PJM Compliance Bulletin

CB028, NERC Standard FAC-001 - Facilities within a BA Area.

General

NERC Standard FAC-001, requirements R3.3 require that each Transmission Owner shall have procedures for confirming that their new Facilities or existing Facilities seeking to make a qualified change are within a Balancing Authority (BA) Area.

NERC Standard FAC-001, requirements R4.3 require that each applicable Generator Owner shall have procedures for confirming that their new Facilities or existing Facilities seeking to make a qualified change as defined by the Planning Coordinator (PC) are within a Balancing Authority (BA) Area.

PJM assesses facilities within its Balancing Authority Area through the requirements in its PJM Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT), rules around the PJM Regional Transmission Expansion Process, and the New Services Request process. The documentation associated with meeting Tariff requirements provides "audit quality" evidence of compliance.

Background

The preamble to the PJM Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT) Part IV and Part VIII, Subpart A, Section 401 state, in part, that an Interconnection Customer or Project Developer that proposes to interconnect to the Transmission System in the PJM Region, ***shall*** request interconnection with the Transmission System pursuant to, and ***shall*** comply with, the terms, conditions, and procedures set forth in Part IV and Part VIII of the Tariff. The OATT goes on to state that "Interconnection Customer" shall mean a Generation Interconnection Customer and/or a Transmission Interconnection Customer and that a Project Developer shall mean a Generation Project Developer or a Transmission Project Developer.

As a result, all new facilities that seek interconnection to, or upgrade facilities on, the PJM system (BA) must come through the interconnection process. All such approved projects are given an Interconnection Service Agreement and/or an Upgrade Construction Service Agreement (ISA and UCSA, respectively), or a Generation Interconnection Agreement (GIA) and this documentation is sent to FERC for their review and approval.

Conclusion

Using the information above, it is PJM's opinion that the presence of any one of PJM's New Service Agreements (ISA, UCSA, GIA) can be used as evidence of compliance of adherence to NERC Standard FAC-001. A PJM issued ISA/UCSA/GIA is FERC approved evidence that can be used by each Interconnection Customer or Project Developer as confirmation that their new

Facilities or existing Facilities with qualified change as defined by PJM as the Planning Coordinator, are within the PJM Balancing Authority Area.

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