

**SCE Grid Contract Development &
Management**
**Guidelines for Demonstration
of Site Control**

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Guidelines for Submittal of Acceptable Demonstration of Site Control (WDAT- QC15 and subsequent clusters)

Introduction

Southern California Edison (SCE) offers these guidelines to help you understand our Resource Interconnection Procedures. However, in discrepancies, SCE's tariffs and interconnection documents prevail.

Definition of Site Control

Attachment M (Resource Interconnection Procedures, RIP, which are applicable to QC15 and subsequent clusters) of SCE's Wholesale Distribution Access Tariff (WDAT) governs the process for interconnection of generating facilities to SCE's Distribution System under the jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

The definition of Site Control under the RIP is:

***Site Control** shall mean the exclusive land right to develop, construct, operate, and maintain the Generating Facility over the term of expected operation of the Generating Facility. Site Control may be demonstrated by documentation establishing: (1) ownership of, a leasehold interest in, or a right to develop a site of sufficient size to construct and operate the Generating Facility; (2) an option to purchase or acquire a leasehold site of sufficient size to construct and operate the Generating Facility for such purpose; or (3) any other documentation that clearly demonstrates the right of Interconnection Customer to exclusively occupy a site of sufficient size to construct and operate the Generating Facility. Distribution Provider will maintain acreage requirements for each Generating Facility type on its website.*

All projects must demonstrate 90% Site Control based on the acreage requirements, below, at the time the Interconnection Customer submits their application. Demonstrating Site Control, at a minimum, must be through the Commercial Operation Date of the new Generating Facility or increase in capacity of the existing Generating Facility.

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Acreage Requirements**							
Technology	Solar PV	Solar CSP	Wind	Biomass	BESS	Gas Turbine	Hydro
Minimum Acres/MW	6	9	30	3	0.06	3	10

*For a generation type not currently listed, provide documentation showing the project has acquired sufficient acreage.

**Smaller land requirements will be considered with proper documentation of project configuration

Regulatory Limitation Exception

Projects requesting interconnection under the Cluster Study Process of the RIP have the option, if Site Control is unobtainable due to a regulatory limitation¹, to provide the following:

- (1) a signed affidavit from an officer of the company indicating that Site Control is unobtainable due to regulatory limitations as such term is defined by Distribution Provider;
- (2) documentation sufficiently describing and explaining the source and effects of such regulatory limitation, including a description of any conditions that must be met to satisfy the regulatory limitations and the anticipated time by which the Interconnection Customer expects to satisfy the regulatory requirements; and
- (3) a deposit in lieu of Site Control of \$10,000 per MW, subject to a minimum of \$500,000 and a maximum of \$2,000,000.

An Interconnection Customer that submits a deposit in lieu of Site Control due to demonstrated regulatory limitations must demonstrate that it is taking identifiable steps to secure the necessary regulatory approvals from the applicable federal, state, local, or tribal entities before execution of the Cluster Study Agreement. Such deposit will be held by Distribution Provider until the Interconnection Customer provides the required Site Control demonstration for its point in the Cluster Study Process. Interconnection Customers facing qualifying regulatory limitations must demonstrate one hundred percent (100%) Site Control within one hundred eighty (180) Calendar Days of the effective date of the GIA. [See RIP 4.3.1]

¹ SCE defines "regulatory limitation" as a federal, state, local, or Tribal government process for acquiring site control that cannot be completed in the timeframe required for site control demonstration at the time of the interconnection request.

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All projects must demonstrate 100% Site Control or demonstration of a regulatory limitation at the same time an Interconnection Customer delivers an executed Interconnection Facilities Study Agreement to SCE (See RIP 4.10.1).

Guidelines for Projects Developed on Private Land

Most interconnection requests are for projects being constructed on private land. If provided, the following documents would likely be sufficient to show Site Control on private land:

- A site map for the footprint of the project showing agreement in place.
- Signed and un-redacted copies of the agreements (such as a lease or option), a recent (within the last year) property tax bill, or a grant deed or recent (within the last 5 years) title report. The name of the entity/person in the Interconnection Request should match the exact name(s) of the entity/person in the documents that are provided to demonstrate Site Control.
- A document signed by a company's executive stating that all of the agreements referenced are for parcels within the proposed project boundaries and that those agreements constitute 90% or more ownership of the total project site.
- The entity demonstrating Site Control shall show that they have the right to do business in the state in which the generator is located.

If in doubt, we encourage you to submit your questions to InterconnectionQA@sce.com prior to submitting your Interconnection Request. *Applications will not be processed without reasonable evidence of Site Control (or a Site Control Deposit, as may be eligible), for projects applying under the Cluster Study Process.*

Examples of Unacceptable Site Control Demonstration (for Private Land)

The following list is not conclusive but provides examples of documents that are **Not Acceptable** in demonstrating Site Control.

- Application package missing Site Control documentation (e.g., no lease, option or deed) and no Site Control Deposit as may be eligible (in lieu of Site Control, for projects applying under the Cluster Study Process).
- Letter or Memorandum of Recording that does not attach a deed, lease or option.
- Agreements with redactions of the essential terms (such as, the consideration and location).
- The location stated in the Interconnection Request form does not match the location in the Site Control documentation and no site map is provided showing how the agreements in place correspond.
- Interconnection Request with vague project location description (e.g., the corner of Elm Rd. and Palm Ave. in the City of Land).
- Application package displays multiple parcels, but it is not clear which parcel(s) the project will be built on, or Site Control does not match the parcels in the



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Interconnection Request.

- An unsigned lease or option.

Contact Us

Please utilize one of the three vehicles shown below to get your additional questions answered:

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