# Small Generator Interconnection Process Timeline

PLEASE NOTE: These timelines are illustrative only, and should be considered as general guidance from past performance of SGIP studies for a wide variety of projects. Different projects may require studies of very different levels of complexity. To the extent possible, BPA follows the timelines for studies set forth in the SGIP, and fulfills its procedural obligations in regard to notifications of any needs to extend those timelines. The site permitting and NEPA processes may add an unpredictable period before a construction agreement or SGIA can be tendered.

\$2.500 Initial

Feasibility Study deposit (FES may be skipped by mutual agreement)

\$5,000

Facilities Study deposit (FAS may be skipped by mutual agreement) \$5.000 / \$25.000 for Preliminary Engineering

If additional funds are required at any stage, the Customer is obligated to provide them or face withdrawal of the interconnection Request.

deposit **required** 

\$5,000

These deposit are good faith estimates and are flexible.

System Impact Study

deposit (ISIS may be

skipped by mutual

agreement)

SGI Request Received by **BPA** 

Request No assigned and posted

Queue date and priority established

Verifies compliance with Federal & State environmental statutes and laws. Complexity of BPA review contingent upon BPA action. Varies from Categorical Exclusion to full EIS; many projects covered by Tiered ROD process which completes ~90 days after Site Certificate/CUP obtained. Deposit varies

**Environmental Review Agreement** 

BPA's **NEPA-compliant** decision document MUST be complete before the construction or SGIA is tendered.

All study timelines may be extended via a delay notice sent to the customer by the study engineer

#### Validation/Cure process.

Request is acknowledged at once.

Cures, if needed, may take 4 to 8 weeks.

Scoping meeting is scheduled when the Request is deemed Complete.

### Feasibility study

Preliminary evaluation of the feasibility of the proposed interconnection to the Transmission System; alternatives considered.

30 business days.

Review meeting.

### Interconnection System Impact study

Evaluates the impact of the proposed interconnection on the reliability of the Transmission System. Single POI.

45 business days.

Review meeting.

## Interconnection Facilities study

Specifies and estimates the cost of the equipment, engineering, procurement and construction work needed to implement the conclusions of the ISIS in accordance with Good Utility Practice. Defines the physical and electrical connection to BPA's FCRTS.

30 business days.

Draft report; Review meeting;

The FAS report

**BPA's Capital Approval Business Case must be** completed prior to the tender of an E & P agreement, and (again) before the tender of a construction agreement or SGIA.

Submittal of an AIS (with or without Business Case) starts a 6-month review process that leads to BPA's commitment to a workplan schedule.

Engineering & Procurement (E & P) Agreement Optional pre-funding to permit completion of engineering design and ordering of long-lead items. Not offered until completion of FAS, Final

Workplan scheduling processes.

PRD, and internal BPA

Construction or SGIA executed

No groundbreaking or construction.

The deposits are carried forward to fund the FES. ISIS and FAS.

The Customer has 15 business days to execute the FES agreement and 30 business days to execute the ISIS and FAS agreement. Failure to comply results in a cure period, usually 15 business days.

The sooner BPA receives the agreement, the sooner BPA can start work on the study.

ISIS report provides BOE estimates ('Typicals'), based on Preliminary PRD.

First realistic approximation of Customer and BPA commitments for the interconnection.

and 10% to 30% design. with budget-quality estimates.

provides Project Scoping

Plan of service finalized in PRD which should not change significantly.

**Facilities** Construction. Backfeed, Synchronization Commercial Operation

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