attached to a disconnect switch in a "loop tap" substation for transmission line load breaking, loop switching or line dropping is not acceptable.
- 7.3.4. CenterPoint Energy does not require any 138 kV disconnect switch to be motor operated.
- 7.3.5. CenterPoint Energy does not require any 138 kV disconnect switch auxiliary contacts except as indicated in Sub-Article 9.1.5 of this specification.
- 7.3.6. Grounding switches are not permitted on 138 kV equipment. A 'grounding stud' or fabricated attachment for the application of temporary grounding cables may be installed if desired.

7.4. The requirements for surge arresters are as follows:

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- 7.4.1. Surge arresters must be installed on 138 kV power transformers and in the substation on the incoming transmission line positions to protect substation 138 kV equipment including 138 kV coupling capacitors, line traps, instrument transformers, circuit breakers, etc.
- 7.4.2. All surge arresters shall be metal oxide type, 108 kV class minimum, with a minimum required maximum continuous over-voltage (MCOV) rating of 88 kV. The minimum required energy absorption capability is 7 kilojoules/ kV of MCOV rating. The surge arrester must have a minimum required pressure relief capability of 63 kA rms symmetrical (or short circuit current rating of 63 kA rms symmetrical). In addition to meeting the CenterPoint Energy minimum requirements, a surge arrester with well-designed directional pressure relief ports can provide a benefit. In the event of a surge arrester internal short circuit, a surge arrester with well-designed directional pressure relief vent ports, and with the vent ports pointed in the appropriate direction, can minimize the possibility that the ionized gas emitted from the surge arrester will propagate into a multiphase fault and can minimize the possibility of the ionized gas, and possibly other materials emitted from the surge arrester from causing damage to other equipment.
- 7.4.3. All 138 kV surge arresters must be connected with a copper bond wire from the bottom flange of the arrester to the substation ground mat. If the customer desires to allow for grading / leakage current monitoring, the surge arresters may be mounted on plates using insulated spacers and associated hardware. The insulated copper ground conductor from the bottom flange of the arrester must be isolated from any other ground until it passes the point where a tong ammeter reading can be taken. The independent, insulated ground leads should be adequately marked to indicate A, B, and C phases.

7.5. The requirements for coupling capacitors or CVTs and line tuners are as follows:

- 7.5.1. CenterPoint Energy shall specify vendor and vendor style number for the coupling capacitor or CVT devices that are used for transmission line protective relaying or CenterPoint Energy supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) remote telemetry monitoring of CenterPoint Energy transmission lines according to CenterPoint Energy provided bill of materials. CenterPoint Energy shall specify vendor and vendor style number for the line tuners that are used for transmission line protective relaying according to CenterPoint Energy provided bill of materials.
- 7.5.2. The line tuner must be mounted at a level suitable for making adjustments and tests while standing on the ground. The line tuner must be mounted at the base of the coupling capacitor stand in order to minimize the length of the carrier lead-in conductor connected between the line tuner and the coupling capacitor to reduce the stray capacitance and leakage to ground that will increase the losses of the tuner and affect the bandwidth.
- 7.5.3. The coupling capacitor or CVT shall not be used to structurally support the line trap. Refer to Sub-Article 7.6.3 of this specification.

7.6. The requirements for line traps are as follows:

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- 7.6.1. CenterPoint Energy shall specify vendor and vendor style number for line trap devices that are used for transmission line protective relaying according to CenterPoint Energy provided bill of materials.
- 7.6.2. The line trap shall have a continuous current rating of 4,000 A, and an overload capability of 110 percent of the rated current for 2 hours.
- 7.6.3. The line trap shall not be structurally supported by a coupling capacitor or CVT. Refer to Sub-Article 7.5.3 of this specification.

8. CONTROL CUBICLE

- 8.1. The control cubicle shall be a permanent, weatherproof structure constructed on a concrete foundation and scheduled for completion well in advance of the remainder of the substation to allow for adequate check out and testing. The ambient conditions inside the control cubicle shall not exceed 32°C (90°F) and 85% relative humidity. Adequate lighting shall be provided.
- 8.2. The requirements for telephone circuits are as follows:
- 8.2.1 The customer is responsible for arrangements with the telephone service provider to establish a direct dial telephone land line to the customer substation control cubicle.
- 8.2.2 Refer to CenterPoint Energy 007-400-02 Specification for Remote Telemetry of a Customer-Owned Facility for details pertaining to required communications circuits (i.e., customer provided voice communication and CenterPoint Energy provided telemetry communications for SCADA, metering, etc.).
- 8.3. Wall space for metering boxes shall be provided in accordance with Sub-Article 9.1.3.1 of this specification.
- 8.4. If CenterPoint Energy has specified that transmission line protective relaying with power line carrier and/or fiber optic communication is utilized, power line carrier transmitter/receiver sets shall be procured by the customer according to CenterPoint Energy provided bill of material and/or the customer will provide wall space or floor space for a CenterPoint Energy provided fiber optic cable distribution box.
- 8.5. The customer shall provide space for the CenterPoint Energy remote telemetry equipment that will be installed in accordance with Sub-Article 12.1 of this specification.
- 8.6. A separate 120 V AC, 20 A circuit shall be provided to each of the following: (a) one of the metering boxes, (b) the power line carrier equipment location, and (c) the SCADA RTU cabinet (see CenterPoint Energy 007-400-02 Specification for Remote Telemetry of a Customer-Owned Facility).
- 8.7. One 120 V AC, 20 A outlet for protective relay testing equipment shall be located near the transmission line protective relays in the substation control cubicle.

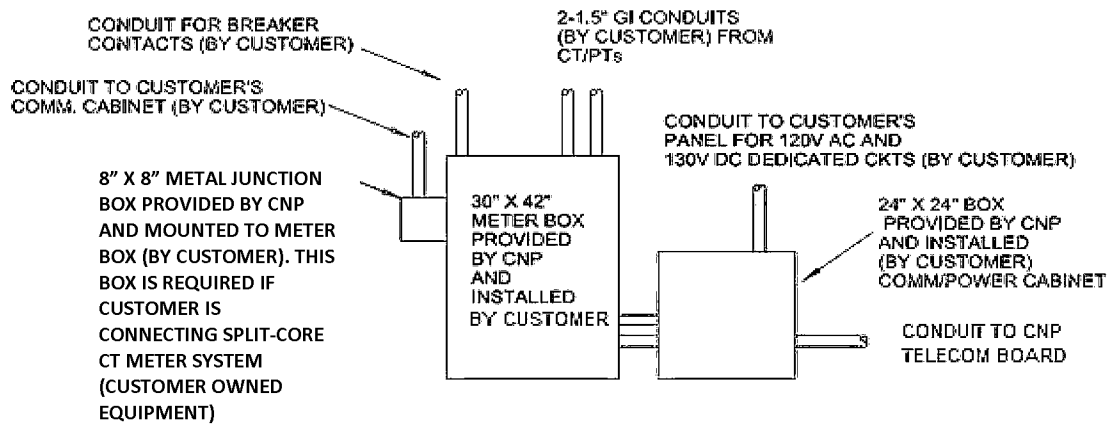
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- 8.8. A separate 130 V DC, 15 A circuit shall be provided to each of the following: (a) one of the metering boxes, and (b) the SCADA RTU cabinet (see CenterPoint Energy 007-400-02 Specification for Remote Telemetry of a Customer-Owned Facility).
- 8.9. If CenterPoint Energy transmission line fault location traveling wave system (TWS) equipment is to be installed, CenterPoint Energy will provide requirements.

9. METERING EQUIPMENT

- 9.1. The requirements for metering are as follows:

- 9.1.1. Any part of the metering system that is installed by the customer or his agent shall conform to ANSI C12.1 at minimum, unless otherwise specified by CenterPoint Energy.
- 9.1.2. The customer shall submit a one-line diagram of the proposed substation configuration to CenterPoint Energy in accordance with Article 14 of this specification. CenterPoint Energy will designate on the one-line diagram the location of all metering instrument transformers (including, without limitation, quantity, transformation ratios, voltage class - high-side or low-side and ratings). The metering instrument transformers shall be connected to the transformer low-side or to the 138 kV substation bus by the customer as specified by CenterPoint Energy.
- 9.1.3. Metering boxes shall be located inside an environmentally controlled cubicle.
- 9.1.3.1. Each metering box is 30 inches wide, 42 inches high, 12 inches deep, wall mounted and approximately 36 inch from the floor. Wall space 3.0 ft. wide and 8.0 ft. high measured from the floor with 4.0 ft. (from wall) front clearance shall be provided for installation and maintenance of each metering box as illustrated in **Figure 11**. Metering boxes will be furnished by CenterPoint Energy and installed by the customer. The number of metering boxes will be determined by the metering scheme to be used.



Typical Layout of Meter Boxes

Figure 11

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- 9.1.3.2. A customer requesting metering data shall provide all conduits and wiring necessary to connect to a meter comm/power box provided by CenterPoint Energy and mounted on the metering installation.
- 9.1.3.3. The customer shall provide a conduit from the CNP telecom board to the metering comm/power box.
- 9.1.4. CenterPoint Energy personnel will make all meter connections. For metering equipment details, consult the CenterPoint Energy project representative.
- 9.1.5. When high-side metering is used in a “full loop” alternative ‘c’ or alternative ‘d’ type substation (see Figure 4 and Figure 5), the customer shall provide and wire two auxiliary ‘52a’ contacts from the circuit breaker between the two transmission lines (‘A’ circuit breaker) and a single auxiliary ‘52a’ contact for each of the other two transmission line circuit breakers (‘B’ and ‘C’ circuit breakers) to the CenterPoint Energy high voltage metering box. Also, in a “full loop” alternative ‘c’ type substation (see Figure 4) with two transformer substation, two auxiliary ‘89a’ contacts shall be provided on the disconnect switch between transformers and wired to the CenterPoint Energy high voltage metering box. When high-side metering is used in a “full loop” alternative ‘e’ type substation (see Figure 6), the customer shall provide and wire a single auxiliary ‘52a’ contact for each of the other two transmission line circuit breakers (‘A’, ‘B’, ‘C’ and ‘D’ circuit breakers) to the CenterPoint Energy high voltage metering box. When high-side metering is used in a “loop tap” alternative ‘b’ type substation (see Figure 3), the customer shall provide two auxiliary ‘89a’ contacts from the disconnect switch located in the substation bus between the transmission line connections and a single auxiliary ‘52a’ contact from each of the circuit breakers. The customer shall provide and install cable from these contacts to the metering location (routed via the protective relay panels) for ‘rollover’ of the metering potential to a second set of potential transformers.
- 9.1.6. When low-side metering is utilized, as determined by CenterPoint Energy, customer shall provide and install 138 kV CVT devices in accordance with Sub-Article 7.5 of this specification.
- 9.2. The requirements for switchgear mounted metering instrument transformers are as follows:
- 9.2.1. Where low-side metering is used, as determined by CenterPoint Energy, the customer shall install CenterPoint Energy specified metering instrument transformers in their switchgear.
- 9.2.1.1. The customer shall purchase and install the CenterPoint Energy specified metering instrument transformers.
- 9.2.1.2. Original certified test data shall be provided to CenterPoint Energy for each metering instrument transformer installed.
- 9.2.2. Metering current transformers shall be located in the incoming main breaker cubicle. The metering current transformers shall be installed by the customer.
- 9.2.3. Metering potential transformers shall be located in roll-out boxes. The potential transformers shall be installed by the customer.

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9.2.3.1. The secondary windings shall be used only for CenterPoint Energy metering.

9.2.3.2. Potential transformers shall be equipped with 1 A, current limiting primary fuses.

9.2.4. The customer shall install a 1.5 in. rigid galvanized steel conduit from each instrument transformer cubicle to the meter box.

9.2.5. CenterPoint Energy shall supply cable for all metering instrument transformer secondary connections. The customer shall pull the CenterPoint Energy provided cable. CenterPoint Energy shall make all metering instrument transformer secondary connections.

9.2.6. The customer shall supply copper ground wire from the customer's switchgear to the CenterPoint Energy meter box.

9.3. The requirements for 138 kV metering instrument transformers are as follows:

9.3.1. When 138 kV metering is used, CenterPoint Energy will furnish all 138 kV metering instrument transformers (i.e., separate 138 kV 'free-standing' current and potential transformers) required for CenterPoint Energy revenue metering or ERCOT Polled Settlement metering ("EPS").

9.3.2. CenterPoint Energy will mount the instrument transformers on stands provided by the customer in accordance with Sub-Article 5.6 of this specification. The substation layout and location of the 138 kV metering instrument transformers shall incorporate the requirement of vehicle access up to the instrument transformers for installation, testing and future replacement (i.e., vehicle access not obstructed by substation bus, cable tray, etc.). The customer shall furnish flexible connections from the substation bus to the instrument transformers with NEMA CC 1 standard four-hole terminals (0.5625 in. diameter holes on 1.75 in. centers). CenterPoint Energy personnel will bolt the flexible connections to the instrument transformers.

9.3.3. The customer shall utilize rigid galvanized steel conduit, flexible metallic conduit and pull boxes, including pull string, for the cables/conductors from the metering instrument transformers to the metering box location.

9.3.3.1. For each set of current or potential transformer stands, 1.50 in. rigid galvanized steel conduit shall be used to connect the individual instrument transformers to a common junction box for this set of instrument transformers (i.e., one common junction box for each set of current or potential transformer stands) located on or near the base of one of the instrument transformer stands. The 1.50 in. conduit shall terminate within 12 in. from the top of each instrument transformer stand. A 2.00 in. rigid galvanized steel conduit shall be used from the each common junction box located at the base of one of the instrument transformer stands to the metering box.

9.3.3.2. All 2.00 in. rigid galvanized steel conduit shall terminate at the base of the primary metering box. No more than four conduits are to be terminated in a metering box. Contact CenterPoint Energy if additional conduits are required.

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- 9.3.3.3. Flexible metallic conduit shall be used as needed to complete the installation to the instrument transformers, common junction boxes, and the metering box(es).
- 9.3.4. Potential transformers for revenue metering located in the 138 kV substation yard shall be furnished and installed by CenterPoint Energy on instrument transformer stands provided by the customer. The potential transformers will be rated 80,500/115-67.08 V for use on 138 kV grounded neutral system in accordance with IEEE C57.13.
- 9.3.4.1. The potential transformers will have three secondary windings (i.e., “X”, “Y”, and “Z”). The “X” and “Z” windings will be used for transmission line protective relaying, SCADA and the customer’s equipment. The “Y” winding will be used exclusively for CenterPoint Energy metering.
- 9.3.4.2. A minimum 16 inches wide, 14 inches high, 6 inches deep potential transformer common junction box and secondary fuses shall be provided and installed by the customer and located at the base of one of the potential transformer stands. Each secondary winding shall be separately fused at the potential transformer junction box to provide circuit isolation and short circuit protection; except that neutrals shall not be fused (brass or copper dummy fuses required).
- 9.3.4.3. CenterPoint Energy shall supply cable/conductors for the potential transformers “Y” winding secondary connections. The customer shall supply cable/conductors for the potential transformers “X” and “Z” windings secondary connections. The customer shall pull the CenterPoint Energy provided cable/conductors and customer supplied cable/conductors. CenterPoint Energy shall make the potential transformers “Y” winding secondary connections. The customer shall make the potential transformers “X” and “Z” windings secondary connections. The potential transformer cables/conductors shall be connected as shown on CenterPoint Energy drawing 581-500-01 138 kV Potential Transformer Schematic and Wiring Diagram.
- 9.3.4.4. The potential transformer primary shall be wye connected with a solid ground connection at the potential transformer location. The potential transformer secondary windings shall be wye connected with one neutral conductor per set of “X” and “Z” windings carried to the transmission line protective relay panel and another neutral conductor for the “Y” winding will be carried to the meter box, as shown on CenterPoint Energy Drawing 581-500-01 138 kV Potential Transformer Schematic and Wiring Diagram. These neutral conductors shall be grounded at the transmission line protective relay panel and meter box only.
- 9.3.4.5. If any 138 kV potential transformer “X” or “Z” winding of any phase is not used for any relaying, SCADA or customer’s equipment, the secondary “3” terminal of any unused winding must connected to a conductor that is grounded at a panel in the control cubicle.
- 9.3.5. Metering current transformers located in the 138 kV substation yard shall be furnished and installed by CenterPoint Energy on instrument transformer stands provided by customer.

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9.3.5.1. CenterPoint Energy shall supply cable for the metering current transformer's secondary connections. The customer shall pull the CenterPoint Energy provided cable. CenterPoint Energy shall make the metering current transformer's secondary connections.

9.3.5.2. A minimum 16 inches wide, 14 inches high, 6 inches deep current transformer common junction box shall be provided and installed by the customer and located at the base of one of the current transformer stands.

9.3.6. The customer shall provide a copper bond wire from the ground mat to the case of each instrument transformer. The wire shall be sized equal to the ground mat. CenterPoint Energy will terminate and connect the wire at the instrument transformer case.

10. FUSING AND CONNECTION OF PROTECTION AND CONTROL AND METERING CIRCUITS

10.1. Mersen Ferraz Shawmut type A2Y, A2K or A2D or Littelfuse type KLNR fuses shall be used for fusing of the 138 kV potential transformers secondary relaying and metering circuits of less than 250 V AC as follows:

10.1.1. 138 kV potential transformers secondary "X" winding and "Z" winding shall be fused with 30 A fuses at the potential transformer junction box in the yard except that neutrals shall not be fused (brass or copper dummy fuses required).

10.1.2. 138 kV potential transformers secondary "Y" windings shall be fused with 60 A fuses at the potential transformer junction box in the yard except that neutrals shall not be fused (brass or copper dummy fuses required).

10.1.3. 15 A fuses shall be used for protective relaying potential branch circuits.

10.1.4. 6 A fuses shall be used for instrumentation potential branch circuits.

10.2. Mersen Ferraz Shawmut type A2Y, A2K or A2D or Littelfuse type KLNR fuses shall be used for fusing of 138 kV coupling CVT secondary relaying and instrumentation circuits of less than 250 V AC as follows:

10.2.1. CVT secondary windings shall be fused with 6 A secondary fuses at the CVT junction box in the yard except that neutrals shall not be fused.

10.2.2. 3 A fuses shall be used for protective relaying potential branch circuits.

10.3. Mersen Ferraz Shawmut type A2Y, A2K or A2D or Littelfuse type KLNR fuses shall be used for fusing of relaying DC circuits of less than 250 V DC as follows:

10.3.1. The trip circuit connection from the control cubicle panel to each 138 kV breaker trip coil shall be fused with a 15 A panel mounted fuse located on the appropriate control cubicle panel.

10.3.2. 30 A fuses shall be used for the CenterPoint Energy SCADA control positive.

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10.4. The voltage drop from the control cubicle to the trip circuit at the circuit breakers shall not exceed 10% of rated battery voltage under normal expected operating conditions.

10.4.1. With outdoor circuit breakers and indoor protective relay and control panels, a routing method herein called "radial", shall be used since the dc circuitry to the circuit breakers radiates outward from the control cubicle. Routing of the conductors is from the dc supply to the protective relay and control panels or switchboards and then on to the circuit breakers. Positive and negative conductors are carefully routed together so that sudden changes in current, such as those from tripping a circuit breaker, do not result in large magnetic coupling to other control and measuring conductors. The effects of external magnetic fields tend to cancel when the "go" and "return" conductors are in close proximity. All wires of a circuit should be contained in the same cable so that all are affected similarly by any inductive coupling.

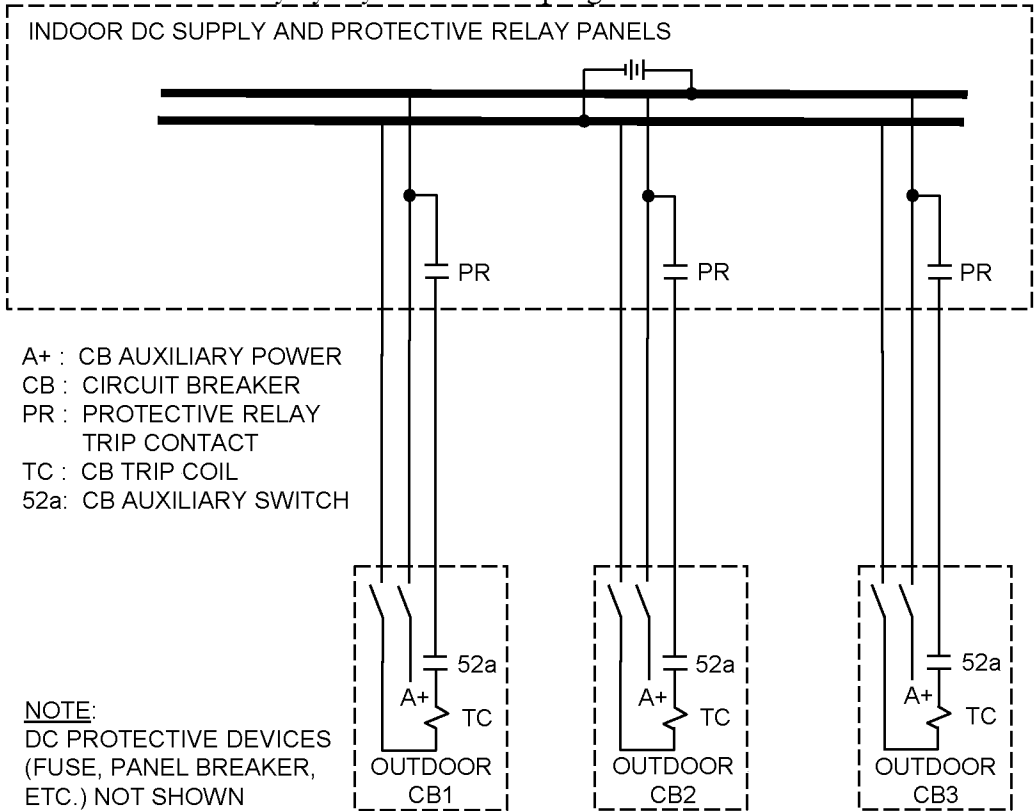


Figure 12

11. PROTECTIVE RELAYING FOR HIGH VOLTAGE (138 KV)

11.1. The customer will procure and own all the protective relays in the substation. A “full loop” substation configuration requires 138 kV transmission line protective relaying (including transmission line protective relay communication channels), 138 kV transmission line automatic reclosing and local breaker failure relaying for all 138 kV circuit breakers. CenterPoint Energy will specify in a bill of materials, as indicated in Sub-Article 11.3 of this specification, the protective relay style numbers for the

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multifunction (i.e., 138 kV transmission line protective relaying, circuit breaker automatic reclosing and local breaker failure relaying) microprocessor 138 kV transmission line protective relays. If the customer desires to install single function protective relays that are dedicated for breaker failure relaying then the customer must consult CenterPoint Energy during the development of the relaying and metering one line diagram regarding which relays CenterPoint Energy personnel will calculate relay settings, apply the settings and test. CenterPoint Energy will specify in a bill of materials, as indicated in Sub-Article 11.3 of this specification, the manufacturer and protective relay type for the single function protective relays that are dedicated for breaker failure relaying. CenterPoint Energy will calculate and implement relay settings for customer-owned 138 kV transmission line protective relays, for single function protective relays that are dedicated for breaker failure relaying for only the circuit breakers that switch the CenterPoint Energy transmission lines and for customer-owned relays installed to prevent back-energizing CenterPoint Energy's transmission system from generation installed on the low-side of customer power transformers. CenterPoint Energy will not consider customer requests for programing additional items in the transmission line protective relay for customers use (i.e., relay elements, inputs or outputs, etc.). The customer may request information be exported from the transmission line protective relay that are CenterPoint Energy's standard programing of the relay (i.e., metering values, events, relay elements, inputs or outputs, etc.) via a communication port to the CenterPoint Energy SCADA RTU. On a case-by-case basis, CenterPoint Energy may issue settings for other customer-owned relays. In accordance with Sub-Articles 11.2 and 11.3, and 11.5 of this specification, the customer will propose 138 kV bus, 138 kV transformer protective relay schemes and, for "full loop" substation configurations, breaker failure relaying for all circuit breakers that do not switch the CenterPoint Energy transmission lines. The customer shall submit to CenterPoint Energy the customer calculated relay settings for, and allow CenterPoint Energy to observe the functional testing of, the 138 kV bus and 138 kV transformer protective relay schemes and breaker failure relaying for all circuit breakers that do not switch the CenterPoint Energy transmission lines.

- 11.2. Protective relaying for elements that compose the 138 kV facilities (i.e., 138 kV transmission lines, 138 kV buses, 138 kV power transformers, etc.) shall consist of two independent schemes for the protection of each element. The protective relays associated with the first scheme shall be connected to a different set of current transformers than the relays associated with the second scheme. The DC branch circuit associated with one relaying scheme (i.e., relay power supply, input, outputs, etc.) shall be a different DC branch circuit than the DC branch circuit associated with the second relaying scheme (i.e., independent DC branch circuit). Each of the two schemes shall energize both trip coils of a circuit breaker using appropriate DC separation and separate output contacts.
- 11.3. To ensure coordination with other transmission system protective relaying for a "full loop" substation configuration, CenterPoint Energy will furnish typical AC and DC schematics and a minimum required bill of materials for the protective relay style numbers for the multifunction (i.e., 138 kV transmission line protective relaying, circuit breaker automatic reclosing and local breaker failure relaying) microprocessor 138 kV transmission line protective relays including protective relay communication channel equipment. The customer shall indicate the CenterPoint Energy specified transmission line protective relaying schemes and proposed relaying schemes for each 138 kV bus (including 138 kV transformer high-side bus) and transformer protection on a substation relaying and metering one line diagram. Once CenterPoint Energy has reviewed these schemes, the customer shall submit the appropriate relaying drawings and customer's bill of materials to CenterPoint Energy for functional review. After these drawings and the bill of materials are reviewed by CenterPoint Energy, the customer shall order the appropriate equipment and install these schemes. CenterPoint Energy personnel will

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calculate set points for the multifunction microprocessor 138 kV transmission line protective relays, apply the settings and test the transmission line protection relays after the customer has completed point-to-point wiring checks of protective relaying and control panels and verified protective relaying control circuits by performing functional trip and close testing as described in Article 16 of this specification. The customer shall calculate set points for the 138 kV bus and transformer protection relays and submit this information to CenterPoint Energy for review. After CenterPoint Energy has reviewed the 138 kV bus and transformer protection set points, the customer will apply the settings and test the relays after the customer has completed point-to-point wiring checks of protective relaying and control panels and verified protective relaying control circuits by performing functional trip and close testing as described in Article 16 of this specification. IT SHALL BE THE CUSTOMER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO INSTALL ALL WIRING AND PERFORM ALL POINT-TO-POINT WIRING CHECKS AND CORRECT ANY WIRING ERRORS.

- 11.4. A 'Sync Panel' is required only for a "full loop" substation configuration. The Sync Panel consists of a synchroscope, a voltmeter and three sync lights. The 'Sync Panel' typically consists of a small subpanel mounted on hinges to one of the substation protection and control panels and must be visible from the location of the 138 kV circuit breaker control switches. Other arrangements may be acceptable (i.e., 'Sync Panel' components mounted on the same protection and control panel that all of the 138 kV circuit breaker control switches are mounted on). CenterPoint Energy will specify the 'Sync Panel' requirements in a bill of materials referenced in Sub-Article 14.1.2 of this specification.
- 11.5. For "full loop" substations equipped with transmission line protective relaying, the current carrying capability of the components in the protective relaying schemes (relay devices, auxiliary current transformers, monitoring devices, current test switches, terminal connectors, switchboard panel wiring, cable, etc.) shall meet a minimum continuous secondary current rating equivalent to a primary continuous ampere rating of 4,000A and 2-hr emergency ampere rating of 4,400A, unless otherwise specified by CenterPoint Energy. For substations with four or more 138kV transmission lines, the continuous and 2-hr emergency ratings of this equipment may be required to be greater than these values.
- 11.6. The following are minimum requirements for 138 kV bus and transformer protection:
- 11.6.1. Bus protection shall include two independent instantaneous bus differential protective relays (device function 87). A power transformer connected to a bus position will utilize the same two sets of power transformer high-side BCTs (Sub-Article 7.1.2) for both the bus differential protective relays and the power transformer protective relays (Sub-Article 11.6.2). For a Figure 2 substation configuration, instantaneous overcurrent protective relays (device function 50) may be utilized for protection of the bus between the 138 kV circuit breaker and the 138 kV transformer high-side.
- 11.6.2. Each power transformer shall be protected by two protective relays. As a minimum, one of the power transformer protective relays shall be a transformer differential relay (device function 87T), which shall be connected to one of the two sets of power transformer high-side BCTs and the other power transformer protective relay shall have instantaneous and time overcurrent relay (device function 50/51) which shall be connected to a different set of power transformer high-side BCTs than the transformer differential relay. If two multifunction microprocessor current differential protective relays are utilized, CenterPoint Energy does not object to the

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implementation of both a transformer differential function and a transformer instantaneous/time overcurrent function in each of the two protective relays.

- 11.6.3. The three-line AC schematic drawing(s) showing bus differential protective relay connections and transformer protective relay connections should clearly indicate polarity markings on all current transformers and all protective relay current inputs.
- 11.6.4. Power transformer sudden pressure relay and oil level device(s) should be connected for alarming and tripping. The sudden pressure relay and oil level device(s) should be connected to a different, independent DC branch circuit than the transformer differential relay.
- 11.6.5. If auxiliary relays (device function 94) or lockout relays (device function 86) are used for tripping, then two independent relays are required for each tripping zone. The auxiliary relays or lockout relays should be connected to different, independent DC branch circuits.
- 11.7. All 138 kV circuit breakers connected to a new 138 kV “full loop” substation are required to incorporate local breaker failure relaying. Local breaker failure relaying may be required for each 138 kV circuit breaker at existing substations when deemed necessary by CenterPoint Energy. When practical, the protective relay performing the breaker failure function shall directly trip all appropriate 138 kV circuit breakers (i.e., not utilize an auxiliary relay, a lockout relay or another protection relay to trip the appropriate 138 kV circuit breakers). CenterPoint Energy personnel will calculate set points, apply the settings and test the breaker failure scheme if it is incorporated in transmission line protective relays. If the customer desires to install single function protective relays that are dedicated for breaker failure relaying, then the customer must consult CenterPoint Energy during the development of the relaying and metering one line diagram (described in Sub-Article 14.1.2 of this specification) regarding which relays CenterPoint Energy personnel will calculate set points, apply the settings and test. CenterPoint Energy personnel will calculate set points, apply the settings and test the breaker failure scheme if it is incorporated in single function protective relays that are dedicated for breaker failure relaying but only for the circuit breakers that switch the CenterPoint Energy transmission lines. Testing of the breaker failure scheme in relays set by CenterPoint Energy will occur after the customer has completed the installation and has satisfactorily performed the system operational tests provided in Article 16 of this specification. IT SHALL BE THE CUSTOMER’S RESPONSIBILITY TO INSTALL ALL WIRING AND PEFORM ALL POINT-TO-POINT WIRING CHECKS AND CORRECT ANY WIRING ERRORS.
- 11.8. The following are specified for connections pertaining to protection and control cables:
- 11.8.1. Connections from one panel to another panel should be made from the terminal blocks on one panel to terminal blocks on the other panel (rather than directly from a device on one panel to a device on a different panel).
- 11.8.2. Protection and control cables should be color-coded and clearly marked to facilitate wire checking and troubleshooting.
- 11.8.3. Current transformer secondary cables shall be grounded only at the relay panels on the non-polarity side of the wye-connected current transformer.

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- 11.9. CenterPoint Energy encourages the use of sequence of events recorders (SERs) and digital fault recorders (DFRs). The application of these systems involves trade-offs between the desire to monitor and record as much information as possible and the need to minimize the number of devices in protective relaying circuits to ensure reliable operation. Any customer planning to install one of these systems is encouraged to discuss their application philosophy with CenterPoint Energy early in the project and to show these devices in the appropriate relaying and SCADA AC and DC schematics when those drawings are submitted for CenterPoint Energy review.
- 11.10. Customer-owned Intelligent Electronic Devices (IEDs) with settings maintained by CenterPoint Energy (i.e. protective relays associated with CenterPoint Energy transmission network) are not allowed to be monitored directly by the customer. The data from these IEDs can be provided to the customer from a serial port on the CenterPoint Energy SCADA RTU.
- 11.10.1. The customer is permitted to connect directly (routable or non-routable communications) to IEDs with settings not maintained by CenterPoint Energy including SCADA electronic meters and microprocessor relays.
- 11.11. The following are specified for protective relay communication channels:
- 11.11.1. If the transmission line protective relaying utilized requires power line carrier communication, the power line carrier transmitter/receiver sets shall be located inside the substation control cubicle. The associated power line carrier coaxial cable utilized for making the connection from the substation control cubicle to the line tuner located near the 138 kV coupling capacitor shall be type RG-8/U, 11 AWG, stranded (7/19) bare copper, polyethylene dielectric, 50 ohm nominal impedance, with polyethylene outer jacket. (Note: If an alternate cable is used, an outer jacket with "Excellent" or "Outstanding" water resistance characteristic is required – PVC jacket is not acceptable). The line tuner requires separate mounting at the base of the coupling capacitor stand. A single conductor must be run as directly as possible between this line tuner and the coupling capacitor base housing. The single conductor must be 4 AWG stranded, 5 kV, non-shielded, XLP insulation. The single conductor must be mounted on insulators and fed through bushings at each end. The single conductor insulation should be unbroken between its ends to maintain low leakage. The single conductor must not be directly up against or touching the coupling capacitor support column or other metal components. The insulated single conductor lead-in can be installed in a PVC or other plastic conduit which should be supported on stand-offs or insulators.
- 11.11.2. When power line carrier communication is utilized, CenterPoint Energy shall determine the frequency for the power line carrier communication. The customer shall procure the power line carrier transmitter/receiver set with an automatic carrier tester according to CenterPoint Energy provided bill of material as indicated in Sub-Article 7.5 and 7.6 of this specification.
- 11.11.3. If transmission line protective relaying with fiber optics communication is utilized, the customer is required to provide a raceway for the fiber optic cable installation from the transmission line protective relay that requires the fiber optic communication (i.e., relay located in the substation control cubicle) to the base of the first CenterPoint Energy transmission line structure outside the substation. See Sub-Article 5.5.4 of this specification for cases where fiber optic cable comes in overhead. A dedicated raceway (conduit) is required for the fiber optic cable, however a

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dedicated inner duct installed in a cable trench or a dedicated conduit in a duct bank is acceptable. CenterPoint Energy shall be responsible for supplying, pulling and splicing of the fiber optic cable.

The following guidelines are for the customer provided raceway:

- 11.11.3.1. Flexible steel conduit 1.50 in. diameter, from the splice box, that is provided and mounted by CenterPoint Energy at the base of the first CenterPoint Energy transmission structure outside of the substation, to the end of the underground conduit provided by the customer.
- 11.11.3.2. Below grade conduit shall be a minimum 1.50 in. diameter PVC, Schedule 40 with “pull line” (continuous fiber polyolefin, 200 lbs. tensile strength) installed. Conduit shall be at least 18.00 in. below grade, with a protective concrete barrier. Minimum bending radius shall be 24.00 in.
- 11.11.3.3. Pull boxes at grade level shall be provided along the cable raceway route at intervals not more than 300 ft. or two 90° bends. A cable pull box in the raceway route is required just inside the substation fence. Pull box shall be 30 in. x 60 in. x 30 in. (Quazite Style No. PG3060BB30 and PG3060HA).
- 11.11.3.4. The customer shall provide 5 in. x 19 in. x 12 in. rack space close to the transmission line protective relaying that utilizes fiber optics communication to accommodate a fiber optic cable distribution box. CenterPoint Energy will provide and install the fiber optic cable distribution box.
- 11.11.3.5. In cases where railroad tracks exist between the substation and the first CenterPoint Energy transmission structure outside of the substation, CenterPoint Energy will give site-specific requirements.
- 11.11.3.6. Customer shall submit drawings and other documents as necessary showing the raceway routing and construction details of the conduit according to Article 14 of this specification.
- 11.11.3.7. Actual designs shall be reviewed by CenterPoint Energy before construction starts.

12. REMOTE TELEMETRY

- 12.1. For remote telemetry requirements (i.e., SCADA), refer to CenterPoint Energy 007-400-02 Specification for Remote Telemetry of a Customer-Owned Facility.

13. GENERATION

- 13.1. Customers desiring to install and/or operate generation rated more than 10 MW shall make application with ERCOT as outlined at the ERCOT website (www.ercot.com). Generators shall comply with ERCOT Nodal Operating Guides and Protocols, ERCOT Planning Guides, and CenterPoint Energy engineering specifications and requirements.

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13.2. For customers desiring to install and/or operate generation less than or equal to the customer's load (i.e., 'self-serve'), the requirements for relay and generation/load islanding schemes are as follows:

- 13.2.1. The transmission customer shall be responsible for installing protective relays to ensure the customer's generators do not sustain a fault on the CenterPoint Energy transmission system. In addition, customer generation shall not keep any portion of the CenterPoint Energy transmission system energized in the event that a portion of the CenterPoint Energy transmission system along with the customer's facilities becomes isolated from the rest of the CenterPoint Energy system. The transmission customer shall be responsible for installing protective relays to ensure the customer's generation does not interfere with the automatic reclosing system associated with the CenterPoint Energy transmission system (i.e., The first automatic reclosing attempt on CenterPoint Energy transmission line will occur a minimum of one second after the fault has cleared. See Sub-Article 3.6). CenterPoint Energy will inform the customer of required changes to the automatic reclosing system at other substations associated with the CenterPoint Energy transmission system as a result of the operation of the customer's generators in parallel with the CenterPoint Energy transmission system. CenterPoint Energy will calculate and implement all settings for customer-owned relays installed for the protection and automatic reclosing of CenterPoint Energy transmission lines and for customer-owned relays installed to prevent back-energizing a fault on the CenterPoint Energy's system from generation installed on the low-side of customer's power transformers.
- 13.2.2. The transmission customer shall be responsible for installing controls to synchronize the customer's generators with the CenterPoint Energy's system.
- 13.2.3. The customer shall not intentionally impose additional load on the CenterPoint Energy transmission network during an under frequency disturbance (i.e., between 59.95 to 57.5 Hz).
- 13.2.4. Customer may island their load and generation from CenterPoint Energy transmission system in one of the following manners:
- 13.2.4.1. Customer may island their generation and load from the CenterPoint Energy transmission system if the frequency exceeds 61.8 Hz or goes below 57.5 Hz.
- 13.2.4.2. Customer may island generation and a portion of load from the CenterPoint Energy transmission system at any frequency, provided provisions are installed to ensure the any remaining load imposed on the CenterPoint Energy transmission system is not greater than the load prior to the beginning of the disturbance.
- 13.2.5. Verification of the implementation of the above requirements shall be in accordance with Article 14 of this specification.

14. DRAWING AND DOCUMENTATION COMPLIANCE REVIEW AND COMMENTS

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14.1. The following completed engineering documents shall be submitted in the order shown below for CenterPoint Energy comments, functional review, and compliance with CenterPoint Energy specifications in accordance with Sub-Articles 14.2 through 14.6 of this specification:

14.1.1. Site preparation and plot plan drawings shall be submitted to CenterPoint Energy for comment. Facilities that must be shown on this drawing include the dimensions of the substation site, dead-end structure location, access roadways to substation, space around the outside of the substation, (roadways, railroad tracks, walks, pipe racks, etc.), drainage features such as culverts, ditches and detention facilities (if required). Additionally, the elevation of the substation site should be indicated on these drawings (See Article 6 of this specification).

14.1.2. Relaying and metering one-line diagram of high voltage relaying and including generator protection one-line diagram for customers with parallel generation. The diagram shall indicate the maximum current transformer ratio and the current transformer tap ratio being utilized. The diagram shall indicate whether the 138 kV circuit breaker low SF6 gas pressure wiring is set to 'BLOCK TRIP' or to 'AUTO TRIP' the circuit breaker.

CenterPoint Energy shall indicate incoming 138 kV transmission lines designation, power line carrier frequencies (if applicable), location and ratings of metering instrument transformers (high-side or low-side), CenterPoint Energy designations for circuit breakers, switches, power transformers, generators (if applicable) and the CenterPoint Energy assigned 6-character substation identification. CenterPoint Energy will provide a bill of materials as indicated in Sub-Article 11.3 of this specification.

The drawing shall then be revised to show the information provided by CenterPoint Energy and resubmitted to the CenterPoint Energy designated representative. (See Articles 9 and 11 of this specification).

14.1.3. Substation plan, profile and section view drawings, including bus and bus supports with material callouts. The plan and profiles must indicate the geographical base lines, center line of dead-end structure and height of static wire and phase wire pull off on the dead-end structure with coordinates and CenterPoint Energy circuit name and circuit number for incoming 138 kV transmission lines. Material callouts including conductor size, type, and quantity shall be provided in sufficient detail to allow for determination of the continuous and emergency substation facility ratings (See Articles 4 and 5 of this specification).

14.1.4. Final/complete relaying and metering one-line diagrams, including generator protection one-line diagram for customers with parallel generation.

14.1.5. When the interconnection agreement indicates that the customer must install equipment (i.e., motor soft start, variable frequency drive (VFD), etc.) in order to satisfy the CenterPoint Energy interconnection requirements of Sub-Article 4.88 of this specification, drawings and documentation of equipment to be installed shall be submitted for CenterPoint Energy review.

14.1.6. Equipment specification for all major pieces of equipment such as power transformers, 138 kV circuit breakers, surge arresters, disconnect switches, coupling capacitors and line traps. (See Articles 4 and 7 of this specification).

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- 14.1.7. Foundation location plan. (See Articles 5 and 6 of this specification).
- 14.1.8. Design calculations, drawings and associated documents for the substation dead-end structures, instrument transformer stands, and foundations. These documents shall be submitted 30 days prior to the scheduled fabrication start.
- 14.1.9. AC and DC schematics of high voltage relaying, control and SCADA schemes. AC and DC panel board drawings. These drawings shall be submitted after the documents required in Sub-Article 14.1.2 of this specification have been approved.
- 14.1.10. Where low-side metering is used, as determined by CenterPoint Energy, original certified test data in PDF electronic file shall be provided to CenterPoint Energy for each metering instrument transformer installed (See Sub-Articles 9.2.1.2 of this specification).
- 14.1.11. Power transformer AC schematic, breaker schematics and BCT curves.
- 14.1.12. Power transformer and 138 kV circuit breaker nameplate drawings, line trap instruction book and drawings and line tuner instruction book and drawings.
- 14.1.13. Relaying, control and SCADA bill of materials. These documents shall be submitted after the documents required in Sub-Article 14.1.4 of this specification have been approved.
- 14.1.14. Cable and conduit list and routing layout.
- 14.1.15. Front and Back View of high voltage relay and control panels including interconnections.
- 14.1.16. Substation control cubicle layout drawing. (See Article 8 of this specification).
- 14.1.17. Detail (point-to-point) wiring diagrams shall be submitted, not for approval, but for use in accordance with Article 11 of this specification.
- 14.1.18. The customer calculated relay settings for the 138 kV bus and 138 kV transformer protective relay schemes and 138 kV circuit breaker failure relaying.
- 14.2. A PDF electronic file of each of the drawings indicated in Sub-Article 14.1 of this specification shall be sent, for review/comments, to the CenterPoint Energy designated representative unless a different format is specifically requested by CenterPoint Energy. Certain types of engineering documents depend upon finalization of other documents. For example, relay panel drawings cannot be prepared until the relaying AC and DC schematics are finalized. Therefore, engineering documents shall be submitted for CenterPoint Energy comments or approval in the proper sequence.
- 14.3. Customer drawings should be 100% complete when given to CenterPoint Energy to review. If a functional review cannot be done, CenterPoint Energy shall comment on compliance with CenterPoint Energy specifications and return to customer. The drawings shall then be resubmitted with CenterPoint Energy comments incorporated when 100% complete. The customer shall then proceed with drawing submittal in accordance with Sub-Article 14.4 of this specification.

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- 14.4. Customer drawings that are 100% complete and marked “For Approval” shall be functionally reviewed by CenterPoint Energy for compliance with CenterPoint Energy specifications. If additional comments are made by CenterPoint Energy on the 100% complete drawings, the customer may:
- 14.4.1. Incorporate the CenterPoint Energy comments and resubmit these drawings for further review of compliance with CenterPoint Energy specifications, or
 - 14.4.2. Send a letter to the CenterPoint Energy designated representative acknowledging that CenterPoint Energy comments were received and shall be incorporated into the “For Construction” drawings.
- 14.5. Should the customer disagree with comments by CenterPoint Energy, the customer shall send a letter to the CenterPoint Energy designated representative explaining why revisions are not necessary.
- 14.6. Once all issues are resolved, the final set of drawings shall be marked “For Construction.” After, the substation is energized a PDF electronic file of each of the drawings indicated in Sub-Article 14.1 of this specification, “As Built” drawings of the substation shall be sent to the CenterPoint Energy designated representative within 90 days.

15. EQUIPMENT INSTALLATION

- 15.1. The protective enclosure around the substation including gates and grounding shall be installed in accordance with the National Electrical Safety Code (IEEE C2), IEEE 1119 and IEEE 80.
- 15.2. CenterPoint Energy shall assign a 6-character substation identification to the customer-owned substation. CenterPoint Energy shall post the 6-character substation identification on the door of the substation control cubicle and on the entrance gate of the substation. The 6-character substation identification shall be used to identify the customer-owned substation for any communications or correspondence.
- 15.3. The customer shall install all substation equipment and make all connections, except as otherwise noted in this specification. The customer shall make all equipment installation checks required by Article 16 of this specification and shall make all required measurements and readings available to CenterPoint Energy personnel if requested.
- 15.4. CenterPoint Energy will verify that the 138 kV switches operate correctly.
- 15.5. CenterPoint Energy will have the sole responsibility for calculating relay set points, applying relay settings and “out of case” testing of the following relays:
- 15.5.1. Transmission line relaying and tuning components of the associated power line carrier equipment communication channel,
 - 15.5.2. Relays for 138 kV transmission line automatic reclosing, and
 - 15.5.3. Relays for 138 kV breaker failure protection when specified by CenterPoint Energy.

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Note: The appropriate operation of protective relays and control circuits by performing trip and close testing from devices of Sub-Articles 15.5.1 through 15.5.3 of this specification above shall be conducted with CenterPoint Energy present to direct and observe test (24 hr. advance notice required).

- 15.6. CenterPoint Energy will furnish locks which shall remain in series with customer locks for all 138 kV disconnect switches, substation control cubicle doors and gates(s) to and from the substation.
- 15.7. The 138 kV circuit breakers, air switches and power transformers will be assigned numbers in accordance with CenterPoint Energy dispatching numbers. The numbers are to be shown on the one-line diagram and shall be marked on the circuit breaker tanks, switch handles and power transformers.
- 15.8. CenterPoint Energy will coordinate and provide the procedures for energizing the customer-owned substation 138 kV equipment.

16. REQUIRED TESTS AND INSPECTIONS

- 16.1. During installation but prior to energizing the equipment, the customer shall perform the following tests and inspections. CenterPoint Energy will observe the tests below that are marked with an asterisk (*).

- 16.1.1. Diagnostic testing (e.g., insulation power factor (“Doble testing”, etc.), insulation resistance (“Megger”, etc.) of all equipment (e.g., arresters, coupling capacitors, etc.), including all tests as specified by manufacturer.

- 16.1.2. The required tests and inspections for control cables and panels are as follows:

- 16.1.2.1. Check continuity and perform insulation resistance test conductor-to-ground and conductor-to-conductor.

- 16.1.2.2. Perform a point-to-point wiring check of protective relaying and control panels.

- 16.1.2.3. Verify protective relaying control circuits by performing functional trip and close testing.*

- 16.1.2.4. Inject current from current transformers through relays.*

- 16.1.2.5. CenterPoint Energy personnel will calculate the set points, apply the settings and test the multi-function transmission line protection relays after the customer has completed point-to-point wiring checks of protective relaying and control panels and verified protective relaying control circuits by performing functional trip and close testing.

- 16.1.3. The required tests and inspections for power cables are as follows:

- 16.1.3.1. Check continuity and phasing sequence.

- 16.1.3.2. Perform insulation resistance test of cables.

- 16.1.3.3. High-pot.

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16.1.4. The required tests and inspections for circuit breakers are as follows:

- 16.1.4.1. Inspect and adjust main auxiliary switch assembly per manufacturer's instructions.
- 16.1.4.2. Inspect, adjust, and lubricate operating mechanism per manufacturer's instructions.
- 16.1.4.3. Ratio check, excitation test, insulation resistance test, and polarity on all current transformers. Leave un-used current transformers shorted and grounded on secondary terminals.
- 16.1.4.4. Check resistance of close, trip and trip free coils.
- 16.1.4.5. Perform insulation resistance test of main contact assembly and bushings. Measure main contact resistance ("Ductor").
- 16.1.4.6. Make dielectric insulation and power factor tests on main contact assembly and bushings.
- 16.1.4.7. Perform insulation resistance test of control circuits conductor-to-ground and conductor-to-conductor.
- 16.1.4.8. Record all measurements and readings.
- 16.1.4.9. Make time-travel recordings to verify proper opening speed.

16.1.5. The required tests and inspections for disconnects and switches are as follows:

- 16.1.5.1. Check and adjust contact alignment and wipe. *
- 16.1.5.2. Adjust operating linkage to obtain full open and close positions and tighten all clamps and set screws. *
- 16.1.5.3. Check and tighten all electrical connections.
- 16.1.5.4. Lubricate linkage and bearings, if required.
- 16.1.5.5. Clean all grease from contacts.

16.1.6. The required tests and inspections for batteries and charger are as follows:

- 16.1.6.1. Assemble batteries per manufacturer's instructions.
- 16.1.6.2. Coat all connections on battery terminals with no-oxide grease.
- 16.1.6.3. Install, connect, and adjust charger per manufacturer's instructions.

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16.1.6.4. Put batteries on equalize charge until the specific gravity of all cells is within the limits set by manufacturer.

16.1.6.5. Read and record the float voltage and specific gravity of each cell.

17. **RECOMMENDED TESTS AND INSPECTIONS**

17.1. During installation but prior to energizing the equipment, CenterPoint Energy recommends that the customer perform the following tests and inspections, as a minimum. This list is not considered to be exhaustive or all-inclusive.

17.1.1. For low-side equipment, test relays, check transformer and bus automatic reclosing and check operations indicators when tripping through the panel with current.

Note: CenterPoint Energy will calculate and implement all settings for customer-owned relays installed for the protection and automatic reclosing of CNP transmission lines and for customer-owned relays installed to prevent back-energizing CNP's system from generation installed on the low-side of customer power transformers. On a case-by-case basis, CNP may issue settings for other customer-owned relays.

17.1.2. The recommended tests and inspections for all substation equipment are as follows:

17.1.2.1. Clean rusted surfaces, prime all bare metal surfaces, and touch up with paint matching the finish coat.

17.1.3. The recommended tests and inspections for control work are as follows:

17.1.3.1. Wire check all cables to current transformers and perform insulation resistance test of cables.

17.1.3.2. In the following order:

17.1.3.2.1. Polarity check current transformers.

17.1.3.2.2. Ratio check current transformers.

17.1.3.2.3. Excitation test current transformers.

17.1.3.2.4. Insulation resistance test current transformers.

17.1.3.3. Check cable connections to panels.

17.1.3.4. Wires check panels.

17.1.4. The recommended tests and inspections for switchgear are as follows:

17.1.4.1. Check bus work for continuity, phase sequence, and adequate clearance.

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