

# Interconnection Process Reform Site Control

**DOMINION – PSEG – ORSTED**

**“Friendly Amendment”**

# **“Friendly Amendment” to PJM’s Tariff Language Makes Technical Correction to Recognize Grid of the Future Realities Associated with Non-Standard Sites**

- Presented at the March 23<sup>rd</sup> MRC and April 12<sup>th</sup> PC
- Surgical Refinement to recognize that 21<sup>st</sup> Century interconnection of transmission and generation will be different in certain respects from 20<sup>th</sup> Century interconnection
- Specifically address property rights obtained from governmental entities, both onshore and offshore
- Such property rights come in the form of leases, licenses, easements, permits and other similar type of arrangements
- However, targets recognition of “submerged land” and “bodies of water” in the definitions of “site” and “site control.”

# Why is this technical correction important?

- Must take into account non-standard sites recognizing the grid of the future realities being driven by federal and state public policy
- Obtaining required submerged land and bodies of water property rights from state and federal governmental entities can take upwards of two years after execution of a lease giving rights to the land, body of water or submerged land for permitting, submission and approval of construction plans, etc.
- What qualifies as site control at each phase needs to take this new reality into consideration and is a relatively easy technical correction
- Clarification is needed regarding why rights of way are only acceptable up to the point of interconnection
  - Easement is included in the definition of site
  - ROW almost always obtained via easement
  - For offshore wind, may need additional interconnection facilities beyond the POI

# Benefits of MRC & MC Endorsement as modified by Dominion-PSEG-Orsted “Friendly Amendment”

- Makes clear in the Tariff that site and site control specifically includes “property” and property rights in bodies of water and submerged land
- Clarifies that leases, licenses, permits and easements received from state and/or federal authorities associated with bodies of water and submerged land are acceptable forms of property rights that are deemed evidence of site control
- Clarifies that the exclusivity of the property rights are only needed to the extent that there is no interference with the developer’s property rights
  - to address the fact that licenses granted by governmental entities and others at times allow for other entities to use the same easement or right of way to lay cable, for example, so long as it doesn’t interfere with another entity’s (governmental or otherwise) use of the same.