

**GENERATOR INTERCONNECTION  
SYSTEM IMPACT STUDY REPORT**

for integration of the proposed

**20 MW [REDACTED] PROJECT**

**(GI PROJECT #748)**

to the

**IDAHO POWER COMPANY ELECTRICAL SYSTEM**

in

**JEROME COUNTY, ID**

for

**[REDACTED]  
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## Introduction

██████ has contracted with Idaho Power Company (Transmission Provider) to perform a Generator Interconnection System Impact Study (SIS) for the integration of the proposed 20 MW ██████ (the Project) at a single Point of Interconnection (POI) at 13.8 kV at Idaho Power's Hunt substation. The Project is located in Jerome County, ID at approximately ██████. The project is assigned Generation Interconnect (GI) queue number 748 (GI #748). The Project has chosen in the System Impact Study to be studied for Energy Resource Interconnection Service (ERIS).

This report documents the basis for and the results of this System Impact Study for the GI #748 Generation Interconnection Customer. The report describes the study assumptions, the proposed Project, the determination of the Project interconnection requirements, and estimated costs for integration of the Project to the Transmission Provider transmission system. This report satisfies the SIS requirements of the Idaho Power Tariff.

### 1.0 Study Assumptions

- For ERIS, the Interconnection Customer's ability to inject its Small Generating Facility output beyond the POI will depend on the existing capacity of Transmission Provider's Transmission System at such time as a transmission service request is made that would accommodate such delivery. Transmission Service may require the construction of additional Network Upgrades.
- Senior-queued generator interconnection requests that were considered in this study are listed in Section 5.0. If any of these requests are withdrawn, the Transmission Provider reserves the right to restudy this request, and the results and conclusions could significantly change.
- The following Transmission Provider planned system improvements were assumed in service:
  - Boardman to Hemingway 500 kV transmission line (Q2 2026)
  - 50% series capacitance compensation on the Kinport to Midpoint 345 kV transmission line (2025)
  - Midpoint Substation T502 500:345 kV transformer (2025)
  - Hemingway to Bowmont 230 kV transmission line (2025)
  - Bowmont to Hubbard 230 kV transmission line (2025)
  - Midpoint to Hemingway #2 500 kV transmission line (2028)

### 2.0 Description of Proposed Generating Project

The primary POI for the Project is Hunt substation 13.8 kV with a maximum injection of 20 MW. The Project's Commercial Operation Date (COD) is ██████.

<b>Project Location</b>	██████████
<b>Total Output Power Rating</b>	██████████

**Table 1.** GI #748 Project Specifications

### 3.0 Protection and Control

Studies indicate that there is adequate load and short circuit interrupting capability on the Transmission Provider’s existing 13.8 kV breakers after this Project is interconnected.

For 13.8 kV line protection, the Transmission Provider’s System Protection Department utilizes permissive and line differential protection schemes integrated with digital communication infrastructure. Idaho Power will require OPGW in the static wire position for any lead-line interconnection facility or fiber communication between co-located facilities. Communication infrastructure between the interconnection’s customer’s 13.8 kV collector substation and Idaho Power will be the responsibility of the interconnection customer.

The proposed 13.8 kV Delta/Wye-Grounded transformer specified in the Project should provide an adequate ground return path for transmission line protection/relaying.

Grounding requirements and acceptability criteria are found in Appendix A.

### 4.0 Description of Power Flow Cases

For the ERIS study, a WECC 2024 Heavy Summer base case was used to study the Transmission Provider’s transmission system.

### 5.0 Senior-Queued Interconnections

Idaho Power generation interconnection project GI #633 is a senior-queued project in the affected area of Idaho Power’s transmission system. Idaho Power studied GI #748 with all Network Upgrades for the identified senior-queued project as in-service.

Changes to senior-queued projects, including in-service date and withdrawal from the queue, may trigger a restudy associated with GI #748.

### 6.0 POI Facilities

Listed below are the required transmission facilities to interconnect the Project at the POI.

The actual station layout and detailed equipment requirements will be determined in the Facilities Study should the interconnection customer choose to move to that study phase of the interconnection process. In Table 2 below, a summary is provided of the facilities and conceptual costs required to interconnect the GI #748 Project to the Transmission Provider’s transmission system.

Item of Work	Estimate
Three 13.8kV circuit breakers, differential protection, and POI relaying. Also includes are the associated switches, 3-phase potential transformers (PTs) and metering.	\$2,006,028
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$2,006,028</b>
Contingency 30% <sup>(1)</sup>	\$601,808
<b>Total unloaded costs</b>	<b>\$2,607,836</b>
Overheads <sup>(2)</sup>	\$91,274
<b>Total Conceptual-level Cost Estimate <sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>\$2,699,110</b>
<p>(1) Contingency is added to cover the unforeseen costs in the estimate. These costs can include unidentified design components, material cost increases, labor estimate shortfalls, etc.</p> <p>(2) Overhead costs cover the indirect costs associated with the Project and are subject to change.</p> <p>(3) This cost estimate includes direct equipment, material, labor, and overheads as shown.</p>	

**Table 2.** Estimated GI #748 Project's POI Costs

Note the following regarding Table 2:

- These estimates do not include the cost of the customer's equipment/facilities or required communication circuits for SCADA, PMU, Protection, and metering.
- These costs assume the use of Idaho Power resources.
- These are non-binding conceptual level cost estimates that will be further refined upon the request and completion of the Facilities Study; final charges to the customer will be based on the actual construction costs incurred.
- These costs include both Interconnection Facilities (direct assigned) and Network Resources (reimbursable). These costs will be explicitly broken out in the Facilities Study.

The schedule for designing, procuring, and constructing facilities will be developed and optimized during the Facilities Study should the generation interconnection customer choose to move to that study phase of the interconnection process.

## 7.0 System Upgrades

Power flow solution was achieved for all N-1 and credible N-2 outages simulated. Power flow analyses revealed no violations requiring Network Upgrades. No contingent facilities were identified.

## 8.0 Voltage

A Voltage Stability study was performed using the WECC 2024 Heavy Summer case with Idaho Power's area load scaled to 105%. All contingencies solved successfully, there were no voltage stability issues found for the Project.

The Project will be required to control voltage in accordance with a voltage schedule as provided by Idaho Power Load Serving Operations. The Project will be required to manage the real power output of their generation project at the POI. Also, it may be beneficial for Idaho Power Company - Power Supply, for their own modeling compliance requirements, to install additional PMU devices at their facilities to monitor the generation source.

## 9.0 Transient Stability Analysis

The WECC 2024 Light Winter operating case and PowerWorld Simulator version 22 analysis tool were used to perform the transient stability analysis.

The results showed no transient stability violations. It is the responsibility (per NERC Standards) of the Generator Owner to ensure the modeling data utilized accurately reflects inverter operations, and to provide updates to Idaho Power if testing or real-time observations indicate a need.

## 10.0 Description of Operating Requirements

GI #748 will be required to control voltage in accordance with a voltage schedule as provided by Idaho Power Grid Operations. The Project will be required to manage the real power output of their generation project at the POI. The Project will be required to operate at 0.95 leading/lagging measured at the high side of the main power transformer to maintain voltage within limits at the POI over the range of real power output.

The Project is required to comply with the applicable Voltage and Current Distortion Limits found in IEEE Standard 519-2014 *IEEE Recommended Practices and Requirements for Harmonic Control in Electrical Power Systems*.

Installation of phasor measurement unit devices at the POI and maintenance costs associated with communication circuits needed to stream PMU data will also be required to be provided to interconnect the Project. The specific costs associated with the IPC requirements for interconnection customers with aggregate facilities larger than 20 MW to provide PMU data to IPC will be identified in the Facilities Study should the generation interconnection customer choose to proceed to that phase of the interconnection process. Also, it may be beneficial for Idaho Power Company - Power Supply, for their own modeling compliance requirements, to install additional PMU devices at their facilities to monitor the generations sources separately.

## 11.0 Conclusion

Interconnection requirements detailed in Section 6.0 totaling \$2,699,110 are required to interconnect the Project at the POI. No additional upgrades or contingent facilities were identified.

## APPENDIX A

### A-1.0 Method of Study

The power flow case for the System Impact study is built using Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC) power flow cases as a base case in Power World Simulator. The base cases are then modified to include the senior-queued generation interconnection projects in Section 5.0 and their respective network upgrades and POI facilities. The generation project being studied is then added to the cases with the model provided by Idaho Power Company - Power Supply at the requested 20 MW at the requested POI. The base cases are then rebalanced such that the applicable WECC transmission paths are at their WECC path rating with reasonable pre-contingency energy transfers utilizing the Idaho Power transmission system. The power flow model is then analyzed using P1 and P2 category contingencies contained in Table 1 of NERC standard TPL-001. WECC and Idaho Power reliability criteria are applied to the results of the contingency analysis and any violations listed in Table 3, are mitigated with Network Upgrades or contingent facilities, (see also Section 7.0).

### A-2.0 Acceptability Criteria

The following acceptability criteria were used in the power flow analysis to determine under which system configuration modifications may be required:

The continuous rating of equipment is assumed to be the normal thermal rating of the equipment. This rating will be as determined by the manufacturer of the equipment or as determined by Idaho Power. Less than or equal to 100% of continuous rating is acceptable.

Idaho Power's Voltage Operating Guidelines were used to determine voltage requirements on the system. These state, in part, that distribution voltages under normal operating conditions are to be maintained within plus or minus 5% (0.05 per unit) of nominal everywhere on the feeder. Therefore, voltages greater than or equal to 0.95 pu voltage and less than or equal to 1.05 pu voltage are acceptable.

Voltage flicker during starting or stopping the generator is limited to 5% as measured at the POI, per Idaho Power's T&D Advisory Information Manual.

Idaho Power's Reliability Criteria for System Planning was used to determine proper transmission system operation.

All customer generation must meet IEEE 519 and ANSI C84.1 Standards.

All other applicable national and Idaho Power standards and prudent utility practices were used to determine the acceptability of the configurations considered.

The stable operation of the system requires an adequate supply of volt-amperes reactive (VAR or VARs) to maintain a stable voltage profile under both steady-state and dynamic system conditions. An inadequate supply of VARs will result in voltage decay or even collapse under the worst conditions.

Equipment/line/path ratings used will be those that are in use at the time of the study or that are represented by IPC upgrade projects that are either currently under construction or whose budgets have been approved for construction in the near future. All other potential future ratings

are outside the scope of this study. Future transmission changes may, however, affect current facility ratings used in the study.

### **A-3.0 Grounding Guidance**

IPC requires interconnected transformers on the distribution system to limit their ground fault current to 20 amps at the POI.

### **A-4.0 Electrical System Protection Guidance**

IPC requires electrical system protection per Facility Connection Requirements found on the Idaho Power website,

<https://docs.idahopower.com/pdfs/BusinessToBusiness/FacConnReq.pdf>

### **A-5.0 WECC Coordinated Off-Nominal Frequency Load Shedding and Restoration Requirements**

IPC requires frequency operational limits to adhere to WECC Under-frequency and Over-frequency Limits per the WECC Coordinated Off-Nominal Frequency Load Shedding and Restoration Requirements available upon request.

### **A-6.0 Storing Energy**

The energy storage system (ESS) component of the Project was studied charging from the grid in steady state under N-0 (no contingencies) conditions. The charging of the ESS was assumed to be interruptible. No network upgrades were identified to support charging the ESS. There may be times during the year where system load in the local area will prevent charging of the ESS at full capacity; for example, a forced outage that would require Idaho Power to curtail charging. Should the Project require non-curtable charging from their energy source then Point-to-Point firm transmission service from the energy market to the battery and from the Project to the point of delivery would be needed.

**Revision History**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Revision</b>	<b>Initials</b>	<b>Summary of Changes</b>
12/16/24	1.0	CHH	Initial Report