Interconnection Feasibility Study Report
GIP-139-FEAS-R2

Generator Interconnection Request #139

5.4MW Wind Generating Facility

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Executive Summary

This report discusses the preliminary analysis of the proposed 5.4MW wind farm connection to Existing Pubnico Wind Farm substation with the generation flowing to 9W-Tusket bus via L-5027. This Interconnection Request (IR) will be referred to as IR139.

Based on the information submitted by the Interconnection Customer, the assumptions used (*section* 2), the scope of the FEAS (*section* 1), and the results of this preliminary analysis, it is anticipated that no transmission system upgrades would be required if IR139 were to connect to the power system as it exists today (as if other projects ahead in the queue do not proceed).

However, to integrate the additional 5.4MW, the existing wind farm facility will be required to provide the reactive power to meet the 0.95 inductive to 0.95 capacitive power factor at the 69kV bus and a centralized controller with fast acting controls to maintain the 69kV bus at constant voltage.

The preliminary analysis indicates that the addition of the 3 wind turbines, identical to the existing turbines at 106W-Pubnico Point Wind Farm, could increase the voltage flicker at the POI above the allowable Pst99% emission limit of 0.6, which had been granted to this facility in 2003. NSPI has since revised the Pst99% limit to 0.35 for any new generating facility.

The SIS will need to confirm the voltage flicker levels and the technologies available to reduce the emission level to within the previously granted Pst99% emission limit of 0.6.

This feasibility study does not account for:

- Any unknown costs that will be identified by a subsequent System Impact Study (SIS) and the Interconnection Facilities Study (FAC).
- Any cost associated with the requirements for the IC Interconnection Facilities (*section* 11.2)

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1 Introduction

The feasibility study (FEAS) will provide the following information:

i. Preliminary identification of any circuit breaker short circuit capability limits exceeded as a result of the interconnection;

ii. Preliminary identification of any thermal overload or voltage limit violations resulting from the interconnection;

iii. Preliminary description and non-bonding estimated cost of facilities required to interconnect the Generating Facility to the Transmission System to address the identified short circuit and power flow issues as mentioned in 1.i and 1.ii.

This FEAS does not produce a binding cost estimate for all costs and system changes that may be required to interconnect the proposed Generating Facility. The costs identified in this FEAS are non-binding, high level estimates, resulted from a very preliminary analysis of the power system in the vicinity of the proposed Generating Facility.

Subsequent to this FEAS, a System Impact Study will be required to complete all the necessary evaluations (section 13) to determine all the system impacts and system upgrades required.

Subsequent to the SIS, an Interconnection Facilities Study will be required to determine the detailed engineering cost estimates.

2. Information Provided and Assumptions

2.1 Information Provided

The FEAS was conducted based on the following information submitted by the Interconnection Customer (IC):

i. The addition of 3 wind turbines to the existing wind farm at Pubnico Point. The wind turbines will be Vestas V-80, rated 1.8MW each.

ii. These wind turbines will be integrated into the existing 106W-Pubnico Point Wind Farm.

iii. ERIS service type.

2.2 Assumptions

The FEAS includes the following assumptions:

i. The FEAS for IR139 will be conducted as if it were not impacted by other IRs ahead in the queue. Refer to section 4 for the existing queue.

ii. IR139 facility will meet the reactive power requirement of 0.95 capacitive to 0.95 inductive at the high voltage terminals of the IC substation. In addition to the reactive power capability of the wind turbines, additional reactive power (static var compensation) may be required to meet this requirement.

iii. IR139 facility will have an automatic voltage regulation (AVR) to maintain constant voltage at the high voltage terminals of the IC substation.

A change of any of the above items may require revision to the FEAS.

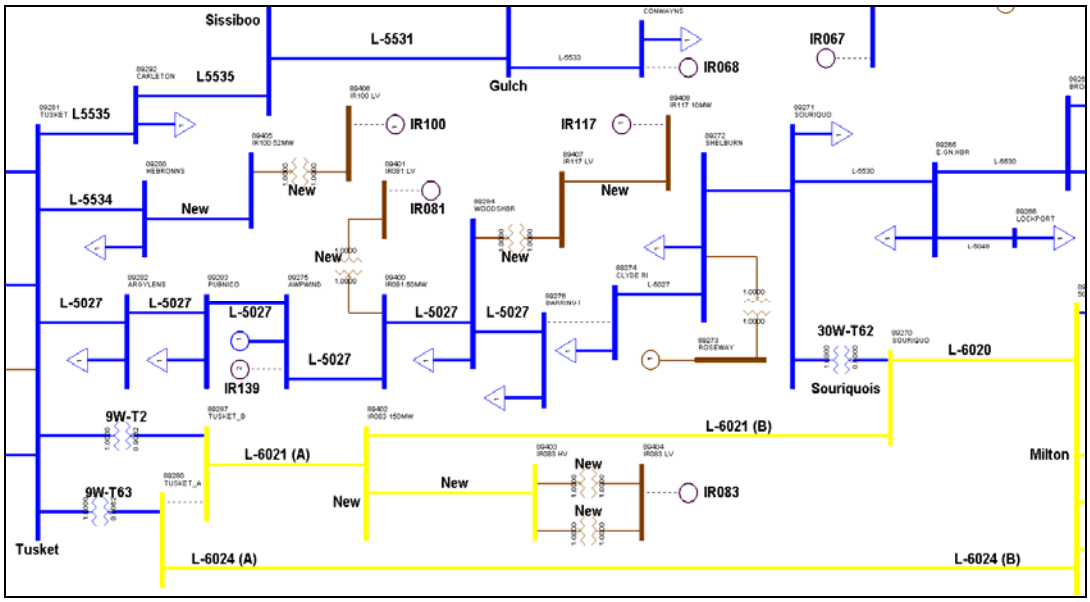
3. Existing Power System

The existing local electrical network is such that L-5027 operates as a 69kV radial line from 9W-Tusket substation. The line provides 69kV transmission feed to four load substations (19W-Central Argyle, 20W-Lower East Pubnico, 21W-Lower Woods Harbour, and 22W-Barrington Passage).

L-5027 has already a connection to a 30.5MW wind farm operating at 106W-Pubnico Point Wind Farm.

The line section between 22W-Barrington Passage substation and 23W-Clyde River substation is normally open. This FEAS will only examine the case of adding IR139 (5.4MW) to the existing Pubnico wind farm on L-5027 radially from 9W-Tusket substation (not from 30W-Souriquois substation).

The system one line shown below will be used for reference in the subsequent sections of this report:



NSPI's records indicate that L-5027 radial section 9W-Tusket substation to 22W-Barrington Passage substation is 60.21km long. The line section from 21W-Lower Woods Harbour substation to 9W-Tusket is 50.41km in length, has wood pole H-frame construction with Linnet (336ACSR) conductor. The line has a 41MVA summer rating and a 60MVA winter rating. It is also restricted by relay rating at 39MVA and metering rating at 48MVA.

4. Existing Queue

The existing queue for generation Interconnection Requests as of June 18, 2007 is shown below:

In-service and committed generation projects

- Wind Generation, 30.5 MW, connected to L-5027 (in-service)
- Wind Generation, 15 MW, connected to L-5573 (in-service)
- Wind Generation, 20MW, distribution connected (in-service)
- Wind Generation, 40.0 MW, distribution connected (committed)

Generation projects with a higher queue position, not yet committed:

- IR 008 Wind, Guysborough, L-5527B, 15 MW, GIA Tender
- IR 017 Wind, Lunenburg, L-6004, 100MW, SIS in Progress
- IR 023 Wind, Inverness, L-6549, 100MW, SIS in Progress
- IR 042 Wind, Cape Breton, New 138 kV line, 100MW, SIS in Progress
- IR 044 Wind, Colchester, L-6503, 35MW, FEAS in Progress
- IR 045 Wind, Cumberland, L-6535, 35MW, SIS Complete

- IR 046 Wind, Colchester, L-6513, 32MW, FEAS in Progress
- IR 056 Wind, Cumberland, L-5058, 60MW, FEAS in Progress
- IR 067 Wind, Annapolis, L-5026, 40MW, FEAS in Progress
- IR 068 Wind, Digby, L-5533, 35MW, FEAS in Progress
- IR 072 Wind, Guysborough, L-6515, 100MW, FEAS in Progress
- IR 079 Wind, Antigonish, L-6515, 50MW, FEAS in Progress
- IR 080 Wind, Cumberland, L-5550, 30MW, FEAS in Progress
- IR 081 Wind, Shelburne, L-5027, 50MW, FEAS in Progress
- IR 082 Wind, Colchester, L-5040, 45MW, FEAS in Progress
- IR 083 Wind, Shelburne, L-6021, 150MW, FEAS in Progress
- IR 084 Wind, Pictou, L-7004, 50MW, FEAS in Progress
- IR 085 Wind, Pictou, L-6511, 50MW, FEAS in Progress
- IR 086 Wind, Pictou, L-7003, 50MW, FEAS in Progress
- IR 100 Wind, Yarmouth, New 69kV line, 52MW, FEAS in Progress
- IR 114 Wind, Pictou, L-6511, 60MW, FEAS in Progress
- IR 115 Wind, Pictou, L-7003, 120MW, FEAS in Progress
- IR 117 Wind, Shelburne, L-5027, 10MW, FEAS in Progress
- IR 126 Wind, Cumberland, L-6513, 70MW, IR valid
- IR 128 Wind, Cumberland, L-6536, 40.5MW, FEAS in Progress
- IR 130 Wind/Water, Cape Breton, L-6516, 200MW, FEAS in Progress
- IR 131 Wind, Cape Breton, L-5580, 11.5MW, FEAS in Progress
- IR 137 Wind – Richmond, 1C, 10MW, FEAS in Progress

5. Network Model

IR139 was modeled as an additional injection of 5.4MW to the existing 106W-Pubnico Point Wind Farm substation.

PSS/E was used for load flow analysis and Aspen Oneliner was used for fault analysis.

6. Load Flow

The preliminary analysis showed that if IR139 were to connect to the power system as it exists today (ignoring other IRs ahead in the queue), it would not cause thermal overload on the transmission system (all transmission elements in service).

However, this addition will cause large voltage step changes beyond the acceptable limits of +/-2.5% at 22W-Barrington substation, 21W-Lower Woods Harbour substation, and 20W-Lower East Pubnico substation.

To integrate the additional 5.4MW, the existing wind farm facility will be required to provide reactive power to maintain +/-0.95 power factor at the 69kV bus and a central controller to regulate the 69kV bus voltage.

7. Thermal Limit

No thermal overload was observed under system normal (all transmission elements in service) if IR139 were to connect to the power system as it exists today.

8. Voltage Control

IR139 facility must be capable of providing both lagging and leading power factor of 0.95, measured at the 69 kV terminals of the wind farm substation, at all production levels up to the full new rating of 35.9MW.

A centralized controller will be required which continuously adjusts individual generator reactive power output within the plant capability limits and regulates the voltage at the 69 kV bus voltage. The voltage controls must be responsive to voltage deviations at the connection point, be equipped with a voltage set-point control, and also have facility that will slowly adjust the set-point over several minutes (5-10) to maintain reactive power just within the individual generators 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 set-point and the reactive set-point of this facility to coordinate reactive power dispatch requirements.

This facility must have low-voltage ride-through capability in accordance with FERC's order 661a. The SIS will examine the generator/plant capabilities and controls in detail to specify options, controls and additional facilities that are required to achieve low-voltage ride-through.

9. Short circuit

The maximum design future short-circuit level on 69kV systems could be as high as 3,500MVA, hence the IC facility equipment must be provisioned for this capability.

9.1 Maximum Fault Level & Breaker Rating

The existing three phase fault level at the 69kV bus, using July 2007 base case, with the existing 106W-Pubnico Point Wind Farm (30.5MW) off and without any new generation, at the 69kV bus would be 161MVA with X/R ratio of 3.16.

If IR139 were integrated into the existing wind farm, the three phase fault level would be 246MVA with X/R ratio of 4.95. This is based on Vestas V-80 wind turbines. If the wind turbines were not Vestas V-80, then this fault level would need to be recalculated.

The maximum fault levels, based on Vestas V-80 wind turbines, would not exceed the ratings of existing breakers at NSPI's substations in the vicinity.

9.2 Minimum Fault Level & Voltage Flicker

The minimum fault level at the 69kV bus at the existing wind farm, using July 2007 base case (minimum generation and L-6024 outage) would be 119MVA with X/R of 2.52.

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The SIS will need to confirm the voltage flicker levels and the technologies available to reduce the emission level to within the previously granted Pst99% emission limit of 0.6.

10. System Security

Locally, in the South Shore and Valley, there are some special protection schemes (SPS) at 9W-Tusket, 51V-Tremont, and 43V-Canaan Road, and 50W-Milton substation.

The SIS will be required to examine the impact of the proposed generating facility on the local SPSs as well as other SPSs being used in the power system.

11. Expected Facility Required

Based on the scope (section 1), the assumptions (section 2), and the preliminary analysis of this FEAS, it is anticipated that the following facilities will be required.

11.1 Additions/Changes to NSPI System

None

11.2 Requirements for the IC Interconnection Facilities

i. Facilities to provide 0.95 leading and lagging power factor when delivering the new full rated output of 35.9MW at the 69 kV bus when the voltage at that point is operating between 95% and 105 % of nominal. In addition to the reactive power capability of the wind turbines, additional reactive power (static var compensation) may be required to meet this requirement.

ii. Responsive (fast acting) centralized controls. These will provide centralized voltage set-point controls and reactive power set-point controls acting to control the voltage on the 69kV system and the reactive output of the machines. The controls will also include a curtailment scheme which will limit or reduce total output from the facility, upon receipt of a telemetered signal from NSPI's SCADA system. The controller will also limit the load ramp rate of the facility to within limits set by NSPI and/or telemetered from NSPI's SCADA system.

iii. NSPI to have control and monitoring of reactive output of this facility, via the centralized controller. This will permit the NSPI Operator to raise or lower the voltage set-point and change the status of any reactive power controls remotely. NSPI will also have remote manual control of the load curtailment scheme.

iv. Low voltage ride-through capability in accordance with FERC's order 661a.

v. Any mitigation required for possible voltage flicker emission problem.

12. High Level Estimate on Additions/Changes to NSPI System

12.1 Cost items that are identified by the FEAS

None

12.2 Cost items that are unknown, yet to be determined by the SIS

To be determined by the System Impact Study (SIS)	n/a

13. System Impact Study

Subsequent to this FEAS, a System Impact Study will be required to examine this project in details in the context of, but not be limited to, the following evaluations:

- Impact on existing Special Protection Schemes
- Equipment required to meet reactive power of 0.95 capacitive to 0.95 inductive at the high voltage terminals of the IC substation
- No voltage step change more than +/- 2.5% at transmission buses
- Centralized controller and the controls for maintaining constant voltage on the high voltage terminals of the IC substation
- Stability analysis for all single contingencies
- Load flow analysis for all single contingencies (the FEAS has only analyzed limited cases preliminarily)
- Impact of IRs which are ahead of this IR in the Generation Interconnection Request Queue
- Impact on Under Frequency Load Shedding
- Off nominal frequency operation
- Off nominal voltage operation
- Low voltage ride through
- Harmonic current distortion
- Harmonic voltage distortion
- System protection
- Automatic generation control and tie lines between NS and NB
- Islanded condition
- Voltage flicker emission
- Equipment to mitigate voltage flicker if required
- Voltage/Power Factor control
- Requirements of NERC and NPCC
- Sensitivity analysis with Hydro dispatch patterns
- Sensitivity analysis with neighbouring wind farms

Subsequent to the SIS, an Interconnection Facilities study will be required to determine the detailed engineering cost estimates.