

## Interconnection Guidance FAQ's

### **1. What is the purpose of Interconnection Guidance (ICG)?**

To assist developers and customers in determining the feasibility of installing Distributed Energy Resources (DER) on the Georgia Power system.

### **2. What size solar facilities can be studied?**

Interconnection Guidance is offered for distribution level projects sized up to 6 MW AC.

### **3. What is the Point of Interconnection (POI)?**

The unique physical point at which the DER facility is interconnected to the Georgia Power distribution circuit.

### **4. If I participate in Interconnection Guidance, is my project guaranteed to be selected for a future program? Or, is my project going to be placed on an interconnection queue?**

No – Applicants are provided this optional guidance solely for information and convenience.

### **5. If I participate in Interconnection Guidance and my project is selected for a program, is the project required to complete additional interconnection studies?**

Yes – Interconnection Guidance is based on the connected load and generation on the system at the time the Interconnection Guidance is delivered. The available capacity on a distribution circuit may change when the project is evaluated for program participation.

### **6. Can I choose which circuit I want studied at the site if multiple Georgia Power circuits are in the area?**

No – Georgia Power's Interconnection Guidance results will include the closest circuit to the POI that was indicated in the initial Interconnection Guidance application request.

## Interconnection Guidance FAQ's

### **7. If my project is reviewed and does not pass a transmission evaluation, will I be offered a refund?**

- If a Tier 1 Guidance is selected, a refund will not be issued as the associated costs are used to cover the time and resources necessary to deliver the Tier 1 evaluation.
- If a Tier 2 or Tier 3 Guidance is selected and a facility resize of 1MW or above is available to pass the transmission evaluation, a refund will not be issued, and the guidance study will move forward with the reduced facility size. If the available facility resize to pass the transmission evaluation is less than 1 MW, a refund will be issued at the payment amount minus the Tier 1 Guidance fee.

### **8. What does it mean if the results show that the project requires transmission upgrades, and it does not pass a transmission evaluation?**

The Distributed Generation programs are developed so that transmission upgrades will disqualify a project from moving forward. This is due to associated costs and timelines around transmission system upgrades.

### **9. Can more than one POI be submitted for a parcel to be studied in a single Interconnection Guidance request?**

No – Only one proposed Point of Interconnection (POI) can be submitted in a single Interconnection Guidance request.

### **10. Am I allowed to receive any interconnection information prior to submitting an Interconnection Guidance request?**

In an effort to provide equity for future solar program participants and ensure we are appropriately recovering costs; we will not provide any preliminary information concerning a potential solar facility or tract of land. This includes, but is not limited to: circuit ownership, utility territory designation, and available circuit capacity.

### **11. Who do I contact if I have questions about my ICG results?**

All questions about Interconnection Guidance results should be submitted through the *'Ask a Question'* feature built in the PowerClerk website.