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MIXDG Rules Progress Update

MIXDG Procedures Process Overview

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- Rules approved by the Commission on March 17.
- Reviewed again by the LARA Office of Policy and Legislative Affairs
- Will be reviewed again by Michigan Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules, and the Legislative Services Bureau.
- Proceeds to the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR)
- Rules filed with the Office of the Great Seal
- These steps will add up to 4.5 months to the process, starting from March 17.

Significant changes to the Interconnection Procedures Rule, R 460.920.

(5) The proposed interconnection procedures must, at a minimum, include all of the following:

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(p) The procedure for performing a material modification review to determine if a modification is material.

(q) Any required terms and conditions which must be specified in the general liability insurance for level 3, 4, and 5 projects.

(r) A list of the electric utility's holidays.

(s) If an electric utility uses an alternative process pursuant to R 460.956, a description of that process.

The Interconnection Procedures process

- April 8 – electric utility draft proposed interconnection procedures posted on the MPSC website.
- In today’s meeting, DTE, CE, MEGA, and MECA will present the utilities’ draft proposed procedures.
- At the May 17 meeting, the stakeholders will present their comments on the procedures.
- Stakeholders may email written comments to Nick Evans evansn@michigan.gov by May 24, 2022.
 - Comments will be posted on the website and accessible by utilities.

The Interconnection Procedures process (con'd)

- Electric utilities file applications for approval of interconnection procedures and forms within 30 business days of the effective date of rules.
- After the last application is filed, the Commission will open a proceeding on the proposed interconnection procedures. Staff is advocating for a comment proceeding.

The Interconnection Procedures process (con'd)

- The Commission will issue its order approving, rejecting, or modifying the proposed interconnection procedures and forms within 360 calendar days of the effective date of the rules.
- Until the Commission accepts, rejects, or modifies an electric utility's interconnection procedures and forms, the electric utility may use the proposed interconnection procedures and forms when processing interconnection applications with the exception of fixed fees and fee caps.
- An electric utility shall obtain commission approval to revise its interconnection procedures.

Any Questions

Thank you!

Appendix

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R 460.920 Electric utility interconnection procedures.

Rule 20. (1) An electric utility shall file applications for approval of interconnection procedures and forms within 30 business days of the effective date of these rules.

(2) The commission shall issue its order approving, rejecting, or modifying the proposed interconnection procedures and forms within 360 **calendar** days of the effective date of these rules. If the commission finds the procedures and forms proposed by the electric utility to be inadequate or unacceptable, the commission may either adopt procedures and forms proposed by another ~~party~~ **person** in the proceeding or modify and accept the procedures and forms proposed by the electric utility.

(3) Until the commission accepts, rejects, or modifies an electric utility's interconnection procedures and forms, the electric utility may use the proposed interconnection procedures and forms when processing interconnection applications with the exception of fixed fees and fee caps. An electric utility shall only charge fees that comply with the requirements of R 460.926 until the commission accepts, rejects, or modifies the proposed interconnection procedures and forms **unless the commission approves different fees pursuant to R 460.926(4)**.

(4) Two or more electric utilities may file a joint application proposing interconnection procedures for use by the joint applicants. The proposed interconnection procedures must ensure compliance with these rules.

Interconnection Procedures Rule, R 460.920 (con'd)

(5) The proposed interconnection procedures must, at a minimum, include all of the following:

- (a) All necessary applications, forms, and relevant template agreements.
- (b) A schedule of all applicable fixed fees and fee caps.
- (c) Voltage ranges for high voltage distribution and low voltage distribution.
- (d) Required initial review screens.
- (e) Required supplemental review screens.
- (f) The process for conducting system impact studies and facilities studies on DERs when there is an affected system issue.
- (g) Testing and certification requirements of DER telecommunications, cybersecurity, data exchange, and remote control operation.
- (h) Parallel operation requirements.
- (i) A method to estimate the expected annual kWh output of the generator or generators.
- (j) Acceptable methods or standards for power-limited export DERs **in compliance with allowances in R 460.980.**
- (k) A cost allocation methodology for study track DERs.
- (l) An evaluation of an interconnection application for a project that includes single or multiple types of DERs at a site for which the applicant seeks a single point of common coupling.

Interconnection Procedures Rule, R 460.920 (con'd)

(m) Details describing how an energy storage device may be integrated into an existing legacy net metering program system without impacting the 10-year grandfathering period **or participation in the distributed generation program.**

(n) For electric utilities that are member-regulated electric cooperatives, a procedure for fairly processing applications in instances in which the number of applications exceed the capacity of the electric cooperative to timely meet the deadlines in these rules.

(o) Examples of modifications that are not material modifications, ~~acceptable material modifications, and unacceptable material modifications.~~

(p) The procedure for performing a material modification review **to determine if a modification is material.**

(q) **Any required terms and conditions which must be specified in the general liability insurance for level 3, 4, and 5 projects.**

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