

AES Ohio

Requirements for the Connection of Facilities to the AES Ohio Transmission System

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1. Introduction

The Dayton Power and Light Company d/b/a AES Ohio (AES Ohio) has prepared this Facilities Connection Requirements document to ensure compliance with North American Electric Reliability Council (NERC) Reliability Standards and applicable Regional Reliability Organization, subregional, Power Pool, and individual Transmission Owner planning criteria and facility connection requirements in compliance to NERC Standard FAC-001-3. The purpose of NERC Standard FAC-001-3 is to require Transmission Owners and Generator Owners to establish facility connection and performance requirements to avoid adverse impacts on reliability for additions to the transmission system. These connection requirements apply to all generation facilities, transmission facilities, and end-users connecting to the AES Ohio transmission system.

AES Ohio is registered as a Transmission Owner with NERC. PJM serves as the Transmission Service Provider, Planning Authority, Transmission Planner, Resource Planner, Reliability Coordinator, and Transmission Operator for AES Ohio. PJM operates its transmission system in compliance with NERC Reliability Standards, ReliabilityFirst Corporation (RF) standards, and PJM standards. Since PJM is the Transmission Service Provider for the AES Ohio transmission system, all entities requesting interconnection of a generating facility (including increases to the capacity of an existing generating unit or decommissioning of a generating unit) or requesting interconnection of a merchant transmission facility within the AES Ohio transmission system must do so within PJM's defined interconnection process. See the PJM website <http://www.pjm.com> to obtain information about submitting requests for interconnecting to the transmission system. The PJM Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT) and PJM Manual 14A-14H series addresses the interconnection process, planning study requirements, and facility connection requirements specific to the PJM transmission system.

This document is intended to highlight the minimum AES Ohio requirements and is not intended to fully replicate or to replace the PJM documentation. The scope of this document is limited to the technical requirements for connected facility design and operation. Parties requiring transmission service should refer to the PJM OATT to reserve and secure transmission service for their generation and the PJM Manual 14 series. If there is a conflict between this document and the PJM OATT or PJM Manual 14A-14H series, then such PJM documents take precedent and should be discussed between all the parties. PJM will coordinate with all impacted utilities any request for Material Modification/Qualified Change connections that impact the lines of other interconnected utilities. The paragraph headings in this document correspond to the NERC FAC-001-3 requirement numbers.

2. Definitions

Terms not defined herein are defined in the NERC standards, the PJM OATT or the PJM Manual 14A-14H series.

- **AES Ohio**
The Dayton Power and Light Company d/b/a AES Ohio
- **AES Ohio Interconnection Facilities**
All the facilities owned by AES Ohio that are required to provide the Interconnection with the Applicant.
- **Applicant**
The party requesting Interconnection to the AES Ohio system.
- **Applicant Interconnection Facilities**
All the facilities owned by Applicant that are required to provide the Interconnection with AES Ohio.
- **Circuit Breaker**
A switching device capable of making, carrying and breaking currents under normal circuit conditions and also making, carrying for a specified time and breaking currents under specified abnormal conditions such as those of a short circuit.
- **Contingency**
An event, usually involving the loss of one or more elements that affects the power system at least momentarily.
- **Control Area**
An electric power system or combination of electric power systems bounded by interconnection metering and telemetry to which a common generation control scheme is applied in order to:
 - Match the power output of the generators within the electric power system(s) and energy purchased from entities outside the electric power system(s), with the load within the electric power system(s);
 - Maintain scheduled interchange with other Control Areas, within the limits of Good Utility Practice;
 - Maintain the frequency of the electric power system(s) within reasonable limits in accordance with Good Utility Practice and the criteria of the applicable reliability council of NERC; and
 - Provide sufficient generating capacity to maintain operating reserves in accordance with Good Utility Practice.
- **Disconnect Switch**
A mechanical switching device used for changing the connections in a circuit for isolating a circuit or equipment from a voltage source.

- **EMS**
Energy Management System, a data acquisition and control computer system maintained and used by AES Ohio to gather real time information regarding the Transmission System and to provide remote control of individual AES Ohio switching devices and generating units. The EMS also acts as an accounting and detailed calculation platform to refine and store data.
- **FERC**
The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
- **Flicker**
Low frequency voltage fluctuations that can be observed through changes in intensity or color of illumination. Flicker is measured using an IEC flicker meter.
- **Generation**
The process of producing electrical energy from other forms of energy; also, the amount of electric energy produced, usually expressed in kilowatt-hours (kWh) or megawatt hours (MWh).
- **Generation Owner**
The owner of the generation being interconnected to the AES Ohio Transmission System.
- **Good Utility Practice**
Any of the practices, methods, and acts engaged in or approved by a significant portion of the electric utility industry during the relevant time period, or any of the practices, methods and acts that, in the exercise of reasonable judgment in light of the facts known at the time the decision is made, could have been expected to accomplish the desired result at a reasonable cost consistent with good business practices, reliability, safety and expedition. Good Utility Practice is not intended to be limited to the optimum practice, method, or act to the exclusion of all others, but rather is intended to include acceptable practices, methods, or acts generally accepted in the region.
- **Harmonics**
An integer multiple of the actual system frequency, which is 60 Hz for the United States.
- **Interconnection**
Physical connection of the Applicant's facilities to AES Ohio's facilities for the purpose of electric power transfer.
- **Interconnection Agreement**
An agreement that documents the physical interconnection between the Applicant and AES Ohio and defines the continuing responsibilities and obligations of the Applicant and AES Ohio during the term of the agreement.
- **Interconnection Facilities**
The Applicant Interconnection Facilities, AES Ohio Interconnection Facilities, and the facilities owned by any other party that are required to provide the Interconnection with AES Ohio.
- **Interconnection Point**
The point where the Applicant Interconnection Facilities are physically connected to the AES Ohio Interconnection Facilities.
- **Materially Modified/Qualified Change**
Any modification to facilities connected to, or in the process to be connected to AES Ohio, that requires work to be executed on the AES Ohio system or the contract in place for the connecting facility. This includes generation connections requested within an RTO generation interconnection queue and the potential impact of a modification on other requests with a later queue position.

- **Metering Point**
The point at which the amount of Generation delivered to the Transmission System is measured, or the amount of load delivered to the customer or the amount of power exchanged between AES Ohio and another transmission entity.
- **NERC**
The North American Electric Reliability Corporation
- **OATT**
The Open Access Transmission Tariff as filed with FERC
- **PJM**
PJM Interconnection, which is a RTO that coordinates the movement of wholesale electricity in all or parts of 13 states and the District of Columbia.
- **Protective Relay**
A device whose function is to detect defective lines, apparatus, or other power system conditions of an abnormal nature and to initiate appropriate control circuit action.
- **RF**
ReliabilityFirst Corporation, a not-for-profit company whose goal is to preserve and enhance electric service reliability and security for the interconnected electric systems within its territory. It is the successor organization to three former Regional Reliability Councils: the Mid-American Area Council, the East Central Area Coordination Council Agreement, and the Mid-American Interconnection Network organizations. RF is one of the eight regional reliability organizations in North America
- **RTO**
A regional transmission organization
- **SCADA**
Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition - A system of remote control and telemetry used to monitor and control the electric system.
- **Substation**
A facility for switching electrical elements, transforming voltage, regulating power, or metering.
- **Transmission System**
The transmission facilities owned, operated or controlled by AES Ohio, including conductors, circuit breakers, switches, transformers and other associated equipment used to control the transfer of energy from one place to another, and shall include any modifications, additions, or upgrades made to those facilities.
- **POM**
Point of Measurement. This is the “high-side of the generator substation”, according to FERC Order No. 827. Generally, Point of Measurement is interchangeable with Point of Interconnection. In certain instances, the POI can be different from the POM based on determination by AES Ohio.

3. NERC Standard FAC-001-3 Requirements

R1 Each Transmission Owner shall document Facility interconnection requirements, update them as needed, and make them available upon request.

The impact of the interconnection customer’s facilities on the reliability of the transmission system shall be evaluated through the PJM Interconnection Request process in coordination with AES Ohio. Studies are performed by PJM in conjunction with AES Ohio and in accordance with established NERC, RF, PJM and AES Ohio Transmission Planning Criteria to ensure continued compliance to the established criteria throughout the planning horizon. Facility interconnection requirements are published on the PJM website and can also be requested via email to aesohio.tplanning@aes.com.

Generation and Merchant Transmission Interconnect Requests

The subsequent sections of this interconnection requirement document outlines the requirements to connect to the AES Ohio transmission system for generation and merchant transmission facilities. In addition, studies are performed by PJM and AES Ohio as part of the Interconnection Planning Process described in PJM Manual 14 series specifically but not limited to PJM Manual 14A will determine the impact of the interconnection request on the reliability of the transmission system. These studies also identify any transmission system upgrades subject to AES Ohio planning criteria required to ensure the system continues to operate in accordance with the established criteria. The results of these studies are posted on the PJM website.

Transmission Interconnection – Transmission Owner to Transmission Owner

The subsequent sections of this interconnection requirement document outline the requirements to connect to the AES Ohio transmission system for transmission facilities. The studies performed by PJM along with transmission owners as part of the RTEP process, as described in PJM Manual 14 series specifically but not limited to PJM Manual 14B, determine if there are needs for additional transmission upgrades across multiple transmission owner systems to ensure continued compliance to the established planning criteria for each transmission owner and PJM. Any upgrades identified become part of the PJM Regional Transmission Expansion Plan, which is documented on the PJM website.

End-User Interconnection Requests

The subsequent sections of this interconnection requirement document outlines the requirements to connect to the AES Ohio transmission system for end user facilities. End-User requests are evaluated by AES Ohio to determine if the interconnection would result in any adverse impacts to the transmission system and are subject to AES Ohio planning criteria. If the interconnection would not allow the continued operation in compliance to the established planning criteria, system upgrades and estimated costs would be identified that would allow continued operation in compliance to the established planning criteria. These system upgrades will be made known to the interconnection requestor.

R3.1 Procedures for coordinated studies of new or materially modified existing interconnections and their impacts on affected system(s).

PJM working in coordination with AES Ohio is responsible for coordinating joint studies of new facilities and their impacts on the interconnected transmission system.

The PJM Manual 14 series describes the process PJM uses for coordinating joint studies. PJM Manual 14 series specifically but not limited to PJM Manual 14A defines the data requirements needed from the generation developer. The results of the PJM studies for Generation and Merchant Transmission Interconnection requests are posted on the PJM website. Summary study results for transmission interconnections are published annually by PJM as part of the PJM RTEP process.

Transmission Owners and End-Users desiring to connect or materially modify existing interconnections to the AES Ohio transmission system will need to submit a request to AES via email. Transmission Owners or End-Users can send email requests directly to the area planner or to aesohio.tplanning@aes.com. A member of the AES Ohio Transmission Planning team will review

the request and respond back if additional details are needed to complete the initial study. Basic information including load data, type of service, one-line diagrams, site plans, and voltage levels are desired. AES Ohio will study the initial request and coordinate with PJM subject to the PJM planning manuals for connection or modifications to the transmission system.

R3.2 Procedures for notifying those responsible for the reliability of affected system(s) of new or materially modified existing interconnections.

Any customer desiring to add new facilities or modify existing facilities must notify PJM and AES Ohio as soon as feasible. Requests may be sent to aesohio.tplanning@aes.com. A member of the AES Ohio Transmission Planning team will review the request and respond back if additional details are needed to complete the initial review. These changes will be analyzed for any adverse impacts on the transmission system. Any changes to power output levels must follow the requirements of PJM Manual 14 series specifically but not limited to PJM Manual 14A. Any switching performed by the interconnect customer that results in abnormal operating conditions must be promptly reported to PJM and AES Ohio in advance for planned operations or as soon as feasible for emergency conditions.

R3.3 Procedures for confirming with those responsible for the reliability of affected systems that new or materially modified Facilities are within a Balancing Authority Area's metered boundary.

Interconnecting customers are required to notify the required parties in R3.2. In PJM's assessment of proposed facilities, there is verification that the customer is within the metered bounds through the PJM Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT), through the PJM Regional Transmission Expansion Process, and the New Services Request process. The OATT states that a customer proposing to connect to the Transmission System in the PJM Region needs to request interconnection with the Transmission System and will comply with applicable terms and conditions set forth in the tariff. As a result of this requirement, all new or modified facilities that want to interconnect or upgrade onto the PJM system (Balancing Authority) must come through the New Services Queue. All approved projects are given an Interconnection Service Agreements or Construction Service Agreements which are sent to FERC for review and approval.¹ These agreements are confirmatory evidence of compliance to FAC-001-3 that the proposing interconnection customer is within the metered bounds of the applicable balancing authority.

¹ PJM Compliance Bulletin CB028, NERC Standard FAC-001-3 - Facilities within the metered boundaries of a Balancing Authority.

4. Interconnection Requirements

4.1. Voltage Level and MW and MVAR Capacity or Demand at Point of Connection

The typical voltage range on the transmission system is from 90% to 105% of the nominal transmission voltages, which are 345kV, 138kV and 69kV. Generation facilities and Transmission facilities must be capable of continuous non-interrupted operation within a steady-state voltage range during system normal and single facility outage conditions. During emergency and/or transient system conditions, voltages may temporarily be outside the 90% to 105% range and all reasonable measures should be taken to avoid tripping of the Generation and/or Transmission facilities due to high or low voltage. The End-User must recognize the potential voltage ranges on the transmission system and install their own voltage regulating equipment if they need a more restrictive voltage range for their equipment. The End-User also must recognize there will be temporary excursions outside the typical voltage range and is responsible for providing any voltage sensing equipment required to protect their equipment during abnormal voltage operation.

Generation facilities desiring to connect to the transmission system must submit the MW capacity and energy and MVAR capability to PJM. These values will be used in the PJM studies to determine the impact of the interconnection to the reliability of the transmission system.

Parties desiring to connect their transmission system with AES Ohio's transmission system should be able to supply their own reactive power requirements unless mutually agreed to other arrangements. Transmission interconnections must be sized to handle the potential MW and MVAR flow under emergency conditions considered in the established planning criteria.

End-users desiring to interconnect to AES Ohio's transmission system must supply information on characteristics of load, such as initial and near future expected load (MW and MVAR), power factor of such load, voltage level at point of interconnection, and dynamic (flicker, harmonics, etc.) character of such load. This information will be requested on the Business/Non-Residential packet to be filled out by the customer.

4.2. Breaker Duty and Surge Protection

The Applicant must provide a three-phase interrupting device(s) with appropriate relays and/or other protective equipment to isolate their facility from the AES Ohio system for any faults, loss of supply from AES Ohio or abnormal operating conditions, whether or not their facility is operating. This device shall fully comply with the latest ANSI/IEEE C37 collection of standards and be capable of interrupting the maximum available fault current at that location. The device shall interrupt all three phases simultaneously. The tripping control of the circuit interrupting device shall be powered independently of the utility ac source in order to permit operation upon loss of the AES Ohio transmission system connection. Automatic reclosing of the Applicant's facilities is not permitted unless a special agreement is worked out with AES Ohio. All gas insulated protective devices within the Applicant's facility having a direct connection to a AES Ohio transmission line shall be equipped with a low gas pressure alarming/tripping/lockout scheme as appropriate for the particular device.

Lightning arresters protecting transformers are generally mounted on the transformer. However, since lightning arresters can adequately protect equipment some distance from the arresters, the overall number of lightning arresters required in each design can be

reduced. Allowable lightning arrester separation distance from the equipment being protected shall be determined by the latest edition of IEEE Std. C62.22 IEEE Guide for the Application of Metal-Oxide Surge Arresters for Alternating-Current Systems. The Applicant should consult the manufacturer's catalog for details concerning arrester protective characteristics, ratings, and application.

The minimum substation Basic Impulse Levels (BIL) and arrester ratings for AES Ohio are shown in Table 1:

Table 1. Substation BIL and Arrester Ratings

Nominal System Voltage	Substation Bus BIL (kV)	Bank Arrester (kV)	Line Arrester (kV)	Switch Rating (kV)	Transformer BIL (kV) Internal
69	350	60	60	72	350/350
138	550	108	108	115	550/650
345	1300	276	276	345	1050/1300

4.3. System Protection and Coordination

Generation facilities, transmission facilities, and end-user facilities connecting to the AES Ohio transmission system are responsible for providing a properly designed and tested Protection System pursuant to the latest IEEE C37 and C57 guides and standards for protective relaying systems and to all NERC, RF, and PJM standards related to system protection. The Applicant's Protection System is to coordinate with the interconnected Protection System owned by AES Ohio.

AES Ohio periodically performs studies on existing Protection Systems which may require changes to the Applicant's Protection System. In such cases, those customers will be notified and consulted regarding the changes required to ensure the reliable operation of AES Ohio's transmission Facilities.

Protection System Design

Utility grade protective relays and fault clearing systems are to be provided on the interconnected power system. All protective relays are to meet or exceed American National Standards Institute (ANSI)/IEEE Standard C37.90. Mechanical and electrical logic, interlocking mechanisms, and operational data may be required between interconnected Facilities to ensure safe and reliable operation. Examples of mechanical and electrical logic, interlocking mechanisms, and operation data include, but are not limited to, breaker and switch auxiliary contacts, synch-check relays, physical locking devices, solar irradiance, and inverter operating modes or setpoints.

The Applicant is to design the Protection System to minimize the effects of disturbances from its Facilities affecting AES Ohio interconnected Transmission System or customers. The Protection System is to: be adequately sensitive to detect all faults and abnormal conditions, provide coordination between protection zones, and operate quickly to maintain Transmission System reliability. In some cases, AES Ohio may require the Applicant to install additional equipment as necessary to address issues such as, but not limited to: relay overreach, transformer penetration, weak source, source impedance ratio (SIR), anti-islanding, and power quality. The Applicant must take responsibility for providing adequate system protection to its facilities and to AES Ohio facilities under any transmission operating condition, whether or not their facilities are in operation. Conditions may include but are not limited to:

- a. Single phasing of supply System faults.
- b. Equipment failures.
- c. Abnormal voltage or frequency.
- d. Lightning and switching surges.
- e. Excessive harmonic voltages and/or currents.
- f. Excessive negative sequence voltages
- g. Separation from AES Ohio.
- h. Synchronizing of generation to the AES Ohio system.

AES Ohio reserves the right to specify functional requirements and relay settings deemed necessary to avoid safety hazards or to prevent any disturbance, impairment or interference with AES Ohio's

ability to serve other customers. The criteria for these functional specifications and settings will be based on existing AES Ohio protection practices. AES Ohio reserves the right to specify the type and manufacturer for these protective relays to ensure compatibility with existing relays. AES Ohio will make the specific recommendations and requirements for protection based on the individual substation location, voltage and configuration.

AES Ohio shall review the Applicant's protection system coordination with the AES Ohio protection system before the Applicant will be permitted to connect to the AES Ohio system.

The following defines AES Ohio's requirements for protecting transmission elements connecting to AES Ohio's transmission grid.

Dual Primary Phase and Ground Protection Systems

Protection Systems classified as Dual Primary are required for all transmission elements connecting to AES Ohio's transmission grid. This scheme will require two independent high-speed, phase and ground fault Protection Systems designated Primary and Backup. Together these systems provide a redundant set of all normal primary and backup functions. The protection system shall have a power source independent from the AC system or immune to AC system loss or disturbances (e.g., DC battery and charger) to assure proper operation of the protection scheme.

Breaker Failure Protection

A breaker failure function is required for all interrupting devices of transmission elements connecting to a AES Ohio transmission bus as defined by the protection scheme. Breaker failure for any of the Applicant's breakers on the tie line between the Applicant and AES Ohio shall send direct transfer trip to the AES Ohio substation(s) on the remote end of the tie line.

Protection System Components

The Applicant's Protection System, including the protective relays, associated communication systems, voltage and current sensing devices, station batteries and DC control circuitry, must be compatible with AES Ohio's standard design for interconnected equipment and/or interconnected zones of protection. Compatibility includes protection application, redundancy, operating speed, communication type, and communication medium.

Wide Area Protection and Isolation

AES Ohio may require protection system upgrades on lines and substations adjacent to the Applicant's POI if the Applicant is a generation source. These upgrades may include, but are not limited to: adding/enhancing direct transfer trip (DTT) schemes, upgrading existing power line carrier (PLC) communication methods to phase-to-phase coupling, upgrading existing PLC communication methods to fiber optic communication, upgrading existing DCB protection schemes to DCUB protection schemes with weak infeed logic, adding fully redundant communication-assisted protection schemes, and adding an anti-islanding scheme to prevent individual generation sources from exclusively energizing transmission elements within the islanding boundary. The scope of these protection system upgrades (the islanding boundary) extends from the POI to the nearest terminal substations with three or more non-generation sources, inclusive of all substations along the way.

Tie Line Protection

The transmission tie line connecting AES Ohio's substation to the Applicant's substation needs to be protected with a Dual Primary protection scheme as specified above. A communication-assisted protection scheme over fiber/OPGW is required, more details on this are in the diagrams in Section 6.

Direct Transfer Trip

A transfer trip relaying system must be installed at the Applicant's expense if AES Ohio determines it is necessary to protect the Transmission System. The transfer trip relaying system shall consist of all transfer trip transmitters located at AES Ohio facilities, transfer trip receivers at

the Applicant's facility and the communication channels between the AES Ohio location(s) and the Applicant's Facility. More details on this are in the diagrams in Section 6.

4.4. Metering and Telecommunications

Metering

At the Applicant's expense, AES Ohio will install, own, operate and maintain the metering equipment at the delivery point. The Applicant must provide any necessary space for this metering equipment. The metering equipment will include potential and current transformers, meters and test switches. The accuracy of the instrument transformers and meters will be 0.3 percent or better. The secondary wiring and burdens of the instrument transformers will be configured so that they do not degrade the accuracy of the metering equipment to less than 0.3 percent. The metering equipment shall be tested periodically as defined in the connection or service agreement and the test results will be available to all involved parties. The meters, test switches and wiring termination equipment will be sealed, and the seal may be broken only when the meters are to be tested, adjusted or repaired. Proper authorities in both parties will be notified when seals are broken. At least (N-1) metering elements will be used to measure all real and reactive power crossing the metering point, where N is the number of wires in service including the ground wire. Bi-directional energy flows including watt-hour and var-hour will be separately measured on an hourly basis. Depending on the tariffs to be applied, appropriate demand quantities will be metered in terms of kilowatts, kilovars or kilovolt-amperes. The meters will have a separate register for loss compensation.

Revenue Metering

AES Ohio approved revenue class metering equipment shall be installed at the delivery point to meter the aggregated load of the connected facility consisting of instantaneous bi-directional real and reactive power and integrated hourly real and reactive energy metering. The instrument transformers used for revenue metering shall be installed on the high voltage side of the connecting party's step-down transformer. Under special circumstances and with written approval granted by AES Ohio, revenue metering may be performed on the low voltage side of the step-down transformer. Written approval shall only be given if the connecting party can demonstrate that accurate transformer loss compensation will be programmed into the revenue metering when instrument transformers are installed on the low voltage side of the step-down transformer or accepts a 1% differential between the low side and high side.

Telecommunications

If, at the discretion of AES Ohio, the interconnection necessitates real-time telemetry to the PJM and/or AES Ohio Transmission Control Center, AES Ohio will install, own, operate, and maintain, at the Applicant's expense, the communication channel, the telemetry equipment and associated devices. Suitable telemetry equipment shall be installed at the metering point to provide real-time telemetry data to AES Ohio and to all other participating parties. Telemetry equipment will include transducers, remote terminal units, modems, telecommunication lines, and any other equipment of the same or better function. The remote terminal unit, or equivalent device, must have multiple communication ports to allow simultaneous communications with all participating parties. That device will accommodate data communication requirements specified by each participating parties' control center, including communication protocol, rate and mode (either synchronous or asynchronous). All metered values provided to the telemetry equipment will originate from common metering equipment. All transducers used for telemetry will have at least 0.2 percent accuracy. As part of real-time data to be provided, AES Ohio has the right to require the status and remote control of switching devices at the Receipt and/or Delivery Points. A continuous, accumulating record of megawatt-hours and megavar-hours will be provided by means of the registers on the meter. Freezing accumulation data for transmission will be taken every clock hour. The freezing signals synchronized to within 2 seconds of Universal Coordinated Time must be provided by only one of the agreed-upon participating parties. If the freeze signal is not received within a predefined time window, the remote terminal unit, or equivalent device, will be capable of freezing data with its own internal clock. The metering, if external power supply is required, and telemetry equipment will be

powered from a reliable power source, such as a station control battery, in order to allow the equipment to be continuously operational under any power outage situations. Proper surge protection will be provided for each communication link to protect communication hardware from ground-potential-rise due to any fault conditions. A separate communication media shall be provided to allow AES Ohio to remotely retrieve billing quantities from the meters. When real-time telemetry is required, a back-up data link must be provided in case of the outage of the primary telemetry line. The back-up link can be a data communication link between involved control centers; the party requesting service is responsible for furnishing the back-up link. At the discretion of AES Ohio, generation control facilities and supervisory control and data acquisition of specific electrical devices from the PJM and/or AES Ohio Transmission Control Center may be necessary to integrate the generation into PJM's control area. Such additional facilities, including required communication channels, shall, if required, be furnished and installed at the Generation Owner's expense. The requirement for data acquisition and control will depend on the generation capacity, system location and voltage, and the net generation input into AES Ohio System. Data acquisition and control information will typically include, but not be limited to:

- a. desired generation MW set point,
- b. automatic generation control status (on, off),
- c. generator availability,
- d. generation MW, Mvar output,
- e. generator minimum and base MW capability,
- f. generator MW AGC high limit and low limit,
- g. connection facilities' breaker status/control/alarms,
- h. connection facilities' MW and Mvar line values and bus voltage, and
- i. generator and substation metering (MWh) data.

4.5. Grounding and Safety Issues

Safety is of utmost importance. Strict adherence to established switching, Lock Out/Tag Out procedures, and grounding procedures is required at all times for the safety of personnel. Any work carried out within a facility shall be performed in accordance with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations in compliance with Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), NESC, and good utility practice. Automatic and manual disconnect devices are to be provided as a means of removing all sources of current to any particular element of a power system. AES Ohio personnel must be granted 24x7 access for emergency patrol or tagging purposes. Only trained operators are to perform switching functions within a facility under the direction of the responsible dispatcher or designated person as outlined in the NESC.

A safe grounding design must accomplish two basic functions:

- a. Ensure that a person in the vicinity of grounded structures and facilities is not exposed to critical levels of step or touch potential.
- b. Provide a path for electric currents into the earth under normal and fault conditions without exceeding any operating and equipment limits or adversely affecting the continuity of service.

Applicant's equipment ground sources can contribute significant fault current. These ground sources should be considered in the design of the grounding system. The grounding system should be designed to provide a solid ground for all metallic structures and equipment in accordance with the last edition of IEEE Standard 80 IEEE Guide for Safety in AC Substation Grounding. The fence safety clearances in the Applicant's facility shall comply with Section 11 of the latest edition of

ANSI C2, National Electrical Safety Code. Testing must be performed to ensure safe step and touch potential parameters been met in accordance with IEEE 80.

When various switching devices are opened on an energized circuit, its ground reference may be lost if all sources are not effectively grounded. This situation may cause over voltages that can affect personnel safety and damage equipment. This is especially true when one phase becomes short-circuited to ground. Therefore, the interconnected transmission power system is to be effectively grounded from all sources. Interconnection generators should provide for effective system grounding of the high-side transmission equipment by means of a grounded high-voltage generation step-up transformer.

4.6. Insulation and Insulation Coordination

Insulation coordination is the selection of insulation strength. Insulation coordination must be done properly to ensure electric system reliability and personnel safety. Basic switching surge levels, surge arrester, conductor spacing, and gap application, substation and transmission line insulation strength, protection, and shielding shall be documented and submitted for evaluation as part of the interconnection plan. Equipment Basic Impulse Levels (BIL) shielding, and surge protection shall be designed to meet the latest IEEE C62 standards, along with AES Ohio standards. The minimum substation basic impulse levels for AES Ohio are shown in section R2.1.4. Facilities in areas with significant air pollution may require a higher insulation level. Higher strength insulators are available and should be used if needed to meet bus momentary fault circuit withstand values.

4.7. Substation Land Requirements

Standard and non-standard substation layouts for AES Ohio are shown in Appendix 8.1 and Appendix 8.2 respectively. Please refer to Table 2, which shows acreage requirements based upon these layouts. Note that the land requirements shown in Table 2 and in Appendix 8.1 and Appendix 8.2 do not include any stormwater detention basins as this varies from site to site.

Table 2. Substation Land Requirements

Substation Type	Fence Dimension	Land Dimension	Total Land Required
69kV 2 Bay Breaker & a Half	370' X 170'	570' x 370'	5 Acres
69kV 4 Bay Breaker & a Half	370' X 290'	570' X 490'	7 Acres
69kV 6 Element Ring	280' X 220'	480' X 420'	5 Acres
138kV 2 Bay Breaker & a Half	450' X 185'	650' X 385'	6 Acres
138kV 4 Bay Breaker & a Half	450' X 305'	650' X 505'	8 Acres
138kV 6 Element Ring	340' X 250'	540' X 450'	6 Acres
345kV 2 Bay Breaker & a Half	508' X 270'	708' X 470'	8 Acres
345kV 4 Bay Breaker & a Half	508' X 460'	708' X 660'	11 Acres

4.8. Voltage, Reactive Power, and Power Factor Control

PJM is responsible for the stability and reliable operation of the electric transmission system. An essential part of the transmission system reliability is the coordination of real and reactive power sources to maintain an adequate voltage profile both for normal and contingency conditions. Reactive sources must be distributed throughout the electric systems due to large voltage drops associated with transmission of reactive power.

Operators of transmission systems follow voltage control strategies to minimize the risk of exceeding equipment voltage limitations and the grid’s voltage stability limitations.

Generation Interconnection

All generation customers interconnected to the AES Ohio transmission system are responsible for operating their units in a stable manner.

Generation excitation and prime mover controls are key elements in ensuing electric system stability and reliability. Reasonable measures should be taken to avoid tripping of the generation facilities due to high or low voltage excursions. PJM must have the ability to establish voltage and governor control requirement for all generators connected to the system. These requirements may vary depending on location, size, and type of generation installed. Generation customers are required with oversight by PJM to follow the current NERC and RF standards and guides for generation operation, protection, and control. Power factor requirements for new generation interconnection requests and increases to existing generators are documented in PJM Manual 14 series specifically but not limited to PJM Manual 14A – Generation and Transmission Interconnection Process in the section for Additional Generation Requirements. Specific requirements for voltage regulators, power system stabilizers, governor controls, and remote control and telemetry of such devices will be determined during the System Impact Study. The specific requirements for a generator will become part of the Interconnection Service Agreement.

Transmission Facilities

The transmission system must be capable of moving electric power under a wide variety of expected system conditions. Reasonable measures should be taken to avoid tripping of transmission facilities due to high or low voltage excursions. Transmission facilities must be designed to minimize excessively high voltages during light transmission loading conditions yet have adequate reactive supplies to support system voltage during heavy transmission loading conditions.

End-User

End-Users connected directly to the AES Ohio transmission system should plan and design their systems to operate at close to unity power factor to minimize the reactive power burden on the transmission system.

4.9. Power Quality Impacts

The Applicant shall take responsibility for limiting harmonic voltage and current distortion and/or voltage flicker caused by their equipment. Limits for harmonic distortion (including inductive telephone influence factors) are consistent with those published in the latest ANSI/IEEE 519, Recommended Practices and Requirements for Harmonic Control in Electrical Power Systems. AES Ohio criteria requires that flicker occurring at the Interconnection Point shall be compatible with the levels specified in IEC 61000-3-7, “Assessment of emissions limits for fluctuating loads in MV and HV power systems.” Compatibility levels are shown in Table 3.

Table 3. Compatibility Levels

Voltage Levels	Pst (Perception, Short Term)	Plt (Perception, Long Term)
≤ 1 kV	1.0	0.8
1kV < V ≤ 35kV	0.9	0.7
> 35kV	0.8	0.6

Depending upon the nature of the equipment and its location, AES Ohio may require the installation of a monitoring system to permit ongoing assessment of compliance with these criteria. The monitoring system, if required, will be installed at the Applicant's expense.

Certain electrical equipment in the Applicant's facility may be sensitive to normally occurring electric interference from nearby connected loads within the facility, from other End-Users connected to the power system, from natural causes, and system switching, etc. If sensitive electrical equipment is to be supplied directly from the electric power system, it is recommended that the equipment grounding requirements and power supply requirements be examined by the End-User consultant prior to installation. Attention should be given to equipment tolerance to various forms of electric interference, including voltage sags and surges, momentary outages, transients, current and voltage harmonic distortion, or other electrical and electromechanical noise. When electrical disturbances to sensitive electrical equipment such as computers, electronics, controls, and communication equipment cannot be tolerated, the End-User shall install additional equipment as necessary to prevent equipment malfunctions and protect against equipment failure. The End-User should consult the supplier of such sensitive electrical equipment regarding the power supply requirements or the remedial measures to be taken to alleviate potential operational problems or failure of the equipment. The End-User may need to hire a power quality consultant to perform a site survey of the electric power supply environment and furnish recommendations to provide the acceptable levels of reliability and quality of service.

4.10. Equipment Ratings

All circuit breakers and other fault-interrupting devices shall be capable of safely interrupting fault currents for any fault they may be required to interrupt. Application of circuit breakers shall be in accordance with the ANSI/IEEE C37 collection of standards.

All current carrying equipment and devices shall be designed to not limit the rating of the transmission line to less than the rating of the transmission circuit without the interconnection. Loads exceeding nameplate or normal design capacities are acceptable only when allowed by manufacturers' design documentation or standard industry practice.

Equipment BILs, shielding, and surge protective device application must meet requirements as determined by the latest IEEE C62 standards. AES Ohio will provide the BIL for the system in the interconnection area. Also, equipment must meet all applicable ANSI/IEEE standards and specifications communicated by PJM and AES Ohio.

4.11. Synchronization of Facilities

Synchronizing equipment consisting of potential transformers and associated protective relaying/controls is required on facilities where energy can be sourced on both sides of an interconnection breaker. This equipment serves the following purposes:

- a. Verifies the voltages on both sides of a circuit breaker fall within certain tolerances of magnitude and phase angle as established by system conditions.
- b. Supervises the closing and automatic reclosing of the circuit breaker.
- c. Prevents the closing of the circuit breaker when the two systems are out of sync.

Generation facilities and transmission facilities customers shall install sync check breakers and relaying on the interconnection breakers with AES Ohio's transmission system. End-Users do not require sync check breakers as long as they do not have generation on their side of the interconnection. The Applicant assumes all responsibility for properly synchronizing their generation or transmission facilities with the AES Ohio Transmission System. Upon loss of the AES Ohio supply, the Applicant shall immediately and positively cause the generation and transmission facilities to be separated from the AES Ohio system. Synchronizing and connection to

the AES Ohio Transmission System must be performed under the direction of the PJM Control Center with coordination by the AES Ohio Transmission Control Center.

4.12. Maintenance Coordination

The maintenance of facilities is the responsibility of the owner of those facilities. Adjoining facilities on the interconnected power system are to be maintained in accordance with accepted industry practices and procedures to ensure proper operation of equipment. Each party is to have a documented maintenance program ensuring compliance to NERC, RF, and PJM standards. AES Ohio will have the right to review maintenance reports and calibration records of equipment that could impact the AES Ohio system. Planned maintenance and testing of the facilities must be scheduled and coordinated through PJM to ensure the reliability and capability of the AES Ohio transmission system is maintained.

4.13. Operational Issues (abnormal frequency and voltages)

The interconnection will be operated consistent with NERC, RF, and PJM requirements. Specific transmission conditions and procedures for operation of Transmission Facilities within PJM are found in PJM Manual 3 – Transmission Operations. All switching that could impact the transmission system must be coordinated through PJM.

The AES Ohio system typically operates at a nominal 60 Hz with a variation of +0.05 Hz to –0.05 Hz (59.95 to 60.05 Hz). Under certain emergency conditions, the transmission system may operate for a period of time outside of this range. The transmission system is designed to automatically activate a load-shed program as required by RF in the event of an under-frequency system disturbance. The interconnected party is responsible for providing any frequency sensing equipment required to protect their facility during abnormal frequency operation. Generators must be capable of continuous, non-interrupted operation in this frequency range. Limited time, non-interrupted operation is also expected outside this frequency range in accordance with RF requirements.

Voltages can range on the AES Ohio transmission system from 90% to 105% of the nominal transmission voltages, which are 345kV, 138kV, and 69kV. Generation facilities and Transmission facilities must be capable of continuous non-interrupted operation within a steady-state voltage range during system normal and single facility outage conditions.

During emergency and/or transient system conditions, voltages may temporarily be outside the 90% to 105% range. The End-Users must recognize the potential voltage ranges on the transmission system and install their own voltage regulating equipment if they need a more restrictive voltage range for their equipment. The End-User also must recognize there will be temporary excursions outside the typical voltage range and is responsible for providing any voltage sensing equipment required to protect their equipment during abnormal voltage operation.

4.14. Inspection Requirements for Existing or New Facilities

Each party to the interconnection agreement shall perform routine inspections and testing of its facilities and equipment in accordance with good utility practice and regulatory requirements to ensure the continued interconnection of the facilities with the AES Ohio transmission system.

Each party shall, at its own expense, have the right to observe the testing of any of the other party's facilities and equipment whose performance may reasonably be expected to affect the reliability of the observing parties' facilities and equipment. Each party shall notify the other party in advance of facility and equipment testing, and the other party may have a representative attend and be present during such testing. If a party observes any deficiencies or defects on or become aware of a lack of scheduled maintenance and testing with respect to the other party's facilities and equipment that might reasonably be expected to adversely affect the observing party's facilities and equipment, the observing party shall provide notice to the other party that is prompt under the circumstances, and the other party shall make any corrections required in accordance with good utility practice and as required by regulatory agencies. Where deficiencies or defects are not resolved in a reasonable

manner, decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis whether the facility may remain in operation. Decisions will consider severity of the deficiency or defect and the resulting impact to reliability.

PJM and AES Ohio shall receive final documentation of the Facility once the facility is ready for operation. Prior to operation of a facility, the Applicant shall supply to AES Ohio three copies of all-final electric one-line, equipment data, and schematic diagrams. Subsequent revisions affecting the Facility shall be documented with three copies of the revised electric one-line and schematic diagrams.

The construction, testing, and maintenance of the protective relaying equipment provided by the Applicant for protection of the Transmission System shall be subject to review and approval by AES Ohio. Prior to the connection, energizing of, or operation of the Facility, the Applicant shall obtain approval from AES Ohio for the Facility, electrical equipment specifications, and operating procedures. PJM and AES Ohio will issue final approval for operation of an Applicant's Facilities. For generators and transmission interconnections, a signed Interconnection Agreement with AES Ohio is required for final approval of the Interconnection and before connection of the Facility to the Transmission System. Failure to meet any of the requirements stated herein to the satisfaction of AES Ohio may result in a refusal to permit operation of the generation facility. Review and approval by AES Ohio of the proposed generation facility specifications and plans shall not be construed as confirming or endorsing the design or warranting the safety, durability, reliability, adequacy, or otherwise of the Applicant's Facility.

4.15. Communications and Procedures During Normal and Emergency Operating Conditions

Complete, precise, and timely communication is an essential element for maintaining reliability and security of a power system. Under normal operating conditions, the major link of communication with various interconnects shall be by telephone lines. AES Ohio and the Interconnected Customer shall maintain communications which shall include, but not limited to:

- a. System paralleling or separation
- b. Scheduled or unscheduled shutdowns
- c. Equipment clearances
- d. Periodic load reports
- e. Maintenance schedules
- f. Tagging of interconnection interrupting devices
- g. Meter tests
- h. Relay tests
- i. Billing
- j. Other routine communication

In case of emergency or abnormal operating conditions, various communication channels may be used depending on the interconnection category. Emergency telephone numbers should be agreed upon by both parties prior to the actual connect date. The Interconnect Customer shall install and maintain satisfactory operating communications with PJM's system dispatcher and with AES Ohio's transmission system dispatcher. The Interconnect Customer shall provide standard voice line, dedicated voice line and facsimile communications at its Customer Facility control room through the use of the public telephone system. The interconnection Customer also shall provide and maintain backup communication links with both PJM and AES Ohio for use during abnormal conditions as specified by PJM and AES Ohio. The Interconnection Customer further shall provide

the dedicated data circuits necessary to provide Interconnection Customer data to PJM and AES Ohio as necessary to conform with applicable technical requirements and standards.

The Interconnect Customer is required to notify PJM and AES Ohio their intention to perform any operational step(s) that could have an influence on the transmission system. Planned outages of facilities that impact the transmission system must be scheduled and coordinated through PJM.

Each Interconnect Party shall notify the other parties promptly when it becomes aware of an emergency condition that may reasonably be expected to affect operation of the Customer Facility, the Customer Interconnection Facilities, the AES Ohio Interconnection Facilities, or the transmission system. The Interconnection Customer is required to follow PJM and AES Ohio instructions during emergency conditions. Specific instructions may also be given regarding the operation of the Applicant's Facilities depending on the nature of the emergency. These instructions may consist of voltage schedule changes, real and/or reactive dispatch changes, or instructions to shut down or start-up the Applicant's generation. It is the Applicant's responsibility to ensure that the unit operators follow all instructions given by PJM or AES Ohio during system emergencies. Participation in drill conducted by PJM or AES Ohio is required upon request. AES Ohio personnel must be granted 24x7 access for emergency patrol or tagging purposes.

End-user customers will provide communication to AES Ohio through their AES Ohio Account Managers.

5. Inverter-based Resources - Interconnection Requirements

In addition to the facility requirements listed above for generation interconnection customers, the following capabilities and control settings are desired for inverter-based resources connecting to the AES Ohio system.

5.1. Active Power – Frequency Control

The inverter-based resources interconnecting to the AES Ohio system require active power-frequency control in accordance with the FERC Order No. 842 to provide primary frequency response capability. It must install, maintain, and operate equivalent controls capable of primary frequency response. The response provided by the generating facility shall be a timely and sustained response to any frequency excursions greater than ± 0.036 Hz deadband and follow a maximum 5% droop. For any deviation in frequency beyond the specified deadband, the inverter output must not be a step change and should follow a droop curve with a maximum 5% droop.

A response at a different droop rate or an asymmetrical droop curve might be required by AES Ohio as needed based on the studies performed at the point of interconnection.

To meet this requirement, the inverter-based resource is expected to be capable to reduce its output to respond to an over-frequency event and be capable to increasing the active power output to the maximum rated output during an under-frequency event. For any sudden changes in frequency the dynamic performance should meet or exceed the criteria listed in Table 4 and is also illustrated in Figure 1.

Table 4. Dynamic Active Power-Frequency Performance

Parameter	Description	Performance Target
For a step change in frequency at the Point of Measurement (POM) ² of the inverter-based resource		
Reaction Time	Time between the step change in frequency and the time when the resource active power output begins responding to the change	< 500 ms
Rise Time	Time in which the resource has reached 90% of the new steady-state (target) active output command	< 4 sec
Settling Time	Time in which the resource has entered into, and remains within, the settling band of the new steady-state active power output command	< 10 sec
Overshoot	Percentage of rated active power output that the resource can exceed while reaching the settling band	< 5%
Settling Band	Percentage of rated active power output that the resource should settle to within the settling time	< 2.5%

² High side of the generator substation transformer as per FERC Order No. 827

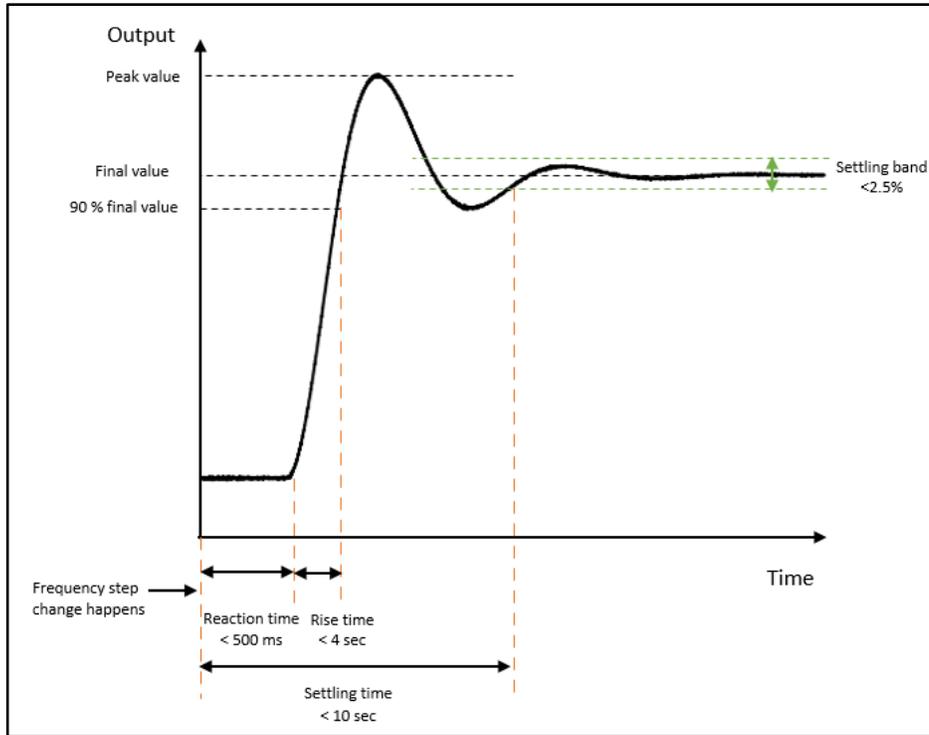


Figure 1. Dynamic Active Power-Frequency Performance

The generating owner should either verify the performance of the resource at a curtailed output during commissioning or provide EMTP study results based on a tuned model that utilizes the actual algorithm to be implemented on site. Any changes to the control logic and the operation of the resource should be communicated to AES Ohio and the EMTP model must be updated and tuned as implemented on site.

5.2. Reactive Power – Voltage Control

Per NERC Reliability Standard VAR-002-4.1, new inverter-based resources interconnecting to the AES Ohio system are required to be able to control voltage at the POM with a closed-loop, automatic voltage control mode to maintain the scheduled voltage in the AES Ohio transmission system within $\pm 2\%$ deviation.

The inverter-based resource shall be designed to exchange reactive power with the BPS for voltage control when no active power is generated. Inverter-based resources should meet small disturbance and large disturbance performance requirements in voltage control. Generally, small disturbance behavior is where voltage stays within the continuous operating range and large disturbance behavior is where voltage falls outside this range (i.e., “ride-through mode”). Typically, boundary of continuous operating range is ± 2 percent around nominal operating voltage determined by AES Ohio.

Small disturbance behavior is typically dominated by the plant-level controls while large disturbance behavior is typically dominated by the individual inverter controls. For small disturbance, inverter-based resources shall have the capability to meet or exceed the performance characteristics shown in 5 and Figure 2.

Table 5. Small Disturbance Reactive Power-Voltage Performance

Parameter	Description	Performance Target
For a step change in frequency at the POM of the inverter-based resource...		
Reaction Time	Time between the step change in voltage and when the resource reactive power output begins responding to the change	< 500 ms
Rise Time	Time between a step change in control signal input (reference voltage or POM voltage) and when the reactive power output changes by 90% of its final value	1-30 sec
Overshoot	Percentage of rated reactive power output that the resource can exceed while reaching the settling band	< 5%

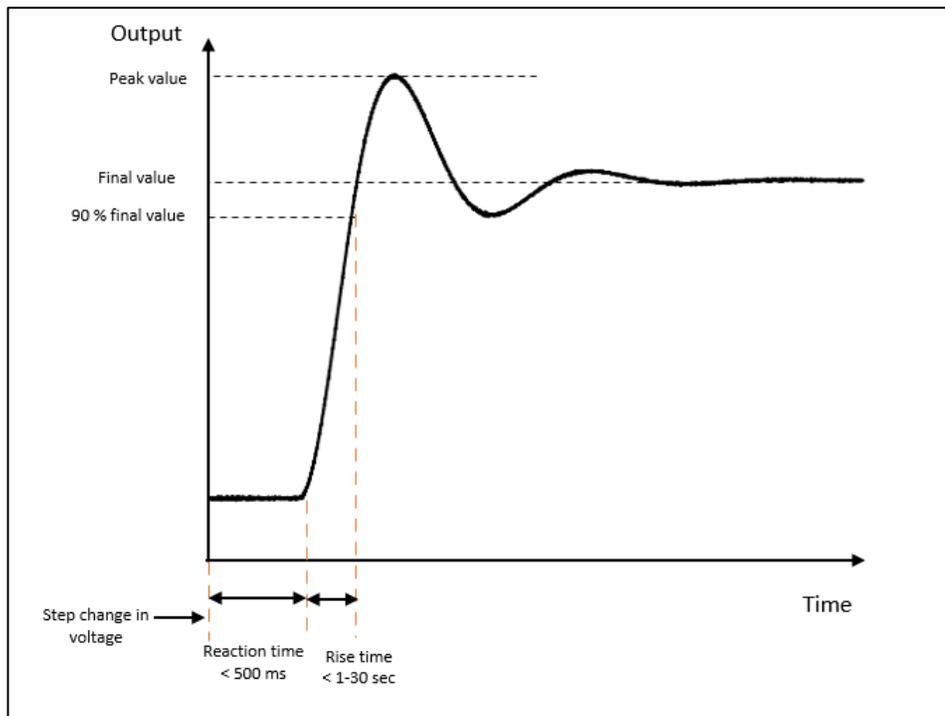


Figure 2. Small Disturbance Reactive Power-Voltage Performance

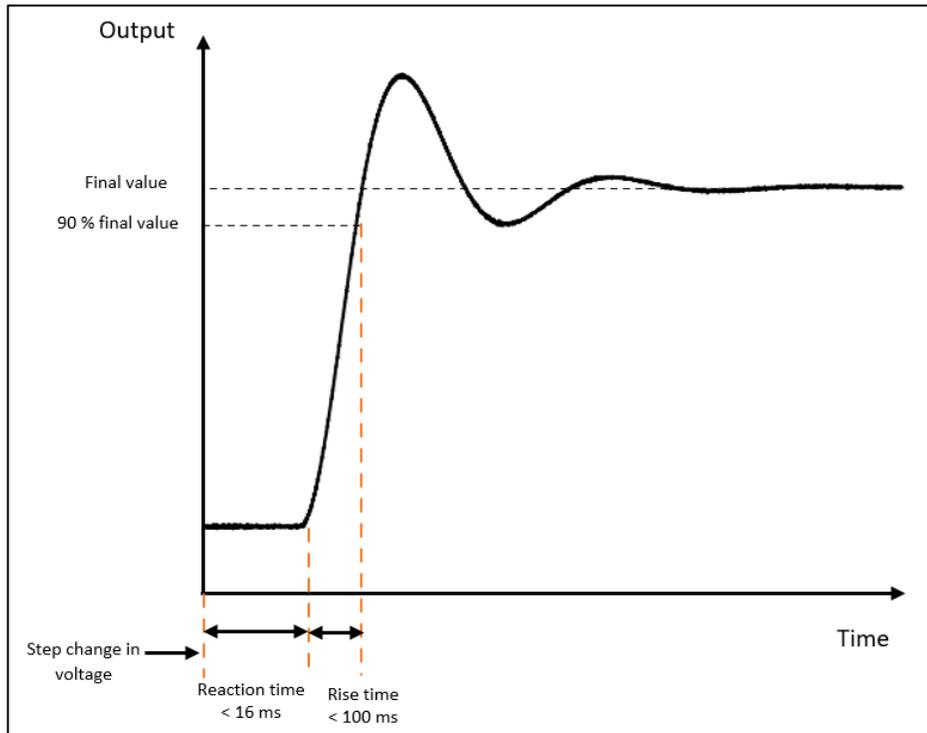
For large disturbance, inverter-based resources should have the capability to meet or exceed the performance characteristics shown in 6 and

Figure 3.

Table 6. Large Disturbance Reactive Current-Voltage Performance

Parameter	Description	Performance Target
For a large disturbance step change in voltage, measured at the inverter terminals, where voltage falls outside the continuous operating range, the positive sequence component of the inverter reactive current response should meet the following performance specifications		
Reaction Time	Time between the step change in voltage and when the resource reactive power output begins responding to the change	< 16 ms
Rise Time	Time between a step change in control signal input (reference voltage or POM voltage) and when the reactive power output changes by 90% of its final value	< 100 ms
Overshoot	Percentage of rated reactive current output that the resource can exceed while reaching the settling band.	Determined by AES Ohio*

*AES Ohio will indicate the reactive power overshoot limit based on the Point of Interconnection and the local voltage profile³.



³ Any overshoot in reactive power response should not cause BPS voltages to exceed acceptable voltage limits. The magnitude of the dynamic response may be requested to be reduced by the TP or PC based on stability studies.

Figure 3. Large Disturbance Reactive Current-Voltage Performance

To maintain the scheduled voltage at the POI, the inverter-based resource under voltage control will respond to a voltage range or setpoint to determine the amount of reactive power compensation required. If there are existing resources regulating the same bus or located in close proximity, the interconnecting resource is required to utilize a reactive droop for the voltage outside the pre-determined deadband to coordinate the voltage control with the nearby resources.

The selection of the reactive droop and voltage control should be coordinated with AES Ohio and based on the AES Ohio’s operating voltage range. An illustration of the Reactive Power – Voltage Control characteristic based on the NERC Reliability Guideline for BPS-Connected Inverter-Based Resource Performance⁴ is included in Figure 4.

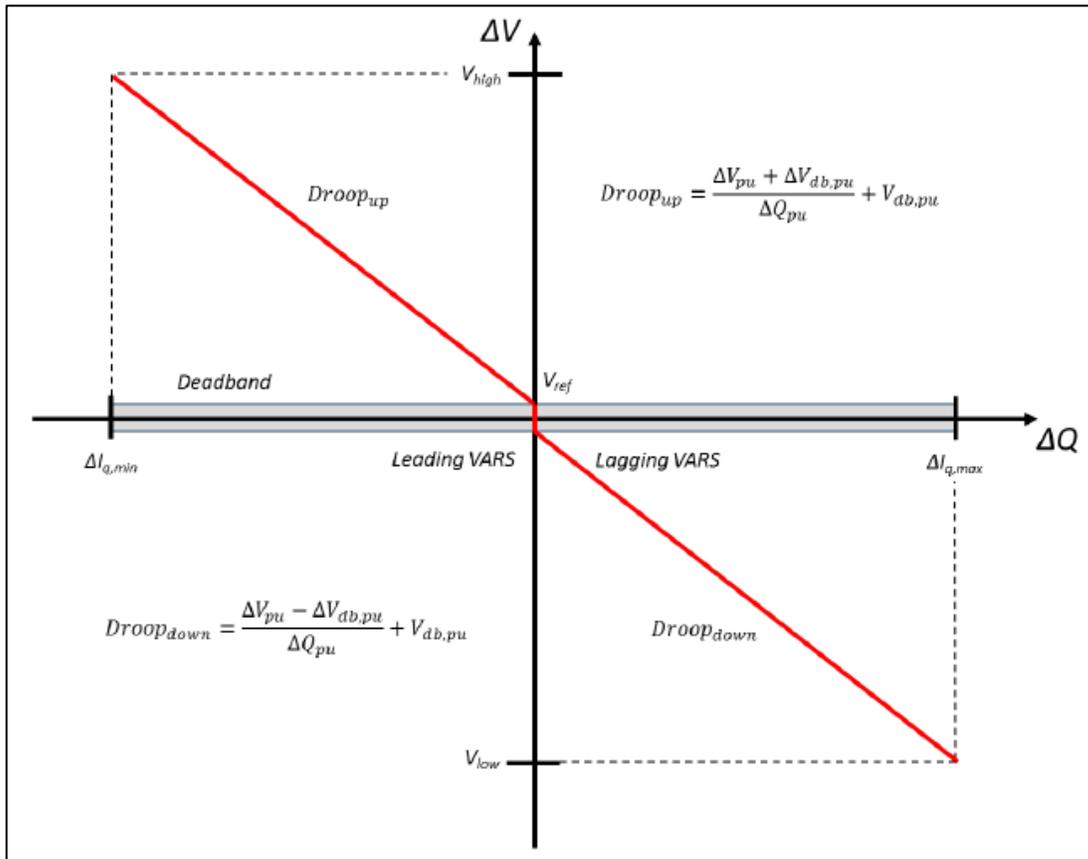


Figure 4. Reactive Power – Voltage Control Characteristic

5.3. Power Factor

In accordance with FERC Order No. 827, all newly interconnecting inverter-based resources are required to provide dynamic reactive power support within the power factor range of 0.95 leading to 0.95 lagging measured from the Point of Measurement (POM) at the rated active power output. 0.95 leading when the Facility is operating up to its maximum designed MW output and the voltage at the Point of Interconnection (the high-side of the Generation Substation) is in the range of 100%-105% of the nominal voltage; and 0.95 lagging when Facility is operating up to its maximum designed MW output and the voltage at the Point of Interconnection (high-side of the Generation

⁴ https://www.nerc.com/comm/OC_Reliability_Guidelines_DL/Inverter-Based_Resource_Performance_Guideline.pdf

Substation) is in the range of 90%-100% of the nominal voltage. Similar to synchronous machines, it is recommended that, if additional reactive power capability is available from the inverter-based resources for a specific active power output, that capability should not be artificially limited.

Static reactive power devices can only be used to make up for reactive losses that occur between the inverters and the transmission voltage side of the generator step-up transformer. Any shortfall in the dynamic reactive power should be compensated by installing a dynamic reactive power device such as a STATCOM or SVC.

For each inverter model installed at the project site, a P-Q curve, also known as the capability curve, must be provided to AES Ohio by the generation owner. The curve should include the active and reactive power injection capability at nominal voltage, and across the voltage range of 92% to 105% of the nominal voltage at the POM. A “composite capability curve” which includes the overall active and reactive power output capability of the resource at the (POM) shall also be provided by the generation customer if available.

5.4. Power Quality

Power quality meters and meter accuracy instrument transformers should be installed at the POI of the inverter-based resources. The following requirement must be met for the inverter-based resource.

Voltage Flicker

Inverter-based resources may become a source for voltage flicker under abnormal system configurations (i.e., major outage conditions). Therefore, the interconnection customer shall make provisions to install power quality monitoring devices to ensure that the IEEE standard 1453-2015⁵ requirement is met at the POI with the inverter-based resource. The required planning levels for voltage flicker are shown in Table 77 where $L_{P_{st}}$ and $L_{P_{lt}}$ are the short-term and long-term planning levels. Flicker mitigation options may include inverter-based resource curtailment, coordinated outage planning, or enhanced inverter-based resource controls more suited for a wide range of system strengths.

Table 77 Required planning levels for voltage flicker

Voltage Level	$L_{P_{st}}$	$L_{P_{lt}}$
1kV < V ≤ 35kV	0.9	0.7
> 35kV	0.8	0.6

Harmonic Distortion

Harmonic injection into the transmission system is another power quality concern for the inverter-based resource. Therefore, the interconnection Customer shall make provisions to install power quality monitoring devices to ensure that the IEEE standard 519-2014⁶ requirement is met at the POI with the inverter-based resource. The interconnection customer may request AES Ohio to provide frequency-dependent system (source) impedances, including the effects of nearby reactive compensation facilities (e.g., switching shunt capacitor banks on-line and off-line), so that information can be provided to the inverter manufacturer during the study process.

The following requirement should be met for voltage distortion:

- Daily 99th percentile very short time (3 s) values should be less than 1.5 times the values given in Table 8.
- Weekly 95th percentile short time (10 min) values should be less than the values given in Table 8.

⁵ <https://standards.ieee.org/standard/1453-2015.html>

⁶ <https://standards.ieee.org/standard/519-2014.html>

All values should be in percent of the rated power frequency voltage at the POI. Table 8 applies to voltage harmonics whose frequencies are integer multiples of the power frequency.

Table 8. Voltage distortion requirement

Voltage Level	Individual harmonic (%)	Total harmonic distortion THD (%)
$V \leq 1 \text{ kV}$	5.0	8.0
$1 \text{ kV} < V \leq 69 \text{ kV}$	3.0	5.0
$69 \text{ kV} < V \leq 161 \text{ kV}$	1.5	2.5
$161 \text{ kV} < V$	1.0	1.5

For systems with different voltage levels, the following requirement should be met for current distortion:

- Daily 99th percentile very short time (3 s) harmonic currents should be less than 2.0 times the corresponding values given in Table 9 through Table 11.
- Weekly 99th percentile short time (10 min) harmonic currents should be less than 1.5 times the corresponding values given in Table 9-Table 11.
- Weekly 95th percentile short time (10 min) harmonic currents should be less than the corresponding values given in Table 9-Table 11.

Table 9. Current distortion requirement for system rated 120V through 69 kV

Individual harmonic order (odd harmonics) *						
I_{sc}/I_L	$3 \leq h < 11$	$11 \leq h < 17$	$17 \leq h < 23$	$23 \leq h < 35$	$35 \leq h \leq 50$	Total demand distortion (TDD)
< 20	4.0	2.0	1.5	0.6	0.3	5.0
(20, 50]	7.0	3.5	2.5	1.0	0.5	8.0
(50, 100]	10.0	4.5	4.0	1.5	0.7	12.0
(100, 1000]	12.0	5.5	5.0	2.0	1.0	15.0
> 1000	15.0	7.0	6.0	2.5	1.4	20.0

Table 10. Current distortion requirement for system rated 69 kV through 161 kV

Individual harmonic order (odd harmonics) *						
I_{sc}/I_L	$3 \leq h < 11$	$11 \leq h < 17$	$17 \leq h < 23$	$23 \leq h < 35$	$35 \leq h \leq 50$	Total demand distortion (TDD)
< 20	2.0	1.0	0.75	0.3	0.15	2.5
(20, 50]	3.5	1.75	1.25	0.5	0.25	4.0
(50, 100]	5.0	2.25	2.0	0.75	0.35	6.0
(100, 1000]	6.0	2.75	2.5	1.0	0.5	7.5
> 1000	7.5	3.5	3.0	1.25	0.7	10.0

Table 11. Current distortion requirement for system rated above 161 kV

Individual harmonic order (odd harmonics) *						
I_{sc}/I_L	$3 \leq h < 11$	$11 \leq h < 17$	$17 \leq h < 23$	$23 \leq h < 35$	$35 \leq h \leq 50$	Total demand distortion (TDD)
< 25	1.0	0.5	0.38	0.15	0.1	1.5
(25, 50]	2.0	1.0	0.75	0.3	0.15	2.5
> 50	3.0	1.5	1.15	0.45	0.22	3.75

* Even harmonics are limited to 25% of the odd harmonic limits above. Current distortions that result in a dc offset, e.g., half-wave converters, are not allowed.

I_{sc} = maximum short-circuit current at POI

I_L = maximum demand load current (fundamental frequency component) at the POI under normal load operating conditions

5.5. Fault Ride Through Capability

In accordance to NERC Reliability Standard PRC-024-2 and NERC Reliability Guideline for BPS-Connected Inverter-Based Resource Performance, all new inverter-based resources interconnecting to the AES Ohio transmission system are required to have the voltage ride-through and frequency ride-through capability. Inverters must continue current injection during disturbances with the ride-through duration. The PRC-024-2 voltage and frequency ride-through curves specify a “No Trip Zone”. Operations outside of the “No Trip Zone” shall not be interpreted as a “Must Trip Zone” but rather a “May Trip Zone”. Tripping should be based on physical equipment limitations and protection should be set to the widest range of voltage and frequency deviations possible while still ensuring equipment safety and reliability.

The frequency and voltage ride-through curves described in NERC Reliability Standard PRC-024-2 apply to the POI and not the inverter terminals themselves.

Voltage Ride-Through

This voltage ride-through is separated into two aspects: fundamental frequency voltage ride-through and sub-cycle transient overvoltage ride-through.

The fundamental frequency voltage ride-through requirement is shown in Table 12. In a disturbance, the inverter-based resource must remain interconnected within the “No Trip Zone” described in Table 12. In Table 12, voltages are filtered fundamental frequency RMS at POI.

Table 12. Fundamental Frequency Voltage ride-through requirement

High Voltage Ride Through Duration		Low Voltage Ride Through Duration	
Voltage (pu)	Time (s)	Voltage (pu)	Time (s)
≥ 1.200	Instantaneous trip	< 0.45	0.15
≥ 1.175	0.20	< 0.65	0.30
≥ 1.15	0.50	< 0.75	2.00
≥ 1.10	1.00	< 0.90	3.00

The sub-cycle transient overvoltage ride-through requirement is shown in Table 13. In Table 13, voltage values are instantaneous inverter terminal voltage.

Table 13. sub-cycle transient overvoltage ride-through requirement

Voltage (pu)	Time (s)
≥ 2.000	Instantaneous trip
≥ 1.700	0.0016
≥ 1.400	0.003

Frequency Ride-Through

The frequency ride-through requirement is shown in Table 14. In a disturbance, the inverter-based resource must remain interconnected within the “No Trip Zone” described in Table 14. In Table 14, the specified frequency ride-through requirement is not based on instantaneously calculated frequency. The frequency requirement is based on an accurately calculated and filtered frequency measurement over a time window (e.g., six cycles). The phase jumps during ride-through event should not result in inverter tripping.

Table 14. Frequency ride-through requirement

High Frequency Ride Through Duration		Low Frequency Ride Through Duration	
Frequency (Hz)	Time (s)	Frequency (Hz)	Time (s)
≥ 61.8	Instantaneous trip	≤ 57.8	Instantaneous trip
≥ 60.5	$10^{(90.935-1.45713*f)}$	≤ 59.5	$10^{(1.7373*f-100.116)}$
< 60.5	Continuous operation	> 59.5	Continuous operation

5.6. Momentary Cessation⁷

All the Inverter-based Generation Resources should be able to continuously inject current within the “No Trip Zone” of the PRC-024-2 frequency and voltage ride-through curves. Therefore, newly interconnecting inverter-based resources in the AES Ohio system should eliminate the use of momentary cessation inside the “No Trip zone” unless a reliability study identifies the need to cease injecting current. If the momentary cessation is approved by AES Ohio and utilized by the interconnecting generator, the following information shall be provided by the generation customer:

⁷ Momentary cessation, also referred to as “blocking,” is when no current is injected into the grid by the inverter during low or high voltage conditions outside the continuous operating range. This occurs because the power electronic firing commands are blocked, and the inverter does not produce active or reactive current (and therefore no active or reactive power).

- Low voltage magnitude threshold (pu) for momentary cessation
The low voltage at which the inverter enters momentary cessation (ceases firing of power electronics commands such that the inverter does not produce active or reactive current). If the limit is based on a time duration (i.e., different levels for different times), then a curve should be provided.
- High voltage magnitude threshold (pu) for momentary cessation
The high voltage at which the inverter enters momentary cessation (ceases firing of power electronics commands such that the inverter does not produce active or reactive current). If the limit is based on a time duration (i.e., different levels for different times), then a curve should be provided.
- Time delay before recovery begins after voltage recovers (sec)
- Active current ramp rate back to pre-contingency current after voltage recovery (pu/sec)
The ramp rate (expressed in terms of percent of rated current per second) of recovery in active current injection following momentary cessation.
- Inverter-based resources should be designed and configured to use momentary cessation only outside the “No Trip Zone” if this helps mitigate potential tripping conditions based on the interconnection studies.
- Interconnecting generators should ensure that the dynamic models, both generic and vendor-specific, used to represent their inverter-based resource(s) capture momentary cessation. Any updates to the model shall be coordinated with the inverter manufacturer and provided to the AES Ohio transmission Planning team.

5.7. Grid Forming Capability

If the inverter-based resource can form the grid by providing the voltage and frequency reference independent of the existing utility system, the inverter-based resources should not attempt to automatically reconnect to the grid. The generator must follow operating instructions from the grid operator.

After the system impact studies, AES Ohio shall decide if the inverter-based resource will be required to participate in the black start process, and if so, the resource must satisfy the requirements in the NERC Standard EOP-005-2⁸ and PJM Manual 36⁹. The resource should be capable of self-starting and can be required to operate in the grid forming mode (ISO-mode) by providing the voltage and frequency reference required to pick up critical load or assist in start-up of other generation resources. Further requirements on system protection and generation configurations can be found in Section 3.3 and Section 6 respectively.

5.8. Operational and Maintenance Requirements

Monitoring Events Data

Data related to the inverter to effectively monitor resource performance and perform event analysis must be provided within 30 calendar days of the request from AES Ohio by the Generator Owner. All data in an inverter-based resource shall be synchronized to a common reference time. An overview of the data points and the corresponding resolution and retention requirements are shown in Table 15.

⁸ <https://www.nerc.com/pa/Stand/Reliability%20Standards/EOP-005-2.pdf>

⁹ <https://pjm.com/~media/documents/manuals/m36.ashx>

Table 15. Measurement Data and Retention Requirements

Data Type	Measurement Data Points	Resolution	Retention
Plant Control Settings	<p>The plant settings, set points, and other static information must be captured at a suitable resolution to identify changes. Data points include, but not limited to –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active power/frequency control mode of operation. • Reactive power/voltage mode of operation • Individual inverter mode of operation • Digital control system gains, time constants, limiters 	Static, as changed	1 year
Plant SCADA Data	<p>The SCADA system should include, at a minimum, the following data points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All breaker statuses • Shunt (dynamic or static) reactive compensation statuses • Shunt (dynamic or static) reactive power output • Substation transformer status • Substation transformer tap position • Time synchronization • Medium voltage collector system statuses • Individual inverter statuses • External control signals • External automatic generation control signals • Active and reactive power commands sent to individual inverters • Active and reactive power output of individual inverters • Overall plant active and reactive power output • Point of Measurement voltage and medium voltage collector system voltages 	1-2 seconds	1 year
Sequence of Events Recording (SER) Data	<p>SER devices must capture event records and logs, triggered by different reasons including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event date/time stamp, synchronized to common reference • Event type such as status changes, synchronization • status, configuration change. • Description of action • Sequence number (for potential overwriting) 	≤ 1 millisecond	90 days
Digital Fault Recording (DFR) Data	<p>Typically, high resolution point-on-wave data triggered based on configuration settings must be captured at the Point of Measurement for BPS events. The data points include –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bus voltage phase quantities 	> 960 samples per second, triggered	90 days

Data Type	Measurement Data Points	Resolution	Retention
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bus frequency • Current phase quantities • Calculated active and reactive power output • Dynamic reactive element voltage, frequency, current, and power output 		
<p style="text-align: center;">Dynamic Disturbance Recorder (DDR) Data</p>	<p>A DDR must capture continuously at the Point of Measurement, plant-level response during normal and disturbance events. The data points that can be used for event analysis and disturbance-based model verification include –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bus voltage phasor (phase quantities and positive sequence) • Bus frequency • Current phasor (phase quantities and positive sequence) • Calculated active and reactive power output 	<p style="text-align: center;">> 30 samples per second, continuous</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">1 year</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Inverter Fault Codes and Dynamic Recordings</p>	<p>For BPS faults, the following inverter information must be made available for analysis:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All major and minor fault codes • All fault and alarm status words • Change of operating mode • High and low voltage fault ride through • High and low frequency ride through • Momentary cessation (if applicable) • PLL loss of synchronism • dc current and voltage • ac phase currents and voltage • Pulse width modulation index • Control system command values, reference values, and feedback signals 	<p style="text-align: center;">Many kHz</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">90 days</p>

5.9. Power Quality Data

The data retention period for the power quality meter shall be at least 30 days. Background measurements for harmonics, flicker, and voltage imbalance shall be supplied to AES Ohio upon request. If there are power quality issues observed at the POI in excess of the criteria specified in IEEE standard 519 for harmonic distortion and IEEE standard 1453 for voltage flicker, or AES Ohio experiences power quality related performance issues, the restrictions will be placed on the operating on the inverter-based resource.

If the power quality meter at the POI identifies any power quality issues in excess of the power quality criteria listed below, and either complaints related to power quality are received from other customers on the system in the vicinity of the inverter-based resource, or AES Ohio experiences equipment performance issues that is due to power quality issues then operating restrictions will be placed on the inverter-based resource plant by AES Ohio until it has been adequately demonstrated that the power quality issues have been resolved.

5.10. Phase Jump Immunity

AES Ohio may perform system studies to identify possible worst-case phase jumps at the point of interconnection (POI) of the interconnecting resources. The inverter-based resources should not trip for studied credible contingency events (like fault ride through (FRT)) providing phase immunity.

5.11. Capability Curve

AES Ohio would require that newly interconnecting inverter-based resource owners (along with all GOs) provide a “composite capability curve” that includes the overall active and reactive capability of the resource as measured at the Point of Measurement. This includes a complete P-Q graph (or table of data representing these data points) at nominal voltage. Note that the reactive capability within that curve should be “dynamic” per FERC Order No. 827. AES Ohio would also require that the capability curve of each type of individual inverter be provided, since this helps to verify aggregate capability in the planning models.

5.12. Electromagnetic Transient Modeling

EMT simulations may be needed in certain situations or scenarios involving inverter-based resources, particularly in areas of reduced short circuit strength. EMT studies include, but are not limited to, sub-synchronous control interactions near series compensation or interaction with other neighboring inverter-based resources, low short-circuit strength pockets, or other sub-synchronous or super-synchronous controls issues. AES Ohio would require the submission of detailed working EMT models (mostly PSCAD) in situations where an EMT-type study may be needed, and interconnection studies may be delayed unless the models are provided in time. The EMT model should be based on the real code implemented in the inverters installed in the field. It is important to ensure that the models reflect the most accurate possible assumptions during the interconnection study process and that the dynamic models (both EMT and positive sequence RMS models) reflect the as-built settings upon commissioning. The model should be able to get initialized and compile as-is, should be accompanied by a clear documentation and how to guides and should have all pertinent control features (e.g., external voltage controllers, plant-level controllers, PLLs), electrical and mechanical configurations (e.g., filters, specialized transformers, and other mechanical systems that could impact electrical performance, such as drivetrain controls and pitch controls). The models should also have the detailed protection systems relevant to BPS performance for both balanced and unbalanced fault conditions: Typically, this includes, but is not limited to, ac over- and under-voltage protection (instantaneous phase and RMS), over- and underfrequency protection, dc bus over- and under-voltage protection, and inverter overcurrent protection. Once the EMT study is approved, the data should become final, and any changes to the data should become subject to material modification determinations.

In summary, AES Ohio requires the following for all submitted EMT models:

The EMT model should meet usability criteria to ensure engineers have a functional model, including the following:

- The model should have control or hardware options accessible to the user that are pertinent to the study (e.g., active current/power ramp rates). Diagnostic flags (e.g., control mode or protection system activation) should also be accessible.
- If the simulation time step is very small, or if a very specific time-step is required by the model, this can lead to very slow simulation times and incompatibilities with other models. The model should not be restricted to operating at a single time step but should be able to operate within a range (e.g., 10 μ s – 20 μ s).
- The model should include a user manual or guide and a sample implementation test case. Access to technical support engineers are desirable to prevent delays.
- The model documentation should provide a clear way to identify the specific settings and equipment configuration that will be used in any study such that during commissioning the settings used in the studies can be checked. This may be control revision codes, settings files,

- or a combination of these and other identification measures.
- The model should accept external reference variables. Examples include active and reactive power ordered values for reactive control modes, and voltage reference and droop values as applicable for voltage control modes. Model should accept these reference variables for initialization and be capable of changing these reference variables mid-simulation (i.e., dynamic signal references).
- The model must be capable of initializing itself. Once provided with initial condition variables, the model must initialize and ramp to the ordered output without external input from engineers. Any slower control functions that are included (such as switched shunt controllers) should also accept initial condition variables if required. The model should accept an initialization procedure to eliminate internal delays.
- The model should have the ability to scale plant capacity. The plant active power capacity of the model should be scalable in some way, either internally or through an external scaling transformer. This is distinct from a dispatchable power order and is used for modeling different capacities of the plant or breaking a lumped equivalent plant into smaller composite models.
- The model should have the ability to dispatch its output to values less than nameplate. This is distinct from scaling a plant from one unit to more than one, and is used for testing plant behavior at various operating points

5.13. Modeling Data Submittals

Prior to commercial operation of the facility, the GO should be required to submit the most up-to-date modeling data that reflects the equipment and topology being installed in the field. The GO should highlight any differences from the originally studied data (i.e., between the precommercial operation and during the studies phases). Any changes to control system settings (e.g., parameter changes, hardware and software changes, control mode changes), increases in output, facility topology changes, and any other change that modifies the electrical characteristics or response of the plant should trigger the need for a material modification determination.

After the plant has been commissioned and is in-service, AES Ohio would require to be provided with an updated model (if applicable) that captures any change between the precommercial operation data and the data after commissioning testing. Any discrepancies should be addressed within a prescribed time frame (e.g., 120 days after the in-service date) to ensure accurate as-built data has been provided. This final step to ensure modeling data matches as-built specification sheets, oneline diagrams, and inverter and plant-level control settings is critical, and TOs should ensure they are enforcing this final check and verifying accurate finalized data that then enters the interconnection-wide planning cases.

The material modification determinations should apply during the entire time of in-service operation and is not only applicable to the interconnection process. As stated in the supplemental material for NERC FAC-001-3, “[TOs] should have documentation to support the technical rationale for determining whether an existing interconnection was ‘materially modified.’ Changes to control system settings or control modes will be considered material modifications by AES Ohio.

6. Inverter-based Resources - Modeling Requirements

All the of the new interconnecting inverter-based resources and existing inverter-based resources looking to make equipment changes must provide the following modeling data to AES Ohio for verification. Any project files provided for modeling purposes should be compatible with the most recent PJM RTEP base case.

6.1. Steady State Modeling Data

The interconnection customer shall provide an equivalent power flow model for the newly interconnecting inverter-based resource. The equivalent model shall include a single equivalent generator, equivalent pad-mounted transformer, equivalent collector system, and explicit representation of the plant-level shunt compensation, substation transformer(s) (i.e., plant transformer), and interconnecting transmission line. A single-line diagram of the interconnecting inverter-based resource should be provided for verification of the equivalent power flow model.

Along with the modeling data and files, the following checklist should be submitted to ensure compliance to the modeling requirements:

S. No	Required data	Verification (Yes/No)
1	Equivalent single line diagram of the facility up to the POI	
2	Detailed single line diagram of the collector system	
3	Supporting documentation (P/Q curve, control settings etc.)	
4	PSS/E modeling files representing the facility up to the POI (.raw, .idv, .dyr & any documentation)	

6.2. Short Circuit Modeling Data

The interconnection customer shall provide the positive sequence, negative sequence and zero sequence data for all the equipment (transmission line, transformer, inverter-based resource etc.) within the newly interconnecting project. A summary of the positive and negative sequence current injection at multiple voltages levels should be provided under the following fault types:

- Single-line-to-ground fault
- Three-phase-to-ground fault
- Three-phase-ungrounded fault
- Line-line fault
- Line-line-ground fault

Along with the modeling data and files, the following checklist should be submitted to ensure compliance to the modeling requirements:

S. No	Required data	Verification (Yes/No)
1	Sequence Impedance data for all the equipment up to the POI	
2	Test report for station transformer & inverters	
3	Fault current injection summary	

6.3. Positive Sequence Dynamics Modeling Data

The interconnection customer shall provide the positive sequence dynamic models for the inverter-based resource using the generic second-generation renewable energy models (for instance, REPCAUI, REGCAUI, and REECAUI models in the PSS/E standard library). Dynamic models representing the frequency and voltage ride-through characteristics of the inverter-based resource should be provided utilizing the applicable generic models (For instance, VTGTPAT, FRQTPAT in the PSS/E standard library).

Based on the type of resource, the electrical control, plant-level control and inverter-level control should be explicitly modeled using the generic models with accurate project specific parameters. The models shall not be populated with generic values. Additionally, any user defined models will not be accepted for the inverter-based resources.

Along with the modeling data and files, the following checklist should be submitted to ensure adherence to the modeling requirements:

S. No	Required data	Verification (Yes/No)
1	Equivalent model of the system up to the POI (.raw, .idv & .dyr files)	
2	Project specific parameters utilized in the generic PSS/E models to represent the inverter-based resource	

6.4. Electromagnetic Transient Modeling Data

The interconnection customer shall provide an electromagnetic transient (EMT) model for the proposed inverter-based resource to study reliability concerns that include issues arising from power electronic control interaction with SVCs, STATCOMs or other inverter-based resources. AES Ohio may need to perform EMT simulations in the event of sub-synchronous control interactions near series compensation or interaction with other neighboring inverter-based resources, low short circuit strength pockets, other sub-synchronous or super-synchronous controls issues, or other issues that may arise.

As part of the modeling data, an equivalent representation of the project up to the POI shall be included along with any supporting documentation, library, and project files.

Additionally, the EMT model should adhere to the following functional requirements:

Model Accuracy Features:

1. *The fully detailed inner control loops of the power electronics as implemented in the actual equipment that will be installed:* Most inverter manufacturers can provide models

that embed the actual firmware code (relevant to EMT simulations) into the EMT model, and this is the recommended type of model to be supplied for EMT studies.¹⁰

2. *All pertinent control features (e.g., external voltage controllers, plant-level controllers, PLLs):* These include the actual (or expected) operating modes and settings required for system-specific installations, tuned to the expected or as-built controls settings. Inverter-level and plant-level controls should be modeled appropriately with actual hardware code preferred.
3. *All pertinent electrical and mechanical configurations:* These may include, but are not limited to, filters, specialized transformers, and other mechanical systems that could impact electrical performance, such as drivetrain controls and pitch controls. The model should have both detailed (with Insulated Gate Bipolar Transistor (IGBTs)) and average-value (with controlled sources) representation options for its converters.
4. *All pertinent inverter-based resource protection systems relevant to BPS performance that are modeled in detail for both balanced and unbalanced fault conditions:* Typically this includes, but is not limited to, ac over- and under-voltage protection (instantaneous phase and RMS), over- and under-frequency protection, dc bus over- and under-voltage protection, and inverter overcurrent protection. Actual firmware code is recommended to be implemented in the model for these features.

Model Usability Features:

1. The model should have control or hardware options accessible to the user that are pertinent to the study (e.g., active current/power ramp rates). Diagnostic flags (e.g., control mode or protection system activation) should also be accessible. A summary of the user-settable parameters along with their acceptable range based on hardware limitations should also be included as part of the supporting documentation.
2. If the simulation time step is very small, or if a very specific time-step is required by the model, this can lead to very slow simulation times and incompatibilities with other models. The model should not be restricted to operating at a single time step but should be able to operate within a range (e.g., 10 μ s-20 μ s).¹¹ Higher time steps can be used with average-value modeling of converters.
3. The model should include a user manual or guide and a sample implementation test case. Access to technical support engineers is desirable.
4. The model documentation should provide a clear way to identify the specific settings and equipment configuration that will be used in any study to allow the settings used in the studies to be compared against the actual settings during commissioning. This may be control revision codes, settings files, or a combination of these and other identification measures.
5. The model should accept external reference variables. Examples include active and reactive power ordered values for reactive control modes, and voltage reference and

¹⁰ This refers to “black box models” of the exact controls code (e.g., C code) used in the actual controls’ firmware. The controller source code for all relevant controls is typically compiled into binary DLLs to protect the intellectual property of the manufacturer. If real code models are not used, or if key control features are approximated using generic representations, additional validation may be required. A three-phase sinusoidal source representation should not be used. Models should not be manually translated block-by-block from control block diagrams due to inaccuracies that may be introduced during this translation (e.g., in the electrical network and interface to the controls, or portions of the controls such as PLL circuits or protection circuits)

¹¹ Most of the time, requiring a smaller time step means that an inappropriate interfacing between the model and the larger network is used. For switching converter models, it is important to replicate the switching frequency of the power electronic device and this is the primary limit in selecting the maximum time step used (typically 10–20 μ s). The time step should not be limited by internal control system implementation issues.

droop values as applicable for voltage control modes. Model should accept these reference variables for initialization and be capable of changing these reference variables mid-simulation (i.e., dynamic signal references).

6. The model must be capable of initializing itself. Once provided with initial condition variables, the model must initialize and ramp to the ordered output without external input from simulation engineers. Any slower control functions that are included (such as switched shunt controllers) should also accept initial condition variables if required. The model should accept an initialization procedure to eliminate internal delays.
7. The model should have the ability to scale plant capacity. The plant active power capacity of the model should be scalable in some way, either internally or through an external scaling transformer. This is distinct from a dispatchable power order and is used for modeling different capacities of the plant or breaking a lumped equivalent plant into smaller composite models.
8. The model should have the ability to dispatch its output to values less than nameplate. This is distinct from scaling a plant from one unit to more than one and is used for testing plant behavior at various operating points.

Model Efficiency Features:

1. The model should initialize in less than five seconds to user-supplied terminal conditions.
2. The model needs to support multiple instances of itself in the same simulation.

Along with the modeling data and files, the following checklist should be submitted to ensure compliance to the modeling requirements:

EMT modeling requirement		Verification (Yes/No)
Equivalent model of the system up to the POI		
Model Accuracy Features	1	
	2	
	3	
	4	
Model Usability Features	1	
	2	
	3	
	4	
	5	
	6	
	7	
	8	
Model Efficiency Features	1	
	2	

6.5. Benchmarking Analysis

The interconnecting customer is required to perform and submit a benchmarking analysis between the positive sequence stability model and the EMT model to ensure the accuracy of the inverter models and the project representation up to the POI.

The scope of the benchmarking analysis and the methodology is detailed in the following section to ensure the acceptable performance between PSS/E and EMT model:

PSS/E simulations:

- Model development:
 - The equivalent model of the project up to the POI shall be developed as per the modeling requirements listed under Section 5.1 and 5.3. The rest of the system should be included by utilizing the near term MMWG base case.
 - Data channels shall be included in the snapshot file to include bus voltages, branch flows and transformer flows around the POI and within the project.
- Simulations:
 1. Three phase-to-ground fault simulations shall be performed at a bus close to the POI with a 6-cycle fault clearing time under N-0 and N-1 conditions. These simulations shall be performed with and without the new interconnection in service.
 2. Plots of the data channels shall be provided with scales set to ensure that the entirety of the signals is captured, and each signal should be clearly visible when multiple signals are plotted together.

EMT simulations:

- Model development:
 - The equivalent model of the project up to the POI shall be developed as per the modeling requirements listed under Section 5.4. The rest of the system should be modeled in sufficient detail to perform the comparison to the PSS/E results by capturing the voltage and power flows near the POI.
 - The system equivalents should only be modeled after ensuring that enough buses are available compare the voltage and power flows.
 - The inverter's model parameters should be comparable to the PSS/E model and must be summarized in the report.
 - Sufficient checks must be performed, and a summary shall be included in the report to ensure that the developed EMT model (including AES Ohio's system representation) is a close representation of the model utilized during the PSS/E simulations.
- Simulations:
 1. The PSCAD model initialization shall be according to the modeling requirements listed under Section 5.4. The steady state power flow and voltage conditions shall be similar to the PSS/E flatrun results.
 2. The same fault simulations performed in PSS/E shall be simulated as part of the EMT simulations with the project in service.
 3. Output channels shall capture and plot the voltages and power flows such that the results can be compared to the PSS/E simulations.

Report:

The report shall include the statement of compliance to the modeling requirements, summary of the inverter and plant control specific settings, description of the model development and simulations

along with the results documentation comparing the PSS/E and PSCAD simulation results. Any supporting files related to the PSS/E and PSCAD model setup and simulations shall also be included as part of the deliverables.

6.6. Harmonics Modeling Data

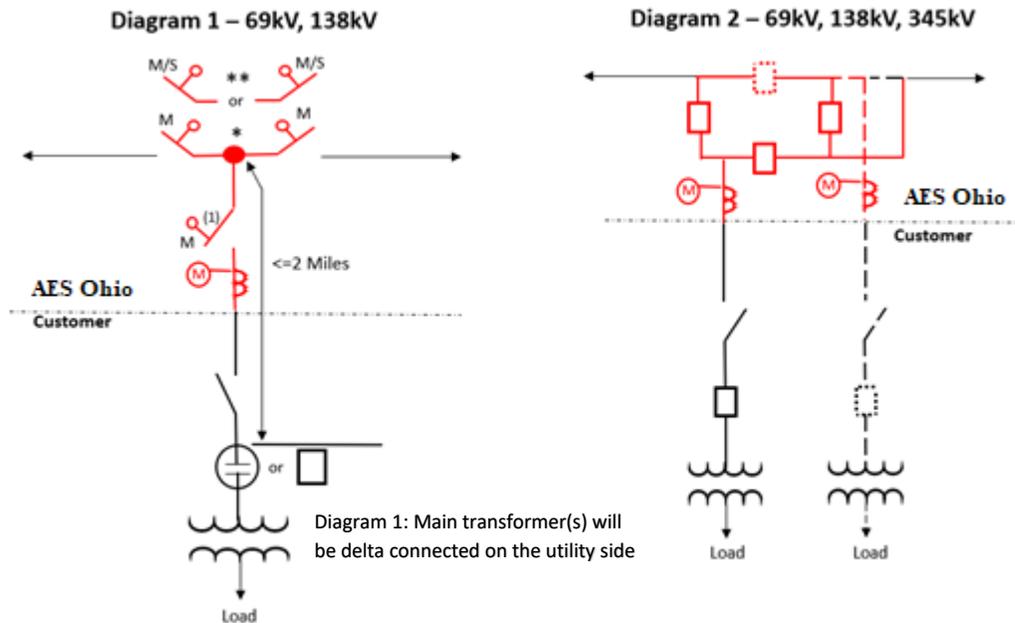
The interconnection customer shall provide harmonics modeling data for the inverters to be installed including, but not limit to harmonic current spectrum information for modeling of the inverter-based resource to analyze power quality performance at the point of interconnection.

7. New End User, Transmission, and Load Configurations

For new End User, Transmission, and Generation connecting to the AES Ohio transmission system, exhibits 1-4 have been established as a standard for various interconnection scenarios. The exhibits will provide additional details and requirements specific to configurations required by AES Ohio for new transmission system interconnections by load or generation designation and voltage level. Review AES Ohio's Real Estate, Right-of-Way, Siting, and Environmental Requirements for Transmission Interconnection Projects document for detailed substation land requirements.

Exhibit 1

New End User Connections to AES Ohio Transmission System Looped or Radial Supply Connections to an Existing Transmission Line

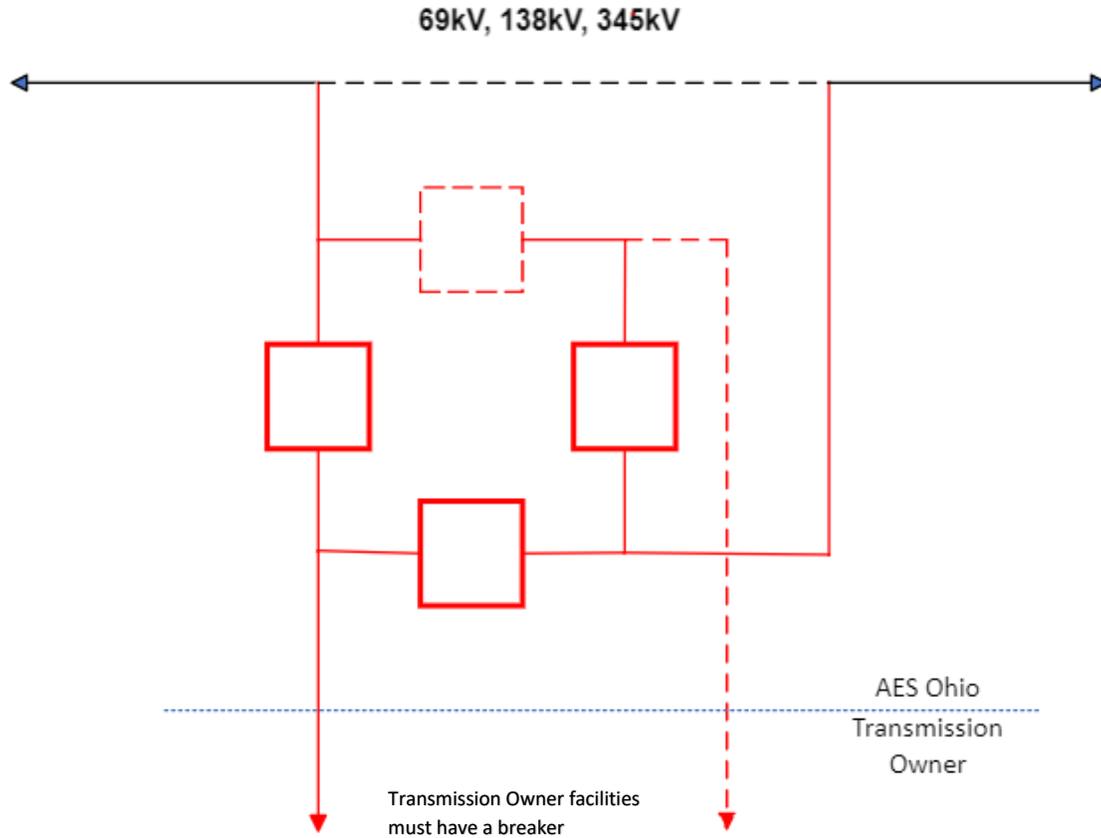


Notes:

1. * The installation of air break switches are only permissible on the 138kV and below system for radial line exposure of 2 miles or less. A circuit breaker configuration (example outlined in Diagram 2) will be required for line exposure greater than 2 miles. The switch (1) towards the customer may not be required for short taps (generally 3 spans or less) at the discretion of AES Ohio.
2. **The installation of a circuit breaker(s), similar to Diagram 2, may be necessary for lines with existing sectionalizing equipment and/or system performance needs (number of outages, line exposure, load, number of customers, etc.). The location of the circuit breakers and/or sectionalizing switches will be optimized at locations on the line most advantageous for overall system performance.
3. Diagram 1: 1) AES Ohio may require the customer to install wave trap(s) to avoid degradation of the PLC signal and 2) Depending on the impact of the tapped facilities on AES Ohio's high-speed line protection, AES Ohio may also require the installation of CT's, PT's, wave trap(s), and relays to interface with AES Ohio's communication-assisted line protection scheme.
4. Diagram 1: High-side fuse protection may be permitted on 69kV and below systems for transformers with nameplates below 10MVA.

5. Diagram 2: Communication-assisted protection scheme, POTT/differential or dual-differential with direct transfer tripping over fiber/OPGW, on the line is required.
6. Diagram 2: Ring bus configurations may be converted to a breaker and a half design at 5 elements and beyond or earlier depending on the size of the generator/load.
7. Diagram 1 & 2: The final breaker and/or switch configuration will be determined by AES Ohio based on site specific engineering layouts, future site plans, configurations, and system requirements.

Exhibit 2
New Transmission Connections to AES Ohio Transmission System
Connections to an Existing Transmission Line



Notes:

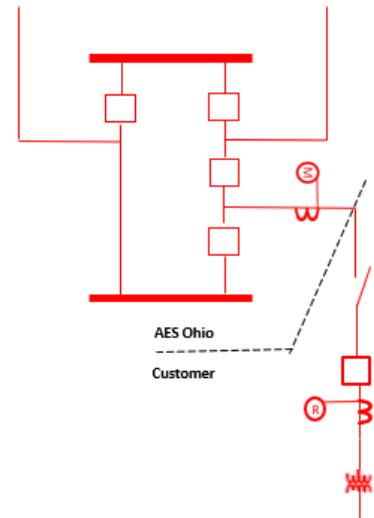
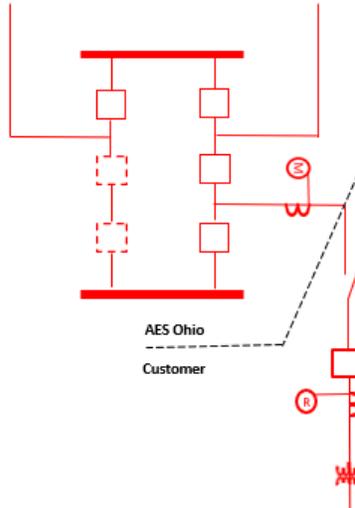
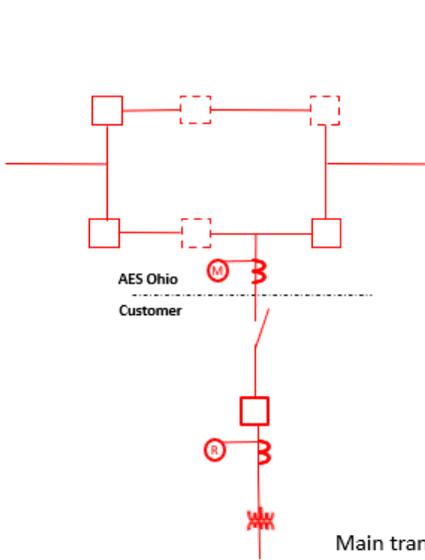
1. Communication-assisted protection scheme, POTT/differential or dual-differential with direct transfer tripping over fiber/OPGW, on the line is required
2. AES Ohio requires a Ring Bus or breaker and a half interconnection for all new Transmission Interconnections. AES Ohio will maintain ownership of the existing network path by installing and owning the required substation.
3. Ring bus configurations may be converted to a breaker and a half design at 5 elements and beyond or earlier depending on the current or anticipated system needs
4. The preferred Point of Interconnection is the first structure outside the substation unless otherwise mutually agreed to by the Transmission entity and AES Ohio.
5. The final breaker configuration will be determined by AES Ohio based on site specific engineering layouts, future site plans, configurations, and system requirements.

Exhibit 3
 New Generation Connections to AES Ohio Transmission System
Connections to an Existing Transmission Line

Diagram 1 - 69kV

Diagram 2 - 138kV

Diagram 3 - 345kV



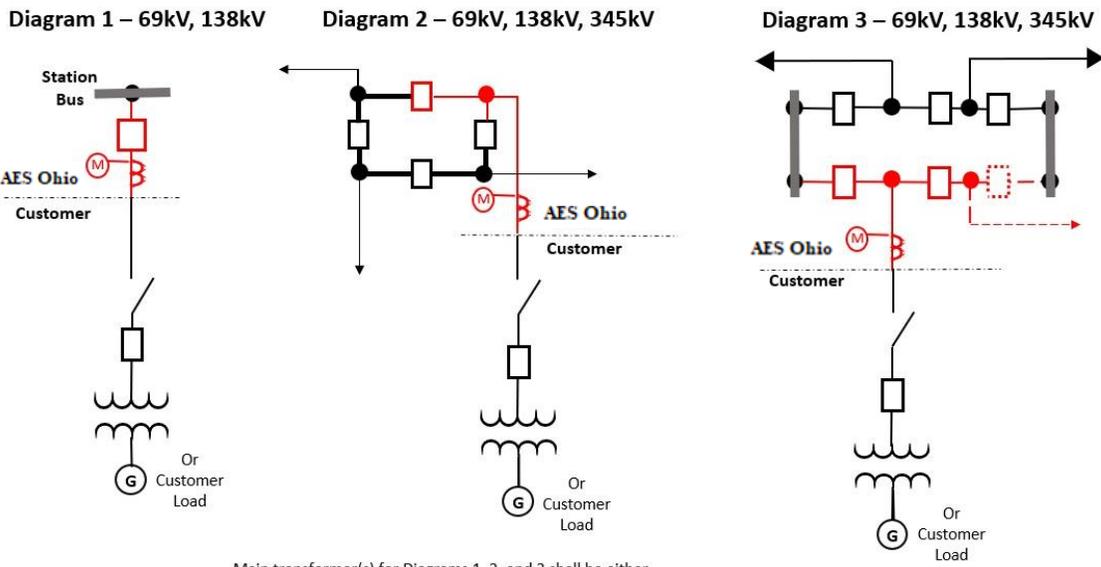
Main transformer(s) for Diagrams 1, 2, and 3 shall be either
 a. Y-grounded on high side (utility side) and Delta on the low side or
 b. Y-grounded on high side (utility side) and low side with delta tertiary winding

Notes:

1. Communication-assisted protection scheme, POTT/differential or dual-differential with direct tripping of ^{AES Ohio} OPGW, on the line is required.
2. New generation substations located less than 5 miles from an existing substation may be required to expand an existing substation. An example expansion is highlighted in Exhibit 4.
3. Ring bus configurations may be converted to a breaker and a half design at 5 elements and beyond or earlier depending on the size of the generator/load.
4. The final breaker and/or switch configuration will be determined by AES Ohio based on site specific engineering layouts, future site plans, configurations, and system requirements.

Exhibit 4

New Generation/Load Connections to AES Ohio Transmission System Connections to an Existing Substation



- Main transformer(s) for Diagrams 1, 2, and 3 shall be either
 - a. Y-grounded on high side (utility side) and Delta on the low side or
 - b. Y-grounded on high side (utility side) and low side with delta tertiary winding.

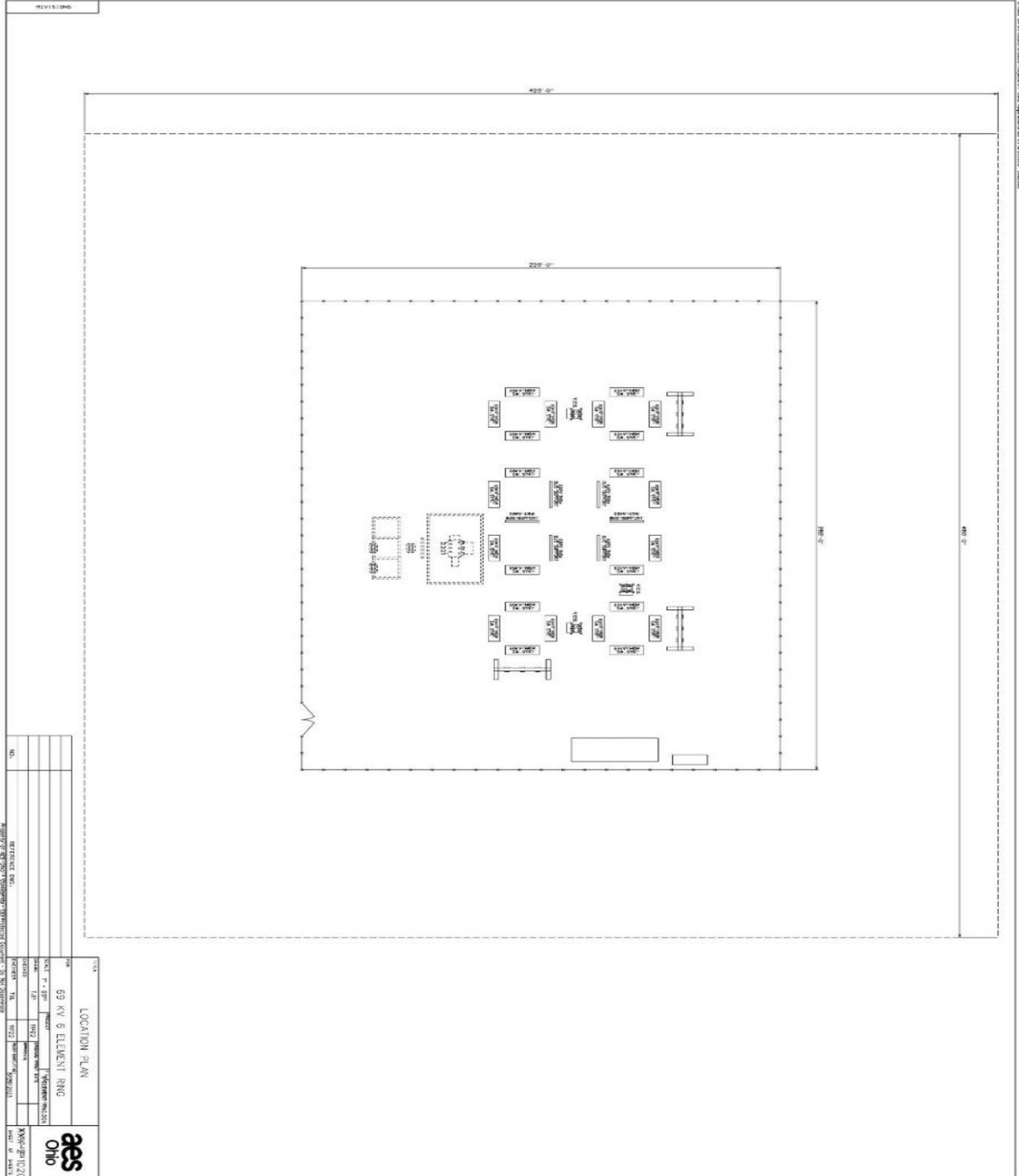
Notes:

1. Diagram 1, 2, & 3: Generator/Load Connections into existing substations will require circuit breaker installations. The final breaker configuration will be determined by AES Ohio based on site specific engineering layouts, future site plans, configurations, and customer requirements.
2. Communication-assisted protection scheme, POTT/differential or dual-differential with direct transfer tripping over fiber/OPGW, on the line is required.
3. Diagram 2: Ring bus configurations may be converted to a breaker and a half design at 5 elements and beyond or earlier depending on the size of the generator/load
4. Diagram 1, 2, & 3: The final breaker and/or switch configuration will be determined by AES Ohio based on site specific engineering layouts, future site plans, configurations, and system requirements.

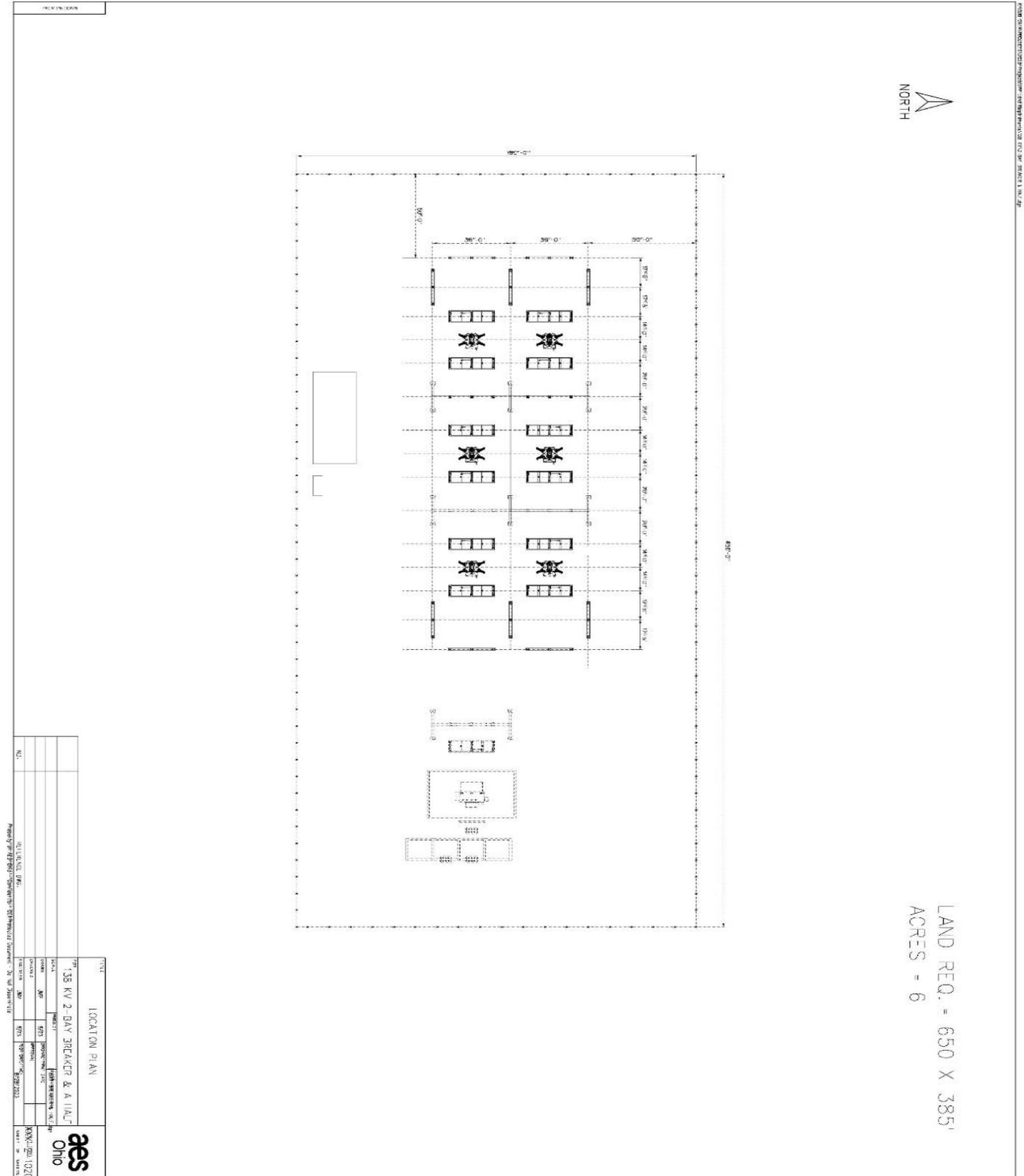
8. Appendix

8.1. Standard Substation Layout

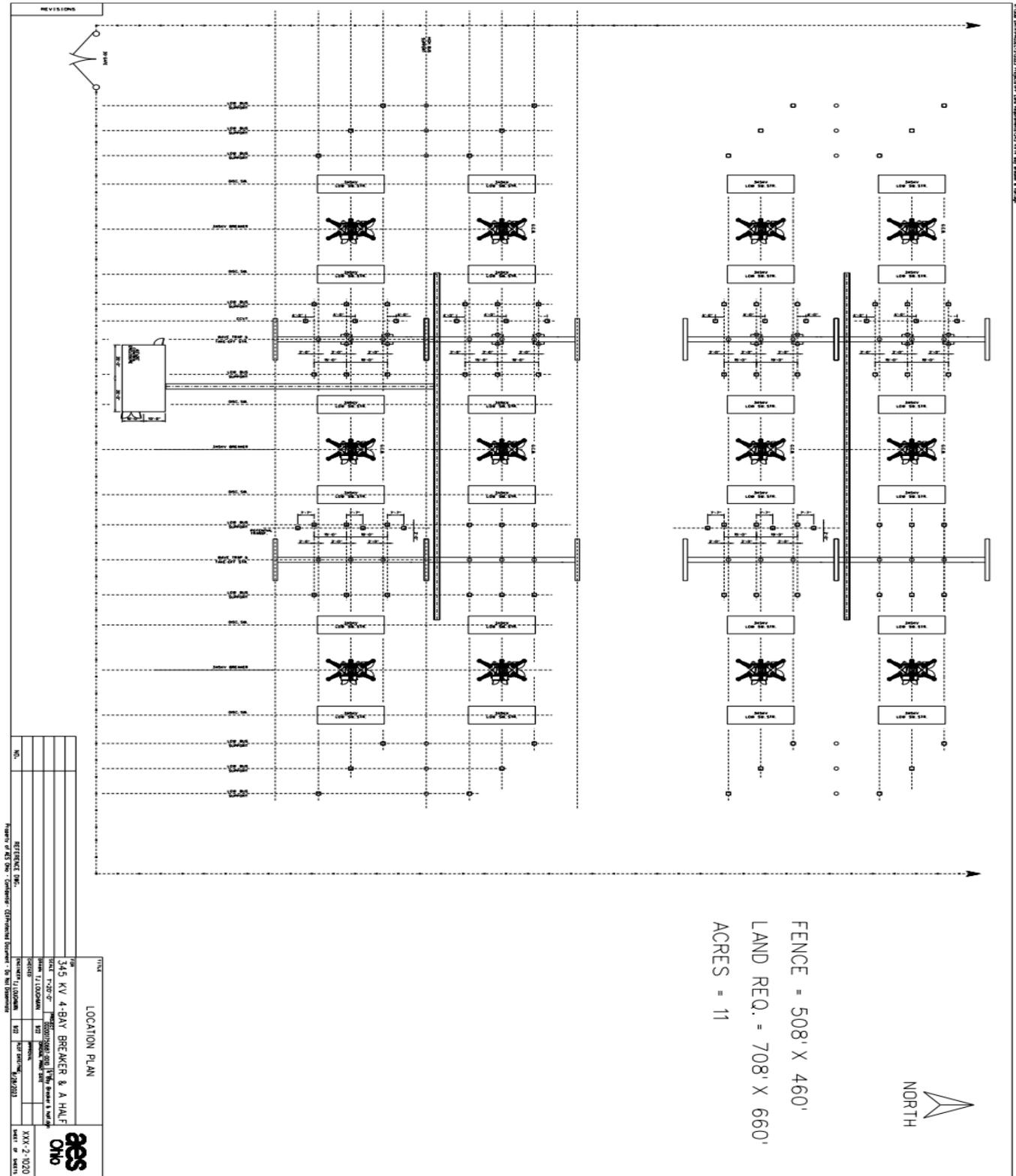
69kV: 6 Element Ring



138kV: 2 Bay Breaker and a Half



345kV: 4 Bay Breaker and a Half



9. Revision History

Revision	Date	Comments
1	07/31/01	Initial version of report
2	08/31/05	Review and Minor modifications – PJM as Transmission Operator for 345kV
3	04/13/09	Reformatted, revised to reflect PJM as the transmission Provider, Transmission Authority, and Transmission Planner, added definitions section, and reference to NERC requirements.
4	08/12/09	Revisions to incorporate RF audit recommendations.
5	05/13/10	Minor revisions to clarify end user process and to list actual DP&L
6	05/31/11	Annual Review – no changes made.
7	02/28/12	Annual Review – Complete re-write to organize with headings corresponding to the requirements specified in NERC Standard FAC-001-0. Clarify the DPL/PJM relationship and responsibilities.
8	03/20/13	Annual Review – Minor revision to clarify responsibilities for jointly owned facilities.
9	11/25/13	Annual Review – Minor modifications to headings to match the NERC Standard FAC-001-1 version.
10	08/08/14	Annual Review – Minor modifications to headers and labels
11	11/30/15	Annual Review – the new standard (FAC-001-2) moved old R3 sub-requirements to the Guidelines section and dissolved old R4 into new R1/R3. The prescriptive content of this document remained unchanged.
12	11/29/16	Annual Review – no changes made.
13	11/03/17	Annual Review – disclaimer added at end of Introduction giving PJM documentation precedence if conflict exists.
14	11/26/18	Annual Review – added language to adhere to FAC-001-3 R3.3 requirements and added standardized interconnection layouts.
15	12/11/19	Annual Review – Revised standardized interconnection layouts.
16	12/21/20	Annual Review – Reformatted document for ease of reference. Added section 4 and 5 to deal with modeling and interconnection requirements of inverter-based
17	02/25/22	Annual Review – Updated with naming changes from DP&L to AES Ohio. Added additional modeling details to section 4 covering inverter-based generation.
18	9/1/23	Annual Review – Removed PJM Manual 14 descriptions. Updated requirements in section 4.3. Added section 4.7. Added clarifying line in section 5.3. Updated section 7. Added terminology. Added section 8.