

## Distribution Generation Interconnection

### National Grid Reporting Requirements – Affected System Operator Studies

#### **Paragraph 4 Monthly Report**

**April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

The Narragansett Electric Company (NECo) is experiencing Distributed Generation (DG) saturation in certain regions and at certain substations that indicate the potential need for an Affected System Operator (ASO) study that would affect three or more DG applications or more than 15 MW of DG capacity in the following 6 months. Below is a list of the specific regions and substations where NECo is experiencing DG saturation. This Paragraph 4 Monthly Report (Paragraph 4 Report) provides an update since NECo's previous Paragraph 4 Report on the potential need for an ASO study in such regions and substations, as well as the actions NECo is taking to prevent, mitigate, and prepare for such an occurrence while working with its transmission provider, New England Power (NEP). The information in this Paragraph 4 Report is in addition to the other information and reporting NECo is providing under the Reporting Requirements with respect to potential and ongoing ASO studies.

#### **Ongoing ASO Studies**

Attachment 1 lists the substations currently being reported under the Reporting Requirements where NEP is currently conducting ASO Studies for three or more DG applications or more than 15 MW of DG capacity on behalf of NECo Customers.

#### **Potential ASO Studies for Pending Applications**

There are no new substations since NECo's previous Paragraph 4 Report that have the potential need for an ASO study that would affect three or more DG applications or more than 15 MW of DG capacity in the next 6 months.

The below table lists the substations that have the potential need for an ASO study that would affect three or more DG applications or more than 15 MW of DG capacity in the following 6 months. Please note that these stations are not part of any of the ongoing ASO Studies. NECo identified the potential need based on the fact that at least one of the Generator Notification Forms (GNFs) for each of these substations that was presented to ISO-NE was returned for further analysis.

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<b>Substation Name</b>	<b>Region</b>	<b>DG Penetration Level</b>
JEPSON SUBSTATION	Coastal	>15MW
WARREN SUBSTATION	Capital	Between 5MW and 15MW
WOONSOCKET SUBSTATION	Capital	>15MW
NASONVILLE SUBSTATION	Capital	>15MW
CHOPMIST SUBSTATION	Capital	Between 5MW and 15MW
TIVERTON SUBSTATION	Coastal	>15MW

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#### *Action Plan/Next Steps*

As reported in the January 2020 Paragraph 4 Report, NECo is taking the following actions to prevent, mitigate, and prepare for such an occurrence for the above applications:

- NECo will continue to submit GNFs for all pre-ISA projects as soon as they reach the 20-business day mark during the distribution impact study stage.
- For the substations listed above, NECo will provide NEP the list of pending applications for NEP to consider as part of its initial assessment in coordination with ISO-NE as to what level of ASO study will be required.
- NECo will provide notification to the PUC and send notifications to affected customers per Paragraph 1 or Paragraph 5 and Paragraph 6 of the Reporting Requirements, as applicable.

#### **Potential ASO Studies for Future Applications**

The below table lists the substations for which any future applications over 1MW that propose to be connected to one of these substations will require an ASO study due to DG saturation over 5MW at an individual substation and/or over multiple substations fed from a common transmission injection point.

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<b>Substation Name</b>	<b>Region</b>	<b>DG Penetration Level</b>
COVENTRY SUBSTATION	Coastal	Between 5MW and 15MW
DAVISVILLE SUBSTATION	Coastal	Between 5MW and 15MW
HIGHLAND PARK SUBSTATION	Capital	Between 5MW and 15MW
WEST KINGSTON SUBSTATION	Coastal	Between 5MW and 15MW
DEXTER SUBSTATION	Coastal	Between 5MW and 15MW
POINT STREET SUBSTATION	Capital	Between 5MW and 15MW
WARREN SUBSTATION	Capital	Between 5MW and 15MW
MINK STREET SUBSTATION	MA	Between 5MW and 15MW
CHOPMIST SUBSTATION	Capital	Between 5MW and 15MW
TIVERTON SUBSTATION	Coastal	>15MW
BRISTOL SUBSTATION	Capital	<5MW
NASONVILLE SUBSTATION	Capital	>15MW
JEPSON SUBSTATION	Coastal	>15MW
WOONSOCKET SUBSTATION	Capital	>15MW
TOWER HILL SUBSTATION	Coastal	Between 5MW and 15MW

#### *Action Plan/Next Step*

NECO is taking the following actions to prevent, mitigate, and prepare for such an occurrence for the above applications:

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- NECo has published on its website (<https://ngus.force.com/s/article/RI-DG-Group-Transmission-Study-Update>), the above list of substations that will require ASO study for future applications.
- In all future pre-application reports in these areas, NECo will notify the proposed project of the status of a likely ASO study in the future if the proposed project would be served from one of the substations mentioned above.

### *Force Majeure Event*

NECo is informing all new applicants that due to the developing COVID-19 crisis, a Force Majeure Event has been declared pursuant to the “Standards for Connecting Distributed Generation”, RIPUC No. 2180 (“Tariff”) Section 3.0., and that customers will be kept informed of the scope and duration (to extent known) of this Force Majeure Event and of the steps the Company is taking to mitigate the effects of the Event on its performance through periodic updates on the Company’s distributed generation website: <https://ngus.force.com/s/article/RI-Force-Majeure-Declarations>.