



Interconnection Feasibility Study Report GIP-IR 621-FEAS-R1

**Generator Interconnection Request 621
50 MW Battery Storage Facility
Kings County, NS**

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Executive Summary

The Interconnection Customer (IC) submitted an Interconnection Request (IR#621) for Network Resource Interconnection Service (NRIS) for a proposed 50 MW battery storage facility interconnected to the NSPI transmission system, with a Commercial Operation Date of 2023-06-30. The Point of Interconnection (POI) requested by the customer is 92V-Waterville. NS Power informed the IC that a 138kV feed to 92V-Waterville was being examined to support area load growth; it was agreed to do the feasibility study under the assumption that this goes ahead. If not, the re-study and any required network upgrades will be at the IC's cost.

The following projects have been submitted to the Transmission Service Request (TSR) Queue:

- TSR 411 (550 MW): SIS in Progress
- TSR 412 (500 MW): Withdrawn

Regarding TSR411, it is expected to be in service in 2025 and system studies are currently underway to determine the required upgrades to the Nova Scotia transmission system. As a result, the following notice has been posted to the OASIS site at <https://www.nspower.ca/oasis/generation-interconnection-procedures>:

Effective January 19th, 2021, please be advised that the completion of advanced-stage Interconnection Studies under the Standard Generator Interconnection Procedures (GIP) may be delayed pending the outcome of the Transmission Service Request (TSR) 411 System Impact Studies, which is expected to identify significant changes to the NSPI transmission system. The revised expected completion date for the study is February 28, 2022. Feasibility Studies initiated prior to the completion of the TSR System Impact Study will be performed based on the current system configuration.

There are no concerns regarding increased short circuit levels. The increase in short circuit level is still within the capability of associated breakers. The minimum three phase short circuit level at the Interconnection Facility's (IF) high side bus is 407 MVA with line L-6015 out of service and IR#621 out of service.

Voltage flicker will not be an issue based on the data provided.

The POI for IR#621 is at a facility that constitutes part of the Western Valley Import transmission interface, which has an Automatic Action Scheme associated with it when either transmission line L-6013 or L-6015 is out of service.

The project design must meet NSPI interconnection technical requirements, which include aspects like frequency and voltage ride-through, reactive power and voltage control, active power control, power quality, and low temperature operation. Harmonics must meet the Total Harmonic Distortion requirements in IEEE 519.

Supplementary reactive power support for IR#621 is required as it is unable to meet NSPI's ± 0.95 net power requirements at the IF 138 kV bus. The Hitachi BESS selected for IR#621 have current-limited, bi-directional inverters capable of full four-quadrant operation at nominal voltage; however, they are only capable of >0.97 pf at 50MW output. Net power factor requirements are met when IR#621's output levels are just below 48.5 MW. Supplementary reactive power support will be further investigated in the System Impact Study.

The preliminary value for the unit loss factor is calculated as 2.4% at the 138kV L-6015 tap bus POI. This preliminary loss factor excludes losses associated with the TPIF, ICIF transformer, and generation facility.

The preliminary non-binding estimated cost of facilities required to interconnect IR#621 via a new 138kV L-6015 tap bus adjacent to 92V-Waterville is \$1,716,000 including a contingency of 10%.

These non-binding estimates will be further refined in the System Impact Study and the Facility Study.

The estimated time to construct the Network Upgrades and TPIF for NRIS operation is 18-24 months after the receipt of funds.

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1.0 Introduction

The Interconnection Customer (IC) submitted an Interconnection Request, IR#621 for Network Resource Interconnection Service (NRIS) for a proposed 50 MW Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) interconnected to the NSPI transmission system, with a Commercial Operation Date of 2023-06-30. The Point of Interconnection (POI) requested by the customer is the 92V-Waterville substation. The battery site will be immediately adjacent to the 92V site, referred to as *104V-Waterville BESS* for the purposes of this study. NS Power informed the IC that a 138kV feed to 92V-Waterville was being examined to support area load growth; it was agreed to do the feasibility study under the assumption that this goes ahead. If this line is not constructed as studied in this FEAS, the re-study and any required network upgrades will be at the IC's cost.

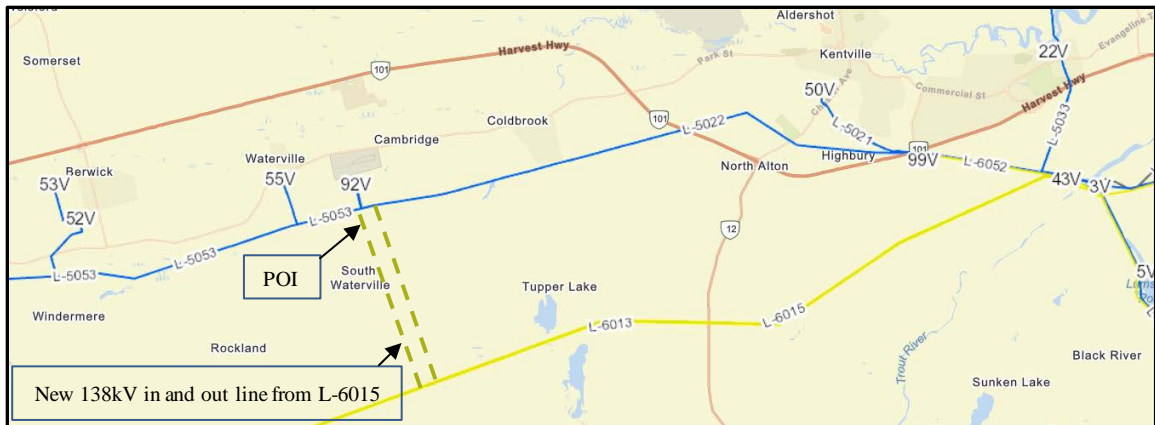


Figure 1: Waterville BESS Site Location

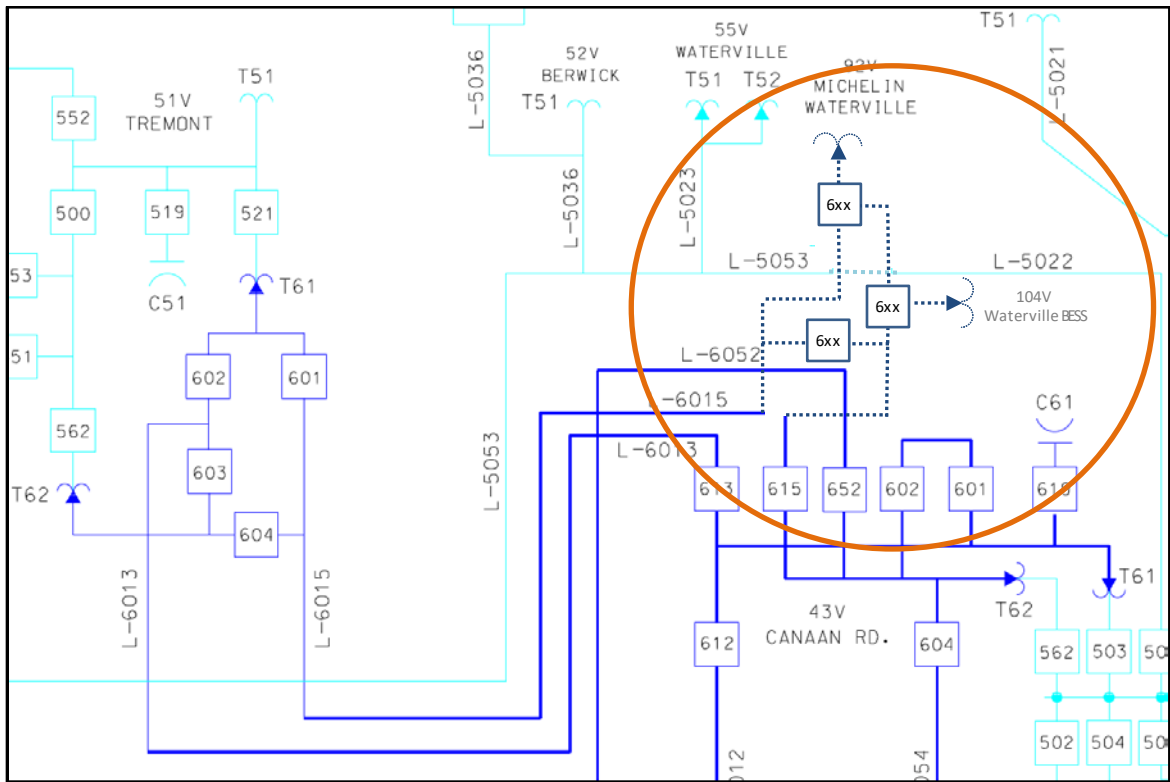


Figure 2: Simplified One-Line

The IC signed a Feasibility Study Agreement (FEAS) to study the connection of their proposed battery energy storage system facility to the NSPI transmission system dated 2021-07-31, and this report is the result of that Study Agreement. This project is listed as Interconnection Request #621 in the NSPI Interconnection Request Queue and will be referred to as IR#621 throughout this report.

2.0 Scope

The objective of this Interconnection FEAS is to provide a preliminary evaluation of system impacts from interconnecting the proposed generation facility to the Nova Scotia Power Inc. (NSPI) transmission system at the requested location. The assessment will identify potential impacts on transmission element loading, which must remain within their thermal limits. Any potential violations of voltage criteria will be identified and addressed. If the proposed generation increases the short-circuit duty of any circuit breakers beyond their rated capacity, the circuit breakers must be upgraded. Single contingency criteria are applied.

The scope of the FEAS includes the modelling of the power system in normal state (with all transmission elements in service) under anticipated load and generation dispatch conditions. A power flow and short circuit analysis will be performed to provide the following information:

- Preliminary identification of any circuit breaker short circuit capability limits exceeded as a result of the interconnection, and any network upgrades necessary to address the short circuit issues associated with the IR.
- Preliminary identification of any thermal overload or voltage limit violations resulting from the interconnection and identification of the necessary network upgrades to allow full output of the proposed facility.
- Preliminary description and high-level non-binding estimated cost and time to construct the facilities required to interconnect the generating facility to the transmission system.

This FEAS is based on a power flow and short circuit analysis and does not include a complete determination of facility changes/additions required to increase the system transfer capabilities that may be required to meet the design and operating criteria established by NSPI, the Northeast Power Coordinating Council (NPCC), and the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC). These requirements will be determined by a more detailed analysis in the subsequent interconnection System Impact Study (SIS). An Interconnection Facilities Study (FAC) follows the SIS to ascertain the final cost estimate to the interconnect the generating facility.

Applicable planning criteria as approved for use in Nova Scotia by the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board are used in evaluation of the impact of any facility on the Bulk Electric System.

3.0 Assumptions

3.1 System Assumptions

The ratings of local transmission lines are shown below in Table 1: Local Transmission Elements.

Table 1: Local Transmission Elements							
Line	Station		Conductor	Design Temperature	Limiting Element	Summer Rating Normal/Emergency	Winter Rating Normal/Emergency
	From	To					
L-5022	43V Canaan Rd	92V Michelin Waterville	556.5 Dove (18.36 km) 336.4 Linnet (0.65 km)	100 ⁰ C	Trip MVA	61 MVA	61 MVA
L-5053a	51V Tremont	57V Berwick Tap	336.4 Linnet (0.44 km) 4/0 Penguin (16.4 km)	60 ⁰ C	Conductor & Switchgear	31/34 MVA	45/48 MVA
L-5053b	57V Berwick Tap	56V Waterville Tap	4/0 Penguin	50 ⁰ C	Conductor & Switchgear	31/34 MVA	45/48 MVA
L-5053c	56V Waterville Tap	92V Michelin W.	4/0 Penguin (1.5 km) 336.4 Linnet (0.64 km)	50 ⁰ C	Conductor & Switchgear	31/34 MVA	45/48 MVA
L-6013	43V Canaan Rd	51V Tremont	556.5 Dove	100 ⁰ C	Current Transformer	173 MVA	173 MVA
L-6015	43V Canaan Rd	51V Tremont	556.5 Dove	100 ⁰ C	Current Transformer	173 MVA	173 MVA

3.2 Project Assumptions

This FEAS is based on the technical information provided by the IC. The POI and configuration were studied as follows:

1. NRIS per section 3.2 of the Generation Interconnection Procedures (GIP).
2. Commercial Operation date 2023-06-30.
3. The Interconnection Facility consists of 36 x 1.5MVA Hitachi (ABB) PS1000 690VAC battery system units, capped at 50 MW total. These are grouped in blocks of 3MVA with two PS1000 units per block. Each block is connected to a collector circuit via a 3MVA padmount transformer, with a total of 6 blocks per collector circuit (18MVA). Three collector circuits connect the battery blocks to the main 30/40/50 MVA substation step-up transformer.

4. The POI is on a proposed new 138kV in and out line tap from L-6015 into 92V, currently under evaluation by NS Power. The IC substation will be located at the 138kV bus in a new substation adjacent to 92V-Waterville. This study will use 556 ACSR Dove conductor for the 5.4km transmission line between the L-6015 line tap and the IC facility.
5. The generation technology used must meet NSPI requirements for reactive power capability of at least 0.95 capacitive to 0.95 inductive at the HV terminals of the IC Substation Step Up transformer. It is also required to have high-speed Automatic Voltage Regulation to maintain constant voltage at the designated voltage control point during and following system disturbances as determined in the subsequent System Impact Study. The designated voltage control point will either be the low voltage terminals of the wind farm transformer, or if the high voltage terminals are used, equipped with droop compensation controls. It is assumed that the generating units are not de-rated in their MW capability when delivering the required reactive power to the system.
6. Preliminary data was provided by the IC for the IC substation step-up transformers.
 - a. The substation step-up transformer was modelled as one 138 kV (delta) – 13.8 kV (wye) transformer rated at 30/40/50 MVA, with a positive sequence impedance of 6%. An X/R ratio of 30 was assumed for this unit.
 - b. The padmount transformers were modelled as an equivalent transformer based off eighteen 13.8 kV (delta) - 0.69 kV (wye) 3.0 MVA transformers, with a 6% positive sequence impedance. An X/R ratio of 10 was assumed for these units.
7. The Hitachi battery racks are the 690 VAC, 1500 kVA nameplate variant. A 1.2 PU fault current is used for short circuit analysis.
8. Collector circuit data was not provided, however impedance is considered negligible for a BESS facility of this magnitude, with the understanding that net real and reactive power output of the plant will be impacted by losses through transformers.
9. The FEAS analysis is based on the assumption that IR's higher in the Generation Interconnection Queue and OATT Transmission Service Queue that have completed a System Impact Study, or that have a System Impact Study in progress will proceed, as listed in Section 4 below.
10. The BESS charge/discharge rate is 50 MW.
11. Discharging occurring in light load, summer peak, and winter peak conditions.
12. Charging occurs in light load and summer peak conditions. During the winter season, charging is studied only under off-peak load conditions several hours after winter peak, which coincides with loading levels of $\leq 91\%$ peak load.

4.0 Projects with Higher Queue Positions

All in-service generation is included in the FEAS.

As of 2021/10/15, the following projects are higher queued in the Advanced Stage Interconnection Request Queue and are committed to the study base cases:

- IR426: GIA executed
- IR516: GIA executed
- IR540: GIA executed
- IR542: GIA executed
- IR557: SIS complete
- IR569: GIA executed
- IR568: GIA executed
- IR566: GIA executed
- IR574: FAC Complete
- IR595: SIS Complete
- IR598: SIS in Progress
- IR604: SIS in Progress
- IR603: SIS in Progress
- IR600: SIS in Progress

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5.0 Short-Circuit Duty

Short circuit analysis was performed using PSS/e v34.8 for a classical fault study, 3LG and flat voltage profile at 1 VPU. The short-circuit levels in the area before and after this development are provided below in Table 2 and Table 3.

Table 2: Maximum Short Circuit levels, 3-ph, in MVA

Maximum Generation: All Generation On, All Transmission Lines In Service			
IR#621	Radial Location	Three Phase MVA	X/R
On	Interconnection Facility (138kV)	832	5.6
	L-6015 Tap (POI)	927	5.7
Off	Interconnection Facility (138kV)	789	5.3
	L-6015 Tap (POI)	885	5.4

Table 3: Minimum Short Circuit levels, 3-ph, in MVA

Minimum Generation: TC1, LG, ML & TR On, All Transmission Lines In Service			
IR#621	Radial Location	Three Phase MVA	X/R
On	Interconnection Facility (138kV)	650	6.2
	L-6015 Tap (POI)	705	6.3
Off	Interconnection Facility (138kV)	608	5.8
	L-6015 Tap (POI)	662	5.9
Minimum Generation: TC1, LG, ML & TR On, L6015 Out of Service			
On	Interconnection Facility (138kV)	449	5.8
	L-6015 Tap (POI)	473	5.8
Off	Interconnection Facility (138kV)	407	5.2
	L-6015 Tap (POI)	430	5.3

The maximum short-circuit level at the POI at the 138kV L-6015 tap bus with IR#621 on-line, the short circuit-level is 927 MVA. Under minimum generation conditions, with only Tuft's Cove 1, 1 unit at Lingan, the Maritime Link, and 1 unit in Trenton in service, and transmission line L-6015 out of service, the fault level at the POI falls to 407 MVA with IR#621 off.

The interrupting capability of the 138 kV circuit breakers on L-6015 is at least 7,500 MVA. As such, the interrupting ratings at this substation will not be exceeded by this development on its own. Therefore IR#621 will not impact the circuit breakers on L-6015.

6.0 Voltage Flicker and Harmonics

The IC supplied manufacturer test data, with Pst and Plt values meeting NS Power's voltage flicker requirements. A summary is listed in Table 4: Flicker requirements.

Table 4: Flicker Requirements		
	P _{st}	P _{lt}
NS Power's requirements	≤ 0.25	≤ 0.35
Manufacturer-supplied test data (12 samples)	Min: 0.08 Max: 0.13 Avg: 0.09	0.09

The battery system must meet IEEE Standard 519-2014 limiting voltage Total Harmonic Distortion (all frequencies) to no higher than 1.5%, with no individual harmonic exceeding 1.5% on 138 kV.

7.0 Thermal Limits

The load flow analysis was completed for generation dispatches under system light load, summer peak load, and winter peak load conditions. Generation dispatch was also chosen to represent import and export scenarios that take into account expected flows from the existing transmission service reservation associated with the Maritime Link.

Transmission connected wind generation facilities were typically dispatched at approximately 40%, with some low and high wind scenarios included. The cases and dispatch scenarios considered are shown in Table 5: Base Case Dispatch (MW).

Table 5: Base Case Dispatch (MW)									
Case	NL->NS	NB->NS	ONI	CBX	M at H	ONS	Wind	Western Valley Import	Valley Export
LL01	465	-445	555	450	180	90	226	6.7	36.1
LL02	330	0	459	485	220	419	62.5	58.2	-15.8
LL03	-100	200	-45	-107	-80	130	175	58.2	-15.8
S01	475	-485	1044	868	456	472	209	79.4	-18.3
S02	475	0	683	654	337	599	242	59.8	0.9
S03	475	270	473	474	228	650	188	59.8	0.9
S04	-100	260	293	221	141	482	294	48.5	12.4
S05	0	-495	856	604	332	303	373	48.1	12.8
W01	475	0	769	719	383	646	383	85	6.6
W02	475	-485	1165	1013	522	553	367	89.1	2.6
W03	430	225	824	749	409	922	364	82.2	9.6
W04	-100	250	600	495	313	702	284	82.9	8.8
W05	0	-395	950	691	400	450	472	82	9.7
<p style="text-align: center;"> LL - Light Load S - Summer Peak W - Winter Peak </p>									

This FEAS added IR#621 and displaced generation east of Onslow, decreasing Onslow South (ONS), Onslow Import (ONI), and Cape Breton Export (CBX) transfers. Single contingencies were applied at the 345 kV, 230 kV, and 138 kV voltage levels for the above system conditions with IR#621 interconnected to the 92V-Waterville station via the 138kV L-6015 tap bus.

The POI for IR#621 is at a facility that constitutes part of the Western Valley Import transmission interface, which has an Automatic Action Scheme associated with it when either transmission line L-6013 or L-6015 is out of service.

The post-contingency load flow results with IR#621 operating at full output show all remaining system elements operating within 110% of their posted seasonal equipment ratings or operating within documented maximum equipment ratings if greater than 110% of the posted seasonal ratings.

8.0 Voltage Limits

In accordance with the Transmission System Interconnection Requirements Section 7.6.2, IR#621 must be capable of delivering reactive power at a net power factor of at least +/- 0.95 of rated capacity to the high side of the plant interconnection transformer. Rated reactive power shall be available through the full range of real power output of the Generating Facility, from zero to full power.

The PQ curve for the PS1000 unit is shown in Figure 3. However, despite the -750kVar to 600kVar reactive range indicated in Figure 3, the IC has confirmed that the units will have full -1500kVar to 1500kVar capability at 0 MW real power.

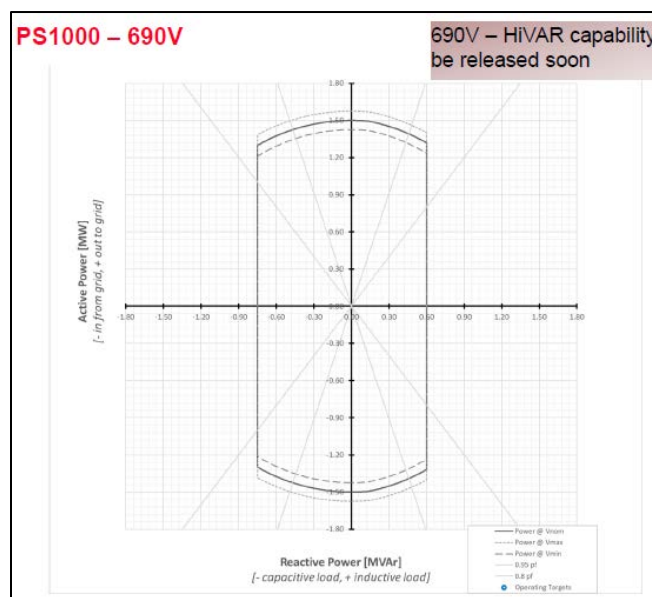


Figure 3: PS1000 capability curve

IR#621 has a total of 36 x 1.5 MVA PS1000’s that use current-limited, bi-directional inverters, capable of full four-quadrant operation at nominal voltage, for a total of 54MVA. The site capacity for IR#621 was given as 50 MW in the interconnection request and real power will be capped at that value.

IR#621 is capable of reaching >0.97 power factor at the HV terminals of the facility step up transformer at full output and nominal voltage. As a result, supplementary reactive support will be required at the low voltage terminals of the Interconnection Transformer to meet NS Power’s requirements.

Net power factor requirements for supplying VARs are met when the batteries are operating just below 48.5 MW (*23.7 MVAR supplied from the machine with 15.9 MVAR calculated at the high side of the ICIF transformer*). The following table shows the power factor for BESS output levels of 48.5MW to 50MW. Supplementary reactive power support will be further investigated in the System Impact Study.

Table 6: Power Factor at IR#621 Transformer HV Terminals

Machine terminals		High side of ICIF transformer			High side of ICIF transformer			Net power factor requirements met?
		(supplying VARs)			(absorbing VARs)			
MW	MVAR	MW	MVAR	pf	MW	MVAR	pf	
50	20.4	49.5	12.4	0.970	49.4	-31.6	0.842	no
49.5	21.6	49	13.7	0.963	48.9	-32.9	0.830	no
49	22.7	48.5	14.8	0.956	48.4	-34.2	0.817	no
48.5	23.7	48.1	15.9	0.949	47.7	-35.1	0.805	yes

A centralized controller will be required, which continuously adjusts the individual battery reactive power output within the plant capability limits and regulates the voltage at the low voltage terminal of the ICIF transformer. The voltage controls must be responsive to voltage deviations, be equipped with a voltage setpoint control, and have facilities that will slowly adjust the setpoint over several (5-10) minutes to maintain reactive power within the individual batteries’ capabilities. Details of the specific control features, control strategy, and settings will be reviewed and addressed in the SIS.

The NSPI System Operator must have manual and remote control of the voltage setpoint and the reactive setpoint of this facility to coordinate reactive power dispatch requirements.

This facility must have voltage ride-through capability as detailed in section 7 of the NS Power Transmission System Interconnection Requirements (TSIR)¹. The SIS will examine the battery/plant capabilities and controls in detail to specify options, controls,

¹ NS Power Transmission System Interconnection Requirements; <https://www.nspower.ca/oasis/standards-codes>

and additional facilities that are required to achieve low voltage ride-through.

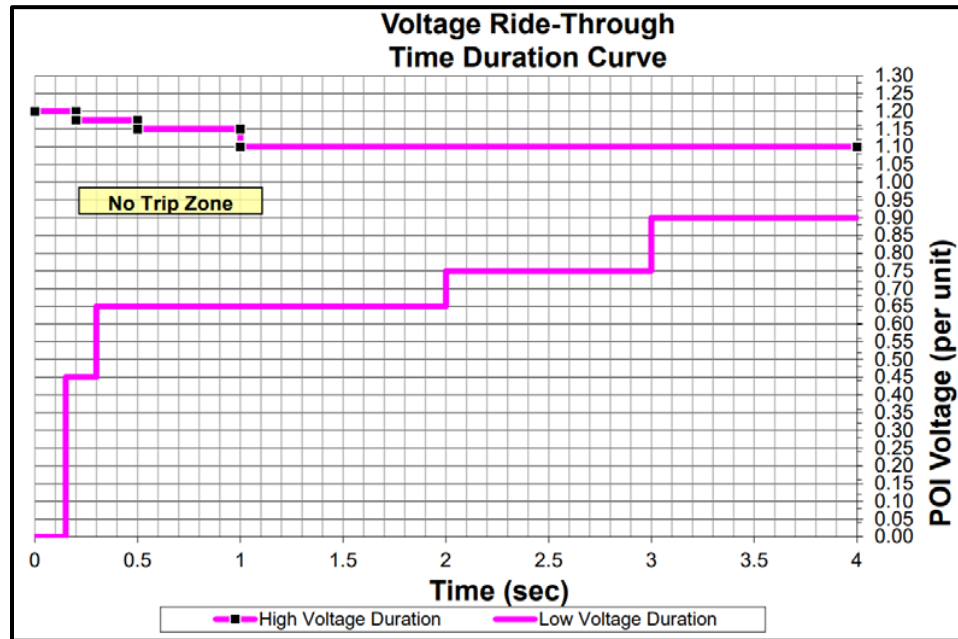


Figure 4: NERC PRC-024-2 Attachment 2

9.0 System Security / Bulk Power Analysis

The proposed 138kV bus adjacent to the 92V-Waterville substation is not anticipated to be part of the Nova Scotia Bulk Power System (BPS).

The 92V-Waterville substation is also not currently classified as part of the NERC Bulk Electric System (BES). IR#621 does not meet any of the five BES inclusion criteria and will not be designated NERC BES.

10.0 Loss Factor

Loss factor is calculated by running the winter peak load flow case with and without the new facility in service while keeping 91H-Tufts Cove as the Nova Scotia Area Interchange bus. This methodology reflects the load centre in and around 91H.

With IR#621 in service and discharging, the loss factor is calculated as 2.4% at the POI as shown in Table 7: Loss Factor while discharging. This preliminary loss factor excludes losses associated with the TPIF, ICIF transformer, and generation facility.

Table 7: Loss Factor while discharging

	MW
IR#621 at POI	50
TC3 with IR621	45.3
TC3 without IR621	96.5
Delta	1.2
Loss Factor	2.4%

11.0 Expected Facilities Required for Interconnection

The following facility changes will be required to connect IR#621 to the NSPI transmission system at 92V-Waterville:

a. Required Network Upgrades

- Modification of NSPI protection systems at 92V-Waterville.

b. Required Transmission Provider’s Interconnection Facilities (TPIF):

- Add a 138kV transmission line built to NSPI standards from the 138kV L-6015 tap bus to the IR#621 substation.
- Add one new 138kV circuit breaker, associated switches, and substation modifications at 92V-Waterville.
- Add control and communications between the ICIF and NSPI SCADA and protection system.

c. Required Interconnection Customer’s Interconnection Facilities (ICIF)

- Facilities to provide 0.95 leading and lagging power factor when delivering rated output at the HV terminals of the IC Substation Step Up Transformer when the voltage at that point is operating between 95 and 105% of nominal. Rated reactive power shall be available through the full range of real power output, from zero to full power.
- Centralized controls for voltage setpoint control for the low side of the ICIF transformer. Fast acting control is required and will include a curtailment scheme, which will limit/reduce total load/output from the facility, upon receipt of a telemetered signal from NSPI’s SCADA system.
- NSPI to have supervisory and control of this facility, via the centralized controller. This will permit the NSPI System Operator to raise/lower the voltage setpoint, change the status of reactive power controls, change the real/reactive power remotely. NSPI will also have remote manual control of the load curtailment scheme.

- Low voltage ride-through capability as per Section 7.4.1 of the Nova Scotia Power Voltage ride-through capability as detailed in Figure 2 of NERC Standard PRC-024-2 Attachment 2. As well as operation within NSPI's continuous nominal voltage range (0.95 to 1.05 VPU) and during stressed (contingency) conditions (0.90 to 1.10 VPU).
- Frequency ridethrough capability in accordance with section 7 of the Transmission System Interconnection Requirements (TSIR). The facility shall have the capability of riding through a rate of change of frequency of 4 Hz/s as well as continuous operation in the 59.5 Hz to 60.5 Hz frequency range.
- Real-time monitoring (including an RTU) of the interconnection facilities. MW, MVAR, bus voltages, curtailment state and state of charge are required.
- Facilities for NSPI to execute high speed rejection of generation and load (transfer trip) if determined in SIS. The plant may be incorporated into SPS run-back or load rejection schemes.
- When not at full output, the facility shall offer over-frequency and under-frequency control with a deadband of ± 0.2 Hz and a droop characteristic of 4%. The active power controls shall also have the capability to react to continuous control signals from the NSPI SCADA system's Automatic Generation Control (AGC) system to control tie-line fluctuations as required.
- The facility must use equipment capable of closing a circuit breaker with minimal transient impact on system voltage and frequency (matching voltage within ± 0.05 PU and a phase angle within $\pm 15^\circ$).
- Operation at ambient temperature of -30°C .

12.0 Facilities and Network Upgrades Cost Estimate

Estimates for NSPI Interconnections Facilities and Network Upgrades for interconnecting included in Table 8: Cost Estimate.

The preliminary non-binding cost estimate for interconnecting 50 MW at the POI at the proposed 138kV L-6015 tap bus adjacent to 92V-Waterville under NRIS is \$1,716,000 including a contingency of 10% and assuming that NSPI builds the 138 kV spur line. This does not include any yet to be determined costs to address any stability issues identified at the SIS stage based on dynamic analysis.

The estimated time to construct the Transmission providers Interconnection Facilities is 18-24 months after receipt of funds and cleared right of way from the IC.

Table 8: Cost Estimate		
Item	Network Upgrades	Estimate
I	P&C modifications at 92V-Waterville	\$200,000
	Sub-total	\$200,000
	TPIF	Estimate
I	Modifications at 92V-Waterville, including a new 138kV breaker, switches and associated equipment.	\$1,000,000
II	Transmission line from L-6015 tap bus to the PCO.	\$50,000
III	P&C relaying equipment.	\$100,000
IV	NSPI supplied RTU.	\$60,000
V	Teleprotection and SCADA communications via overhead fibre from 92V-Waterville.	\$150,000
	Sub-total	\$1,360,000
	Total	\$1,560,000
	Contingency (10%)	\$156,000
	Total of determined cost items	\$1,716,000

13.0 Preliminary Scope of the SIS

The SIS will be conducted in accordance with the GIP with the assumption that all appropriate higher-queued projects will proceed, and the facilities associated with those projects are installed. It will provide a more comprehensive assessment, based on NSPI, NPCC, and NERC criteria, of the technical issues and requirements to interconnect the proposed facility as requested.

The assessment will consider but not be limited to the following:

- Contingency analysis for both steady state and system stability.
- Ride-through and operation following a contingency (n-1 operation).
- The minimum transmission and substation additions/upgrades that are necessary to permit operation of this generating facility, under all dispatch conditions, catering to, at a minimum, the first contingencies listed below.
- Options and ancillary equipment that the customer must install to control flicker, voltage and ensure that the required ride-through capability.
- Identify guidelines and restrictions applicable following a first contingency (curtailments, etc.).
- Loss Factor.
- Determination of BPS designation.
- Changes to SPS schemes required for operation of this generating facility.
- Under-frequency load shedding.
- Facilities that the customer must install to meet the requirements of the GIP.

Parameters for a suitable model must be supplied for transient analysis in PSS/e.

The SIS will determine the facilities required to operate this facility at full capacity, withstand the contingencies as defined by NPCC/NERC and identify any restrictions that must be placed on the system following a first contingency loss. The SIS will be conducted with the assumption that all projects higher queued will proceed and the facilities associated with those projects are installed.

Any changes to SPS schemes required for operation of this generating facility, in addition to existing generation and facilities that can proceed before this project, will be determined by the SIS as well as any required additional transmission facilities. The determination will be based on all NERC and NPCC criteria approved by the UARB as well as NSPI guidelines and good utility practice. The SIS will also determine the contingencies for which this facility must be curtailed.

A thorough assessment will be provided to ensure that the facilities will meet applicable NSPI, NPCC and NERC transmission design criteria.

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