

### **203.1 Cost Responsibility:**

The System Impact Study Agreement tendered by the Transmission Provider will clearly specify the Transmission Provider's estimate (determined in coordination with the affected Transmission Owner(s)) of the cost and time required for completion of the study in which the New Service Request is being evaluated and the New Service Customer's cost responsibility for that study. The charges to all affected New Service Customers shall not exceed the actual cost of the System Impact Study. In performing the System Impact Study, the Transmission Provider shall rely, to the extent reasonably practicable, on existing transmission planning studies. New Service Customers will not be assessed a charge for such existing studies; however, a New Service Customer will be responsible for charges associated with any modifications to existing planning studies that are reasonably necessary to evaluate the impact of such customer's New Service Request. In the event more than one New Service Request is evaluated in a single System Impact Study, the cost of such study shall be allocated among the participating New Service Customers such that (i) each Interconnection Customer pays 100 percent of the study costs associated with evaluating the Attachment Facilities necessary to accommodate its Interconnection Request; (ii) each Eligible Customer pays 100 percent of the study costs associated with evaluating the Direct Assignment Facilities necessary to accommodate its Completed Application for new transmission service; and (iii) each New Service Customer pays the study costs associated with evaluating the Local Upgrades and/or Network Upgrades necessary to accommodate its New Service Request in proportion to its projected cost responsibility (as determined in the Interconnection Feasibility Study or the ~~Initial-Firm Transmission Feasibility~~ Study) for such upgrades. In the event that a New Service Customer's responsibility for the actual cost of the System Impact Study under this section is less than the deposit provided with its executed System Impact Study Agreement, the unexpended balance of its deposit shall be refunded, with interest determined at the applicable rate under the Commission's regulations.

#### **203.1.1 Transmission Owners:**

For System Impact Studies that the Transmission Provider conducts on behalf of a Transmission Owner, the Transmission Owner shall record the cost of the System Impact Studies pursuant to Section 8.