

# SCE Grid Interconnection Guidelines for Demonstration of Site Exclusivity

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## Guidelines for Submittal of Acceptable Demonstration of Site Exclusivity (*WDAT & RULE 21*)

### Introduction

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

### Definition of Site Exclusivity

Attachment I (Generator Interconnection Procedures, GIP) of SCE's Wholesale Distribution Access Tariff (WDAT) governs the process for interconnection of generating facilities to SCE's Distribution System under the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). Rule 21 describes the interconnection, operating and metering requirements for generating facilities interconnecting to SCE's Distribution System and Transmission System over which the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has jurisdiction.<sup>1</sup>

The definition of Site Exclusivity under the GIP and Rule 21 is:

*Site Exclusivity shall mean documentation reasonably demonstrating: (1) For private land: (a) Ownership of, a leasehold interest in, or a right to develop property upon which the Generating Facility will be located consisting of a minimum of 50% of the acreage reasonably necessary to accommodate the Generating Facility; or (b) an option to purchase or acquire a leasehold interest in property upon which the Generating Facility will be located consisting of a minimum of 50% of the acreage reasonably necessary to accommodate the Generating Facility. (2) For Public land, including that controlled or managed by any federal, state or local agency, a final, non-appealable permit, license, or other right to use the property for the purpose of generating electric power and in acreage reasonably necessary to accommodate the Generating Facility, which exclusive right to use public land under the management of the federal Bureau of Land Management shall be in a form specified by the Bureau of Land Management.*

All projects must provide demonstration of Site Exclusivity with their application. Demonstrating Site Exclusivity, 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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<sup>1</sup> A copy of SCE's WDAT and Rule 21 can be found at:  
<http://www.sce.com/AboutSCE/Regulatory/openaccess/default.htm>

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Projects requesting interconnection under the Cluster Study Process of the GIP have the option, in lieu of Site Exclusivity demonstration, to provide a posting of a *Site Exclusivity Deposit* of \$100,000 for a Small Generating Facility (generating facilities 20 MW or below) or \$250,000 for a Large Generating Facility (generating facilities greater than 20 MW).

### 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 exclusivity on private land:

- A site map for the foot print 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 Exclusivity.
- 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 50% or more ownership of the total project site.
- The entity demonstrating site exclusivity 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](mailto:InterconnectionQA@sce.com) prior to submitting your Interconnection Request. *Applications will not be processed without reasonable evidence of Site Exclusivity (or a Site Exclusivity Deposit, for projects applying under the Cluster Study Process).*

### Examples of Unacceptable Site Exclusivity Demonstration (for Private Land)

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

- Application package missing site exclusivity documentation (e.g., no lease, option or deed) and no Site Exclusivity Deposit (in lieu of site exclusivity, 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 Exclusivity 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



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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 Exclusivity does not match the parcels in the 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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