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Imperial Irrigation District

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Imperial Irrigation District

- Organized in 1911 under the California Irrigation District Act
- Governed by a 5-member Board of locally elected and appointed officials
- Publicly owned utility with local ratemaking authority
- Service territory covers 6,471 square miles and serves over 158,000 customers
- The sixth-largest utility in California, IID controls more than 1,100 megawatts of energy derived from a diverse resource portfolio that includes its own generation, and long- and short-term power purchases.

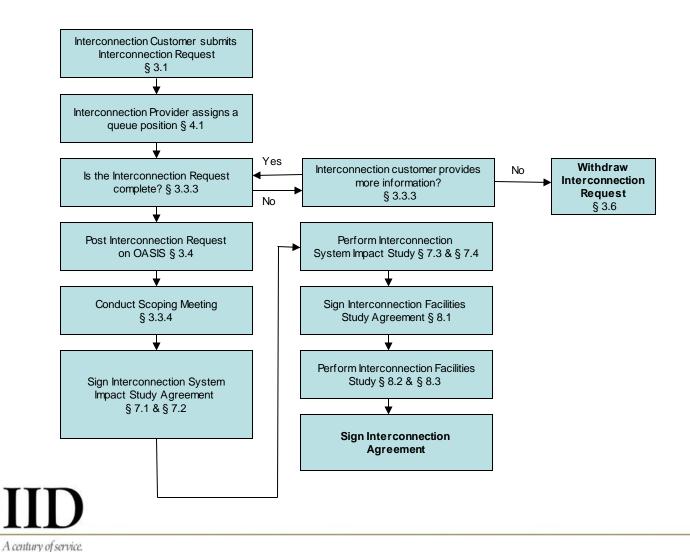


Open Access Transmission Tariff

- IID's tariff was adopted by the IID board in 2001
- IID's OATT contains three parts:
 - Part I: Transmission Service
 - Part II: Network Integration Service
 - Part III: Generator Interconnection Service
- The OATT identifies the process and has template agreements used by IID, including study agreements, the standard generator interconnection agreement and transmission service agreements.
- OATT also defines required deposits for reserving capacity and initiating interconnection process.



Generating Facility Interconnection Process



Process - Interconnection

- In response to valid request
- System Impact Study
 - Identifies impacts and defines mitigations
- Facility Study
 - Mitigations are refined and cost estimates provided including potential timelines.
- Generator Interconnection Agreement
 - Agreement contains infrastructure requirements and costs, along with milestone payment and construction schedules.



Process – Transmission Service

- Transmission Service
 - A customer must submit a Transmission Service Request via OASIS, IID determines if capacity is available to serve without upgrades
- If capacity exists, IID tenders agreement.
- If no capacity, a study is required that identifies transmission upgrades.
- Customer is responsible for the cost of upgrades.
- IID tenders service agreement with costs and required transmission upgrades.



Trends



- Increase in Interconnection Requests since 2021
- Solar with storage
- Standalone storage
- Bi-directional charging



Challenges



- Staffing constraints
- Transmission Saturation
- New Technology



Current Projects

- OATT Reform
- Path 42 Rating Increase
- Salton Sea Transmission Line Project
- Ramon-Mirage 2
 Transmission Project

- S- Line Upgrade
- R- Line Upgrade
- North Gila to Imperial Valley #2
- Energy Imbalance Market



Best Practices



- Development
- Adaptability
- Interconnected Project Success



Statistics



Interconnected Projects

- 1 Biomass at 55 MW
- 17 Geothermal at 652 MW
- 24 Solar at 620 MW

Projects in Development

- 1 Solar at 50 MW
- 1 Standalone Storage at 30 MW
- 2 Geothermal at 68 MW
- 9 Solar with Storage at 805 MW

Projects in Queue

- 2 Biomass at 108 MW
- 5 Geothermal at 607 MW
- 5 Standalone Storage at 937 MW
- 16 Solar with Storage at 2,985 MW



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Questions



