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MPSC Stakeholder Process - Interconnection

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Objectives of today's discussion

- Discuss the Application process
- Discuss Modification
- Discuss the Site Control process
- Discuss "Queue" Challenges



PowerClerk

Welcome to DTE Electric's Interconnection Application System

Please use this program to file your Interconnection applications as well as track their progress as they are processed.

- In order to register for an account, click the "Register" link at the bottom of the Log In box to the right. If you already have a registered PowerClerk account, navigate to Settings>Add Program and you will be able to add "DTE Electric - Interconnection Program" to your PowerClerk account.
- Create an application by clicking the "New Generator Interconnection Application" button on the homepage.
- Projects will be displayed on the homepage where you will be able to view and track the status of any projects as they are processed.
- Emails from the system will be sent out to customers and contractors to confirm project status as well as direct users back to PowerClerk to complete any required forms or upload necessary data.
- If you forget your password, click the "Forgot Password?" link in the bottom of the login box to reset your password.

Any questions? View the [PowerClerk tutorial video](#) for questions related to the log in process. Please email interconnection_application@dteenergy.com or call (313) 235-4333 for questions regarding the DTE Electric interconnection program.

Please review information on the [DTE Interconnections Webpage](#) for more details on the process to interconnect with DTE Electric's distribution system.

Log In

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Several key issues with the interconnection process need to be addressed

Description of Issues¹

1 Rules vs. Business Practice

- Any additional detail should be covered by “business practices”
- This includes provisions related to:
 - Methodologies for screens and studies
 - Timelines for steps in the interconnection process
 - “Queue” management and cost allocation methodologies
- Provides flexibility in light of the fact that MI law does not allow rules to be a “living document” like they are in Minnesota - subsequent revisions will be needed

2 The “Queue”

- No definition of an interconnection “queue” in Michigan
- Interconnection “queue” only for administrative purposes
- Any “queue” must prevent speculation and not delay committed projects, through timely removal from any “queue”
- In the field circumstances and system conditions are highly variable. Document submittals and prescribed timelines don’t eliminate external influences
- Larger projects generally take longer to study, require information from MISO and other independent transmission sources, and are incompatible with a prescribed approach and prescriptive timelines.
- A long history of implementation challenges with the MISO queue warrants caution
- Given the complexities of any “queue”, any details should be in a “business practice” document and allow flexibility

¹This is not a complete list



Highlights from markup of relevant sections of the MN rules

Highlighted Provisions¹

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Interconnection Application

- Interconnection Entities must follow Interconnection Application processes (e.g. processing fees or deposits must be submitted in the proper manner to facilitate Interconnection Application processing);
- Interconnection Applications must contain reliable and accurate information to facilitate Interconnection Application processing;
- Interconnection Applications must be date-and-time-stamped and submitted in the proper manner to facilitate Interconnection Application processing

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Modification

- After an Interconnection Application is deemed complete, non-material modifications may be considered by the Electric Utility
- All proposed modifications must be submitted in writing by the Interconnection Entity

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Site Control

- Documentation of Site Control must be submitted with the Interconnection Application
- Site Control documentation may be demonstrated by
 - Category 1 or 2: Site owner's signature on the Interconnection Application, if utilizing the Simplified Process
 - Category 3-5: Reliable legal evidence

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