



## Key Changes to the PowerClerk/Interconnection Process for Commercial and Industrial Interconnections

**Feasibility Analysis:** GPC will conduct an initial cost-free screening of the proposed facility interconnection to identify potential costs and system limitations. This will aid installers and customers with initial projects prior to acquiring materials and completing designs for potential projects. This should be submitted via PowerClerk before submitting the final design.

**Interconnection Fee Payment:** This payment will be required after application approval from the customer. This payment was previously required after the Witness Test was passed.

**Installer and Contractor Users:** GPC will no longer have a separate “Contractor” and “Installer” contact information fields in the new application portal because we have identified that we do not need to capture the electrician’s name and email address for our review purposes. We intend to capture the primary point of contact for the solar installer under the “Installer Information” field. “Installer” was chosen as the name instead of “Contractor” to align with terms in the Interconnection Agreement.

**Service and Interconnection Agreement (IA):** IA Signatures are required before construction begins at the solar facility. GPC will not start construction or continue engineering processes until the IA is fully executed. All electrical analyses and processes will be complete prior to this step, streamlining witness testing and PTO processes.

**Interconnection Agreement Software:** IAs in the new PowerClerk environment will be transitioned to Nitro Pro document signing software. We will no longer issue any agreements via DocuSign. (Existing projects in the old environment may continue to be completed via DocuSign)

**Witness Testing Resources:** We will start using contract resources to complete witness tests for systems under 250 kW. This will reduce lead times for C&I test completion while providing technical expertise for complex three-phase systems.

**Witness Test Policy:** We have updated the Distribution Testing Policy which outlines testing parameters for projects <250kW.

**PTO Documentation:** Upon successful completion of the witness test, GPC will issue an official PTO letter to the customer.

**Point of Contact:** One of the main changes within the new process is to provide installers with a single point of contact. The engineer assigned for each project will be the primary point of contact. For general non-project specific questions, the following email inbox will notify our team: [G2GPCDISTCI@southernco.com](mailto:G2GPCDISTCI@southernco.com)