

# Feasibility Study Report Generation Interconnection Request # GI-2016-7

240MW Solar Photovoltaic Facility Boone 230kV Substation Pueblo County, Colorado

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### **Executive Summary**

This report evaluates the feasibility of interconnecting GI-2016-7, a 240MW solar photovoltaic generation facility at the Boone 230kV bus. The generation facility will consist of one hundred and twenty (120) SMA Sunny Central 2200-US inverters equally distributed over three groups; each group will consist of forty (40) inverters and twenty (20) 4MVA generation step-up transformers. The three groups will connect to a 240MVA Main Step-up Transformer which will interconnect to the Boone 230kV Point of Interconnection (POI) using a Customer owned 230kV tie-line. The Interconnection Customer did not propose a secondary POI. The generation facility is targeted to have a Commercial Operation Date (COD) of December 1, 2018, so the backfeed date is assumed to be June 1, 2018; approximately six months before the COD. The study request is for both Energy Resource Interconnection Service (ERIS) and Network Resource Interconnection Service (NRIS).

The scope of this report includes steady state (power flow) analysis and short circuit analysis. The studies were performed using a Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC) approved 2018 heavy summer base case by simulating heavy south-north flow on the Comanche – Midway – Jackson Fuller – Daniels Park transmission path.

The GI-2016-7 interconnection request was studied as a stand-alone project. That is, the study did not include any other Generator Interconnection Requests (GIR) existing in PSCo's or an affected party's GIR queue, other than the interconnection requests that are considered to be planned resources for which Power Purchase Agreements have been signed.

The affected parties for this study are Colorado Springs Utilities (CSU), Black Hills Colorado Electric (BHCE), Tri-State Generation and Transmission Inc. (TSGT), Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) and Intermountain Rural Electric Association (IREA).

#### Steady State contingency analysis results:

The benchmark case and study case did not have any system intact (P0) thermal and voltage violations.

The following single contingency thermal violations on PSCo facilities are attributable to the GI-2016-7 addition:

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- Greenwood Prairie3 230kV line loading increased from 88.4% to 100.8% (limited by terminal equipment)
- Greenwood Monaco12 230kV line loading increased from 92.2% to 100.7% (limited by terminal equipment)

Addition of GI-2016-7 did not cause any new voltage violations and increases in the existing voltage violations are small as to not require monitoring. There were no voltage violations attributable to GI-2016-7 addition.

The results of the multiple contingency analysis are given in Table-8 and Table-9. The study modeled a heavy South – North dispatch in the case, so the mitigation measures for multiple contingency overloads on PSCo will be developed on a discretionary basis if a compelling reliability need is identified. However, the Interconnection Customer will need to work with the affected parties in order to identify mitigation measures to eliminate the following multiple contingency thermal violations attributed to GI-2016-7 interconnection.

The following incremental BHCE facility contingency overloads are attributable to the interconnection of GI-2016-7

- Canyon City Skala 115kV line loading increased from 90.2% to 100.6%
- Fountain Valley Desert Cove 115kV line loading increased from 125.7% to 148.3%
- Fountain Valley Midway BR 115kV line loading increased from 124.8% to 147.3%
- Portland Skala 115kV line loading increased from 101.3% to 112.9%
- West Canyon 230/115kV #T1 transformer loading increased from 103.7% to 105.6%

The following incremental CSU facility contingency overloads are attributable to the interconnection of GI-2016-7

- Emiland Forest Lake 115kV line loading increased from 87.7% to 104.1%
- Fountain\_S RD\_Nixon 115kV line loading increased from 120.6% to 123.7%

The following incremental TSGT facility contingency overloads are attributable to the interconnection of GI-2016-7

- Fuller 230/115kV#T1 transformer loading increased from 136.4% to 137.5%
- BLKFORTP BLK SQMV 115kV line loading increased from 172.5% to 180.2%
- BLK SQMV Fuller 115kV line loading increased from 112.5% to 117%

#### **Short Circuit**

The GI-2016-7 is a solar photovoltaic facility, so the fault current contribution from the inverters is minimal and not long enough to cause breaker duty to exceed. No breaker duty violations are attributable to GI-2016-7 interconnection.

<u>Energy Resource Interconnection Service (ERIS)</u>: GI-2016-7 output for ERIS is 0 MW for the studied generation dispatch scenario due to the signal contingency marginal loading on the Daniels Park – Priaire1 230kV line in the benchmark case, and the benchmark case multiple contingency thermal overloads on the BHCE and TSGT facilities listed above. However, higher output may become feasible on an as-available basis depending on the prevailing dispatch of



existing generation resources located in the electrical vicinity of GI-2016-7 (Jackson Fuller, Comanche, Midway and Lamar areas, CSU system and BHCE system).

Network Resource Interconnection Service (NRIS): Implementing the Network Upgrades needed to mitigate the above mentioned thermal overloads on PSCo, CSU, TSGT and BHCE systems will allow GI-2016-7 to achieve full NRIS of 240MW. The Network Upgrades required to eliminate thermal violations on the PSCo facilities include fixing terminal equipment limitations, to increase line ratings. The costs of PSCo Network Upgrades attributed to GI-2016-7 interconnection are included in Table-5 below. The Interconnection Customer has to work with CSU, TSGT and BHCE in order to identify mitigation measures to eliminate the above mentioned CSU and BHCE facility overloads attributed to GI-2016-7 interconnection.

### **Cost Estimates**

The cost for the transmission interconnection (in 2016 dollars):

The total estimated cost of the recommended system improvements to interconnect the project is approximately **\$2.401 Million** and includes:

- \$ 0.978 Million for PSCo-Owned, Customer-Funded Interconnection Facilities
- \$ 1.127 Million for PSCo-Owned, PSCo-Funded Network Upgrades for Interconnection
- \$ 0.296 Million for PSCo Network Upgrades for Delivery to PSCo Loads

This work can be completed in 18 months following receipt of authorization to proceed. The cost estimates for BHCE, TSGT and CSU Network Upgrades attributed to GI-2016-7 are not included in this report.



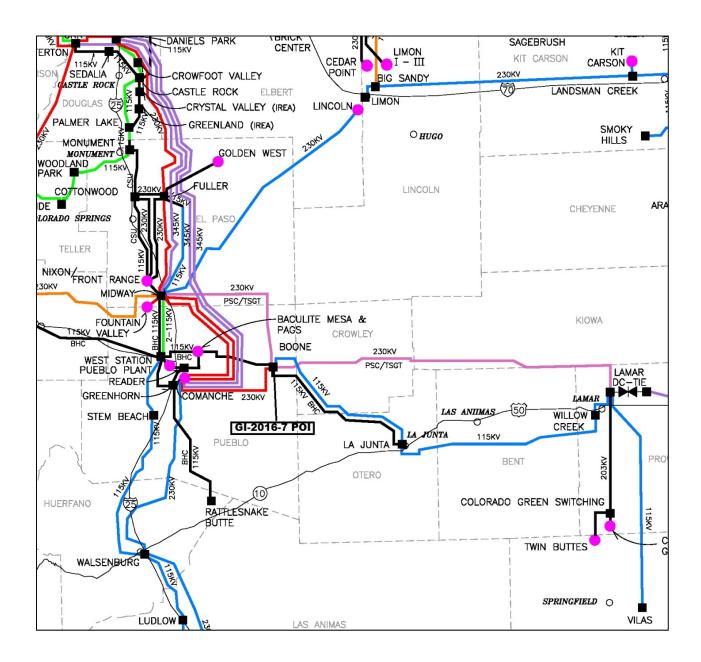


Figure 1 - GI-2016-7 Boone Point of Interconnection and Study Area



## **Introduction**

Public Service Company of Colorado (PSCo) received a 240MW solar Photovoltaic generation facility study request ("GI-2016-7") on May 3, 2016. The Generation facility will be made up of one hundred and twenty (120) SMA Sunny Central 2200-US inverters connected in three groups. Each group will consist of forty (40) inverters and twenty (20) 4 MVA step-up transformers. The three groups will in turn connect to a 240MVA Main Step-up Transformer which will connect to the Point of Interconnection (POI) using a 230kV Customer owned tie-line. The GI facility will be located in Pueblo County, Colorado.

The Primary POI requested by the Interconnection Customer is the Boone 230kV Substation in Pueblo County, Colorado. The Commercial Operation Date (COD) requested by the Customer is December 31, 2018. The Interconnection Customer did not specify a backfeed for GI-2016-7, so it was assumed to be June 31, 2018; six months before the COD.

The Interconnection Customer did not propose a secondary POI.

The Generation interconnection study request is for both Energy Resource Interconnection Service (ERIS) and Network Resource Interconnection Service (NRIS).

## Study Scope and Analysis Criteria

The scope of this report includes steady state (Power Flow) Analysis and short circuit analysis. The power flow analysis identifies thermal and voltage violations in the PSCo system and the affected party's system as a result of the addition of GI-2016-7; several single and double contingencies are studied. Short circuit analysis determines the maximum available fault current at the POI. The breaker duty study determines if breaker replacements are needed in neighboring substations due to the interconnection of GI-2016-7.

PSCo adheres to applicable NERC Reliability Standards & WECC Reliability Criteria, as well as internal criteria for planning studies. For PSCo facilities, the steady state analysis criteria are as follows:

#### P0 - System Intact conditions:

Thermal Loading: <=100% of the normal facility rating

Voltage range: 0.95 to 1.05 per unit

## P1-P2 - Single Contingencies:

Thermal Loading: <=100% Normal facility rating

Voltage range: 0.90 to 1.10 per unit

Voltage deviation: <=5% of pre-contingency voltage

#### P3-P7- Multiple Contingencies:

Thermal Loading: <=100% Emergency facility rating

Voltage range: 0.90 to 1.10 per unit

Voltage deviation: <=5% of pre-contingency voltage

The thermal and voltage analysis criteria for BHCE facilities are the same as above.



The thermal and voltage analysis criteria for CSU facilities are the same as above, except that the thermal analysis for single contingencies is calculated based on the emergency rating of the facility.

Operationally, PSCo attempts to maintain a transmission system voltage profile ranging from 1.02 per unit or higher at regulating (generation) buses to 1.0 per unit or higher at transmission load buses.

GI-2016-7 was studied for both Energy Resource Interconnection Service (ERIS) and Network Resource Interconnection Service (NRIS).

<u>Energy Resource Interconnection Service</u> shall mean an Interconnection Service that allows the Interconnection Customer to connect its Generating Facility to the Transmission Provider's Transmission System to be eligible to deliver the Generating Facility's electric output using the existing firm or non-firm capacity of the Transmission Provider's Transmission System on an as available basis. Energy Resource Interconnection Service in and of itself does not convey transmission service.

Network Resource Interconnection Service shall mean an Interconnection Service that allows the Interconnection Customer to integrate its Large Generating Facility with the Transmission Provider's Transmission system (1) in a manner comparable to that in which the Transmission Provider integrates its generating facilities to serve native load customers; or (2) in an RTO or ISO with market based congestion management, in the same manner as all other Network Resources. Network Resource Interconnection Service in and of itself does not convey transmission service.

The affected parties for this GI study are Colorado Springs Utilities (CSU), Black Hills Colorado Electric (BHCE), Tri-State Generation and Transmission Inc. (TSGT) and Intermountain Rural Electric Association (IREA).

## **Power Flow Study Models**

The study was performed using the Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC) 2018HS3 power flow case released on 02/02/2016. The case was updated to include the 75MW Twin Buttes generation expansion, 30MW San Isabel Solar generator interconnected on the Ludlotap – Pinoncanyon 115kV line, replacement of Lamar 230/115kV #T1 with 150MVA unit and Drake#5 generator retirement.

The generation dispatch in the WECC base case was adjusted to create a heavy south to north flow on the Comanche – Midway - Jackson Fuller – Daniels Park transmission path. This was accomplished by adopting the generation dispatch given in Table-9 below. PSCo's generation in zones 700, 704, 709, 710 and 712 is dispatched such that wind generation is at 85% name plate capacity, solar generation is at 80% name plate capacity, conventional non-coal generation is at 90% name plate capacity and, coal generation is dispatched at 100% name plate capacity. For BHCE, Baculite Mesa units are dispatched at 100% name plate rating and the remaining generation is dispatched at Rattlesnake Wind (recommended by BHCE because of the Boone POI).



The generation dispatch for CSU loads is provided by CSU.

The Lamar DC tie, the Colorado Green and Twin Buttes wind generators are dispatched such that the total combined injection at Lamar 230kV bus is 350MW.

The GI-2016-7 interconnection request was studied as a stand-alone project. That is, the study did not include any other Generator Interconnection Requests (GIR) existing in PSCo's or an affected party's GIR queue, other than the interconnection requests that are considered to be planned resources for which Power Purchase Agreements have been signed

Two power flow cases were created for evaluating the feasibility of GI-2016-7 interconnection – the benchmark case and the study case. The benchmark case modeled the system without GI-2016-7, whereas the study case included GI-2016-7. The GI was modeled using the PSSE modeling data provided by the Interconnection Customer. PSCo's Fort Saint Vrain #3 and #4 units are used as the sink for the 240 MW generation injection of GI-2016-7. The GI-2016-7 model provided by the customer resulted in a total injection of 235MW at the Boone 230kV bus after losses on the GI-2016-7 interconnection facilities, so the Pmax of the generator model is increased such that the total injection at Boone 230kV is 240MW, consistent with the study request.

## **Power Flow Study Process**

The steady state analysis was performed using PTI's PSSE Ver. 33.6.0 program and the ACCC contingency analysis tool. Contingencies were performed in accordance with NERC Standard TPL-001-4. These are described below.

The analysis was performed for P0, P1, P2, P4, and P7 contingencies. The P3, P5 and P6 contingencies were not run; Instead, the P4 and P7 contingencies were run which are worst case.

- The P0 analysis was done on all of area 70.
- The P1 single contingencies were run on zones 121, 700, 703, 704, 705, 709, 710, 712, 752 and 757.
- The P2 single contingencies were run on all of area 70, area 73 and zone 121.
- The P4 and P7 contingencies were run on zones 121, 700, 703, 704, 705, 709, 710, 712, 752 and 757.

The power flow study process described above is summarized in the table below.

Table 01 – TPL-001-4 Transmission Planning Performance Requirements Simulated

Categor y	Description	Initial Condition	Event	Interruptio n of Firm Transmissi on Service Allowed?	Non- conseque ntial Load Loss Allowed?	Areas Analyze d	Zones Analyzed
P0	No Contingency	Normal System	None	No	No	70	
P1	Single Contingency	Normal System	Loss of generator, branch,	No	No		121, 700, 703, 704,



			transformer, shunt device				709, 710, 712, 752, 757
P2	Single Contingency	Normal System	Open line section w/o fault, bus section fault, internal breaker faults	Conditional	Conditiona I	70, 73	121
P3	Multiple Contingency	Loss of Gen followed by system adjustmen t	Loss of generator, branch, transformer, shunt device	No	No		
P4	Multiple Contingency (Fault + stuck breaker	Normal System	Loss of multiple elements from stuck breaker clearing a fault	Conditional	Conditiona I		121, 700, 703, 704, 709, 710, 712, 752, 757
P5	Multiple Contingency (Fault + relay failure)	Normal System	Delayed fault clearing due to failure of non- redundant relay protecting a faulted element	Conditional	Conditiona I		121, 700, 703, 704, 709, 710, 712, 752, 757
P6	Multiple Contingency (Two overlapping singles)	Loss of branch, transforme r, shunt device followed by system adjustmen t	Loss of branch, transformer, shunt device	Yes	Yes		
P7	Multiple Contingency (Common structure)	Normal System	Loss of any two adjacent (vertically or horizontally) circuits on a common structure	Yes	Yes		121, 700, 703, 704, 709, 710, 712, 752, 757

The same list of contingencies was run on the benchmark case and the study case, and the results were compared.

For PSCo facilities - thermal violations attributable to the GI-2016-7 interconnection included any facilities without a pre-existing thermal violation but resulted in a thermal loading >100% post GI-2016-7 interconnection and contributed to a 2% increase in the facility loading compared to the benchmark case loading. Pre-existing thermal violations in the benchmark case are attributable to the GI-2016-7 interconnection if the planned PSCo upgrade is insufficient to mitigate the (increased) thermal violation in the study case. In such case, only the additional facility rating increase (beyond the PSCo planned uprate) required to accommodate the NRIS will be attributed to GI-2016-7.

The voltage violations attributed to GI-2016-7 included any new voltage range and voltage deviation violations.



The Interconnection Customer should work with the affected parties inorder to find mitigation measures for any existing and new thermal overloads on non-PSCo facilities.

The study area is the electrical system consisting of PSCo's transmission system and the affected party's transmission system that is impacted or that will impact interconnection of GI-2016-7. The study area for GI-2016-7 at the Boone POI include WECC designated zones 121, 700, 703, 704, 705, 709, 710, 712, 752 and 757.

## **Power Flow Results**

#### Single Contingency Analysis:

The benchmark case and study case did not have any system intact (P0) thermal and voltage violations.

The results of single contingency analysis are given in Table-6. The results show that the addition of GI-2016-7 caused new thermal overloads on various PSCo, BHCE and CSU facilities. In addition, the addition of GI-2016-7 contributed to an increase in the pre-existing benchmark case overload on CSU's Cottonwood N – Kettle Creek S 115kV line and TSGT's BLKFORTP – BLK SQMV 115kV line.

The implementation of the Palmer Lake – Monument 115kV line operating procedure mitigated overloads on the Palmer Lake – Monument 115kV line and all CSU and TSGT facilities. However, implementation of the operating procedure also resulted in a new overload on the Happy Canyon – Daniels Park 115kV line and caused marginal loading (100%) on the Daniels Park – Prairie1 230kV line. The results of the steady state analysis after implementing the Palmer Lake – Monument 115kV line operating procedure are given in Table-7.

PSCo will plan a project to fix the terminal equipment on the Happy Canyon – Daniels Park 115kV line, the new line rating targeted by PSCo would be sufficient to mitigate the study case overload, so the Happy Canyon – Daniels Park 115kV line overload is not attributed to GI-2016-7 interconnection.

PSCo has a planned project to upgrade the terminal equipment on the Waterton – Martin2tap 115kV line and the Daniels Park – Prairie1 230kV line by second quarter 2017, the new rating of the lines would be adequate to accommodate the study case overload, so these overloads are not attributed to GI-2016-7 interconnection.

The Midway 230kV bus tie overload is marginal (100%) in the study case, so a mitigation measure is not identified.

The following thermal violations on PSCo facilities are attributable to the GI-2016-7 addition:

- Greenwood Prairie3 230kV line loading increased from 88.4% to 100.8% (limited by terminal equipment)
- Greenwood Monaco12 230kV line loading increased from 92.2% to 100.7% (limited by terminal equipment)



Addition of GI-2016-7 did not cause any new voltage violations and increases in the existing voltage violations are small as to not require monitoring. There were no voltage violations attributable to GI-2016-7 addition.

#### Multiple Contingency Analysis:

The results of the multiple contingency analysis are given in Table-8 and Table-9. The study modeled a heavy South – North dispatch in the case, so the mitigation measures for multiple contingency overloads on PSCo will be developed on a discretionary basis if a compelling reliability need is identified. However, the Interconnection Customer will need to work with the affected parties in order to identify mitigation measures to eliminate the following multiple contingency thermal violations attributed to GI-2016-7 interconnection.

The following incremental BHCE facility contingency overloads are attributable to the interconnection of GI-2016-7

- Canyon City Skala 115kV line loading increased from 90.2% to 100.6%
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The following incremental CSU facility contingency overloads are attributable to the interconnection of GI-2016-7

- Emiland Forest Lake 115kV line loading increased from 87.7% to 104.1%
- Fountain\_S RD\_Nixon 115kV line loading increased from 120.6% to 123.7%

The following incremental TSGT facility contingency overloads are attributable to the interconnection of GI-2016-7

- Fuller 230/115kV#T1 transformer loading increased from 136.4% to 137.5%
- BLKFORTP BLK SQMV 115kV line loading increased from 172.5% to 180.2%
- BLK SQMV Fuller 115kV line loading increased from 112.5% to 117%

#### **Short Circuit**

The GI-2016-7 is a solar photovoltaic facility, so the fault current contribution from the inverters is minimal and not long enough to cause breaker duty to exceed. No breaker duty violations are attributable to GI-2016-7 addition.

The calculated short circuit levels and Thevenin system equivalent impedances at the Boone 230kV POI are tabulated below.

Table 2 – Short Circuit Parameters at the Boone 230 kV POI

System Condition	Three-Phase Fault Level (Amps)	Single-Line-to- Ground Fault Level (Amps)	SLG X/R	3 Phase X/R
System Intact	10282.7	10211.0	10.297	9.7942



## **Conclusion**

<u>Energy Resource Interconnection Service (ERIS)</u>: GI-2016-7 output for ERIS is 0 MW for the studied generation dispatch scenario due to the single contingency marginal loading on the Daniels Park – Priaire1 230kV line in the benchmark case, and the benchmark case multiple contingency thermal overloads on the BHCE and TSGT facilities listed above. However, higher output may become feasible on an as-available basis depending on the prevailing dispatch of existing generation resources located in the electrical vicinity of GI-2016-7 (Jackson Fuller, Comanche, Midway and Lamar areas, CSU system and BHCE system).

Network Resource Interconnection Service (NRIS): Implementing the Network Upgrades needed to mitigate the above mentioned thermal overloads on PSCo, CSU, TSGT and BHCE systems will allow GI-2016-7 to achieve full NRIS of 240MW. The Network Upgrades required to eliminate thermal violations on the PSCo facilities include fixing terminal equipment limitations, to increase line ratings. The costs of PSCo Network Upgrades attributed to GI-2016-7 interconnection are included in Table-5 below. The Interconnection Customer has to work with CSU, TSGT and BHCE in order to identify mitigation measures to eliminate the above mentioned CSU and BHCE facility overloads attributed to GI-2016-7 interconnection.

## **Costs Estimates and Assumptions**

Scoping level cost estimates for Interconnection Facilities and Network/Infrastructure Upgrades for Delivery (+/- 30% accuracy) were developed by PSCo Engineering. The cost estimates are in 2016 dollars with escalation and contingencies applied (AFUDC is not included) and are based upon typical construction costs for previously performed similar construction. These estimated costs include all applicable labor and overheads associated with the siting support, engineering, design, and construction of these new PSCo facilities. This estimate does not include the cost for any other Customer owned equipment and associated design and engineering.

The estimated total cost for the required upgrades is \$2,401,000.

Figure 2 below is a conceptual one-line of the proposed interconnection. The Point of Interconnection will be the Boone 230kV Transmission substation.

The following (Tables 3, 4 and 5) list the improvements required to accommodate the interconnection and the delivery of the customer's 240 MW solar facility generation output. The cost responsibilities associated with these facilities shall be handled as per current FERC guidelines. System improvements are subject to revision as a more detailed and refined design is produced.

- Estimates are based on 2016 dollars (appropriate contingency and escalation applied).
- AFUDC has been excluded.
- Labor is estimated for straight time only no overtime included.
- Lead times for materials were considered for the schedule.
- The Solar Generation Facility is not in PSCo's retail service territory. Therefore, no costs for retail load metering are included in these estimates.



- PSCo (or it's Contractor) crews will perform all construction, wiring, testing and commissioning for PSCo owned and maintained facilities.
- The estimated time to design, procure and construct the interconnection facilities is approximately 18 months after authorization to proceed has been obtained.
- This project is completely independent of other queued projects and their respective ISD's.
- A CPCN will not be required for the interconnection facilities construction.
- Customer will string OPGW fiber into substation as part of the transmission line construction scope.
- Breaker duty study determined that no breaker replacements are needed in neighboring substations.
- Line and substation bus outages will be necessary during the construction period. Outage availability could potentially be problematic and extend requested backfeed date due.
- Power Quality Metering (PQM) will be required on the Customer's 230 kV line terminating into Boone Substation.
- Network Upgrade costs in Table-5 only include cost estimates for PSCo Network Upgrades

Table 3 – PSCo Owned; Customer Funded Transmission Provider Interconnection Facilities

Element	Description	Cost Est. (Millions)
PSCo's Boone 230kV Transmission Substation	Interconnect Customer to the 230kV bus at the Boone Substation. The new equipment includes:  • One (1) motor operated 230kV disconnect switch • Three (3) 230kV combination CT/PT metering units • Power Quality Metering (230kV line from Customer) • Three (3) surge arresters • Two (2) relay panels • Associated bus, wiring and equipment • Associated foundations and structures • Associated transmission line communications, relaying and testing	\$0.928
	Transmission line tap into substation. Conductor, hardware, and installation labor.	\$0.050
	Total Cost Estimate for PSCo-Owned, Customer-Funded Interconnection Facilities	\$0.978
Time Frame	Design, procure and construct	18 Months



Table 4: PSCo Owned; PSCo Funded Interconnection Network Facilities

Element	Description	Cost Est.
		(Millions)
PSCo's	Interconnect Customer to the 230kV bus at the Boone 115kV	\$1.127
Boone	Substation. The new equipment includes:	
230kV	One (1) 230kV circuit breaker	
Transmissio	<ul> <li>Two (2) 230kV gang switches</li> </ul>	
n Substation	<ul> <li>One (1) 230kV CCVT</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Associated communications, supervisory and SCADA equipment</li> </ul>	
	Associated line relaying and testing	
	<ul> <li>Associated bus, miscellaneous electrical equipment, cabling and wiring</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Associated foundations and structures</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Associated road and site development, fencing and grounding</li> </ul>	
	Siting and Land Rights support for substation land acquisition	\$0.000
	and construction.	
	Total Cost Estimate for PSCo-Owned, PSCo-Funded	\$1.127
	Interconnection Facilities	
Time Frame	Site, design, procure and construct	18 Months

Table 5 – PSCo Network Upgrades for Delivery

Element	Description	Cost Est. (Millions)
Greenwood Substation	Uprated Jumpers and Associated Equipment	\$0.212
Monaco Substation	Uprated Jumpers and Associated Equipment	\$0.037
Prairie Substation	Uprated Jumpers and Associated Equipment	\$0.047
	Total Cost Estimate for PSCo Network Upgrades for Delivery	\$0.296
	Design, procure and construct	18 Months
	Total Project Estimate	\$2.401



## A. Power Flow Contingency Analysis Results

#### Notes -

- 1. All thermal loadings are highlighted in yellow and violations are identified in red.
- 2. For Single Contingency Analysis, thermal overloads on:
  - PSCo facilities are calculated using the applicable Normal Rating.
  - CSU facilities are calculated using the applicable Emergency Rating.
- 3. For Multiple Contingency Analysis, thermal overloads on All facilities are calculated using applicable Emergency Rating of the facility

Table 6 – Summary of thermal violations from Single Contingency Analysis
Without Palmer Lake- Monument 115kV Line Operating Procedure

			Facility Loading Without GI-2016-7		Facility Loading With GI-2016-7				
Monitored Facility (Line or Transformer)	Туре	Owner	Branch Rating MVA (Norm/Emer)	N-1 Flow MVA	N-1 Flow % of Rating	N-1 Flow MVA	N-1 Flow % of Rating	% Change	NERC Single Contingency
Daniels Park - Prairie1 230kV	Line	PSCo	478/478	473.7	<mark>99.1%</mark> /99.1%	532.0	111.3%/111.3%	12.2%	Daniels Park – Prairie3 230kV Line
Greenwood – Prairie3 230kV	Line	PSCo	478/478	416.3	<mark>87.1%</mark> /87.1%	476.1	<mark>99.6%</mark> /99.6%	12.5%	Daniels Park – Prairie1 230kV Line
Greenwood - Monaco12 230kV	Line	PSCo	405/481	373.4	<mark>92.2%</mark> /77.6%	408.6	100.9%/84.9%	8.7%	Buckley- SmokyHill 230kV Line
Midway 230kV Bus tie	Line	PSCo/ WAPA	430/478	383.6	<mark>89.2%</mark> /80.2%	454.9	105.8%/95.2%	16.6%	MidwayPS – Jackson Fuller 230kV
Palmer Lake – Monument 115kV	Line	PSCo/ CSU	142/157	118.1	<mark>83.2%</mark> /75.2%	140.8	<mark>99.2%</mark> /89.7%	16%	Daniels Park – Jackson Fuller 230kV
Portland – Skala 115kV	Line	BHCE	111/111	105.5	<mark>95%</mark> /95%	115.6	<mark>104.1%</mark> /104.1%	9.1%	MidwayBR – West Canyon 230kV
Waterton – Martin2Tap 115kV	Line	PSCo	127/140	121.8	<mark>95.9%</mark> /87%	129.0	101.6%/92.2%	5.7%	Sodalake 230/115kV #T2
Cottonwood N - KettleCreek S 115kV	Line	CSU	162/180	189.6	117.0%/ <mark>105.3%</mark>	204.1	126.0%/ <mark>113.4%</mark>	8.1%	Brairgate S – Cottonwood S 115kV
Monument – Flyhorse N 115kV	Line	CSU	142/157	138.6	97.6%/ <mark>88.3%</mark>	161.2	113.5%/ <mark>102.7%</mark>	14.4%	Daniels Park – Jackson Fuller 230kV
BLKFORTP – BLK SQMV 115kV	Line	TSGT	81/81	83.8	<mark>103.4%</mark> /103.4%	90.4	<mark>116.3%</mark> /116.3%	12.9%	Flyhorse S – Kettlecreek N 115kV
Fuller 230/115kV	Xfmr	TSGT	100/100	99.6	<mark>99.6%</mark> /99.6%	102.6	102.6%/102.6%	3%	MidwayBR – Rancho 115kV



#### Notes -

- 1. All thermal loadings are highlighted in yellow and violations are identified in red.
- 2. For Single Contingency Analysis, thermal overloads on:
  - PSCo facilities are calculated using the applicable Normal Rating.
  - CSU facilities are calculated using the applicable Emergency Rating.
- 3. For Double Contingency Analysis, thermal overloads on All facilities are calculated using applicable Emergency Rating of the facility

Table 7 – Summary of thermal violations from Single Contingency Analysis
With Palmer Lake – Monument 115kV Line Operating Procedure

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Monitored Facility (Line or Transformer)	Туре	Owner	Branch Rating MVA (Norm/Emer)	N-1 Flow MVA	N-1 Flow % of Rating	N-1 Flow MVA	N-1 Flow % of Rating	% Change	NERC Single Contingency
Happy Canyon – Daniels Park 115kV	Line	PSCo	120/120	127.6	<mark>106.3%</mark> /106.3%	128.9	<mark>107.4%</mark> /107.4%	1.1%	Parker – Bayou 115kV
Daniels Park – Prairie1 230kV	Line	PSCo	478/478	478	<mark>100%</mark> /100%	537.8	112.5%/112.5%	12.5%	Daniels Park – Prairie3 230kV Line
Greenwood – Prairie3 230kV	Line	PSCo	478/478	422.6	<mark>88.4%</mark> /88.4%	481.8	100.8%/100.8%	12.4%	Daniels Park – Prairie1 230kV Line
Greenwood - Monaco12 230kV	Line	PSCo	404/480	372.5	<mark>92.2%</mark> /77.6%	406.8	100.7%/84.8%	8.5%	Buckley- SmokyHill 230kV Line
Midway 230kV Bus tie	Line	PSCo/ WAPA	430/478	362.9	<mark>84.4%</mark> /75.9%	430	100.0%/89.9%	15.6%	MidwayPS – Jackson Fuller 230kV
Palmer Lake – Monument 115kV	Line	PSCo/ CSU	132/153	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	Daniels Park – Jackson Fuller 230kV
Portland – Skala 115kV	Line	BHCE	111/111	107.3	<mark>96.7%</mark> /96.7%	117.9	106.2%/106.2%	9.5%	MidwayBR – West Canyon 230kV
Waterton – Martin2Tap 115kV	Line	PSCo	125/138	118	<mark>94.4%</mark> /85.5%	124.8	<mark>99.8%</mark> /90.4%	5.4%	Sodalake 230/115kV #T2
Cottonwood N - KettleCreek S 115kV	Line	CSU	162/180	146.8	90.6%/ <mark>81.5%</mark>	152.8	94.3%/ <mark>84.9%</mark>	3.4%	Brairgate S – Cottonwood S 115kV
Monument – Flyhorse N 115kV	Line	CSU	142/157	65.5	46.1%/ <mark>41.7%</mark>	74.1	52.2%/ <mark>47.2%</mark>	5.5%	Daniels Park – Jackson Fuller 230kV
BLKFORTP – BLK SQMV 115kV	Line	TSGT	81/81	68.3	84.3%/ <mark>84.3%</mark>	74.0	91.4%/ <mark>91.4%</mark>	7.1%	Flyhorse S – Kettlecreek N 115kV
Fuller 230/115kV	Xfmr	TSGT	100/100	86.9	86.9%/ <mark>86.9%</mark>	87.4	87.4%/ <mark>87.4%</mark>	0.5%	MidwayBR – Rancho 115kV



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Table 8 – Summary of thermal violations from Multiple Contingency Analysis  Without Palmer Lake– Monument 115kV Line Operating Procedure											
			y Loading t Gl-2016-7		ity Loading n Gl-2016-7						
Monitored Facility (Line or Transformer)	Туре	Owner	Branch Rating MVA	Flow MVA	Flow % of Rating	Flow MVA	Flow % of Rating	% Change	NERC Multiple Contingency		

			Without GI-2016-7		With GI-2016-7				
Monitored Facility (Line or Transformer)	Туре	Owner	Branch Rating MVA (Norm/Emer)	Flow MVA	Flow % of Rating	Flow MVA	Flow % of Rating	% Change	NERC Multiple Contingency
Arapahoe – SantaFe 230kV	Line	PSCo	300/319	293.1	97.7%/ <mark>91.9%</mark>	332.4	110.8%/ <mark>104.2%</mark>	12.3%	Double Ckt: Daniels Park – Prairie – Greenwood 230kV 1&2
Daniels Park – SantaFe 230kV	Line	PSCo	319/319	329.8	103.4%/ <mark>103.4%</mark>	369.4	115.8%/ <mark>115.8%</mark>	12.4%	Double Ckt: Daniels Park – Prairie – Greenwood 230kV 1&2
Canyon City – Skala 115kV	Line	внсе	119/119	105.9	89.9%/ <mark>89.9%</mark>	119	100.1%/ <mark>100.1%</mark>	10.2%	Breaker Failure: MidwayBR 230kV Sub & MidwayPS – J.Fuller 230kV
Fountain Valley – DesertCove 115kV	Line	внсе	119/119	149.6	125.7%/ <mark>125.7%</mark>	176.5	148.3%/ <mark>148.3%</mark>	22.6%	Breaker Failure: MidwayBR 230kV Sub & MidwayPS – J.Fuller 230kV
Fountain Valley – MidwayBR 115kV	Line	внсе	119/119	148.5	124.8%/ <mark>124.8%</mark>	175.3	147.3%/ <mark>147.3%</mark>	22.5%	Breaker Failure: MidwayBR 230kV Sub & MidwayPS – J.Fuller 230kV
Portland – Skala 115kV	Line	внсе	111/111	112	100.9%/100.9%	124.6	112.3%/ <mark>112.3%</mark>	11.4%	Breaker Failure: MidwayBR 230kV Sub & MidwayPS – J.Fuller 230kV
Midway 230kV Bus tie	Line	PSCo/ WAPA	430/478	556.4	129.4%/ <mark>116.4%</mark>	657.0	152.8%/ <mark>137.4%</mark>	21%	Double Ckt: MidwayPS – Waterton 345kV & MidwayPS – J. Fuller 230kV
Waterton – Martin1 Tap 115kV	Line	PSCo	138/142	139.2	100.9%/ <mark>98.0%</mark>	146.8	106.4%/ <mark>103.4%</mark>	5.4%	Double Ckt: Sodalake – Waterton 230kV & Sodalake – Waterton 115kV
Waterton - Martin2 Tap 115kV	Line	PSCo	127/140	131.6	103.6%/ <mark>93.9%</mark>	141.5	111.4%/ <mark>101.0%</mark>	7.1%	Breaker Failure: Sodalakes 230kV
Palmer Lake – Monument 115kV	Line	PSCo/C SU	142/157	181.8	128.0%/ <mark>115.8%</mark>	214.6	151.1%/ <mark>136.7%</mark>	20.9%	Double Ckt: MidwayPS – Waterton 345kV & Daniels Park – J. Fuller 230kV
Cottonwood N – Kettle Creek S 115kV	Line	CSU	162/180	183.2	113.1%/ <mark>101.8%</mark>	206.1	127.2%/ <mark>114.5%</mark>	12.7%	Double Ckt: MidwayPS – Waterton 345kV & Daniels Park – Fuller 230kV



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Without Palmer Lake– Monument 115kV Line Operating Procedure

		Facility Loading Without GI-2016-7		Facility Loading With GI-2016-7					
Monitored Facility (Line or Transformer)	Туре	Owner	Branch Rating MVA (Norm/Emer)	Flow MVA	Flow % of Rating	Flow MVA	Flow % of Rating	% Change	NERC Multiple Contingency
Monument – Flyhorse N 115kV	Line	CSU	142/157	204.2	143.8%/ <mark>130.0%</mark>	238	167.6%/ <mark>151.6%</mark>	21.6%	Double Ckt: MidwayPS – Waterton 345kV & Daniels Park – Fuller 230kV
Flyhorse S – Kettle Creek N 115kV	Line	CSU	162/180	215.6	133.1%/ <mark>119.8%</mark>	249.5	154.0%/ <mark>138.6%</mark>	18.8%	Double Ckt: MidwayPS – Waterton 345kV & Daniels Park – Fuller 230kV
Flyhorse S – Flyhorse N 115kV	Line	CSU	239/239	215.3	90.1%/ <mark>90.1%</mark>	249.3	104.3%/ <mark>104.3%</mark>	14.2%	Double Ckt: MidwayPS – Waterton 345kV & Daniels Park – Fuller 230kV
BLKFORTP – BLK SQMV 115kV	Line	TSGT	81/81	122.8	151.6%/ <mark>151.6%</mark>	133.5	164.8%/ <mark>164.8%</mark>	13.2%	Breaker Failure: Cottonwood 115kV Tie
BLK SQMV – Fuller 115kV	Line	TSGT	143/143	144	100.7%/ <mark>100.7%</mark>	154.8	108.3%/ <mark>108.3%</mark>	7.6%	Breaker Failure: Cottonwood 115kV Tie
Fuller 230/115 kV	Xfmr	TSGT	100/100	123.4	123.4%/ <mark>123.4%</mark>	127.1	127.1%/ <mark>127.1%</mark>	3.7%	Breaker Failure: Cottonwood 115kV Tie
Bradley S – Fountain N 115kV	Line	CSU	195/212	203.8	104.5%/ <mark>96.1%</mark>	211.8	108.6%/ <mark>99.9%</mark>	3.8%	Breaker Failure: Kelker 230kV Tie
Fountain S – RD_Nixon 115 kV	Line	CSU	195/212	261.9	134.3%/ <mark>123.5%</mark>	270.1	138.5%/ <mark>127.4%</mark>	3.9%	Breaker Failure: Kelker 230kV Tie
Brairgate S – Cottonwood S 115kV	Line	CSU	150/192	178.4	118.9%/ <mark>92.9%</mark>	191.4	127.6%/ <mark>99.7%</mark>	6.8%	Cottonwood N 115 kV bus
West Canyon 230/115 kV # T1	Line	внсе	100/100	103.2	103.2%/ <mark>103.2%</mark>	105	105.0%/ <mark>105%</mark>	1.8%	Double Ckt: Portland – West Station 115kV #1 & 2

Note - Double circuit Daniels Park - Comanche 345 kV outage caused divergence of the power flow case

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Table 9 – Summary of thermal violations from Multiple Contingency Analysis	
With Palmer Lake- Monument 115kV Line Operating Procedure	

		Facility Loading Without GI-2016-7		Facility Loading With GI-2016-7					
Monitored Facility (Line or Transformer)	Туре	Owner	Branch Rating MVA (Norm/Emer)	Flow MVA	Flow % of Rating	Flow MVA	Flow % of Rating	% Change	NERC Multiple Contingency
Arapahoe – SantaFe 230kV	Line	PSCo	300/319	295.2	98.4%/ <mark>92.5%</mark>	335.1	111.7%/ <mark>105.0%</mark>	12.5%	Double Ckt: Daniels Park – Prairie – Greenwood 230kV 1&2
Daniels Park – SantaFe 230kV	Line	PSCo	319/319	332.1	104.1%/ <mark>104.1%</mark>	372.3	116.7%/ <mark>116.7%</mark>	12.6%	Double Ckt: Daniels Park – Prairie – Greenwood 230kV 1&2
Canyon City – Skala 115kV	Line	BHCE	119/119	107.3	90.2%/ <mark>90.2%</mark>	119.7	100.6%/ <mark>100.6%</mark>	10.4%	Breaker Failure: MidwayBR 230kV Sub & MidwayPS – J.Fuller 230kV
Fountain Valley – DesertCove 115kV	Line	BHCE	119/119	145.9	122.6%/ <mark>122.6%</mark>	171.7	144.3%/ <mark>144.3%</mark>	21.7%	Breaker Failure: MidwayBR 230kV Sub & MidwayPS – J.Fuller 230kV
Fountain Valley – MidwayBR 115kV	Line	внсе	119/119	144.7	121.6%/ <mark>121.6%</mark>	170.5	143.3%/ <mark>143.3%</mark>	21.7%	Breaker Failure: MidwayBR 230kV Sub & MidwayPS – J.Fuller 230kV
Portland – Skala 115kV	Line	внсе	111/111	112.4	101.3%/ <mark>101.3%</mark>	125.3	112.9%/ <mark>112.9%</mark>	11.6%	Breaker Failure: MidwayBR 230kV Sub & MidwayPS – J.Fuller 230kV
Midway 230kV Bus tie	Line	PSCo/ WAPA	430/478	534.9	124.4%/ <mark>111.9%</mark>	631.2	146.8%/ <mark>132.0%</mark>	20.1%	Double Ckt: MidwayPS – Waterton 345kV & MidwayPS – J. Fuller 230kV
Waterton – Martin1 Tap 115kV	Line	PSCo	138/142	137.7	99.8%/ <mark>97%</mark>	145.0	105.1%/ <mark>102.1%</mark>	5.1%	Double Ckt: Sodalake – Waterton 230kV & Sodalake – Waterton 115kV
Palmer Lake – Monument 115kV	Line	PSCo/C SU	142/157	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Double Ckt: MidwayPS – Waterton 345kV & Daniels Park – J. Fuller 230kV
Cottonwood N – Kettle Creek S 115kV	Line	CSU	162/180	111.1	68.6%/ <mark>61.7%</mark>	121.3	74.9%/ <mark>67.4%</mark>	5.7%	Double Ckt: MidwayPS – Waterton 345kV & Daniels Park – Fuller 230kV
Monument – Flyhorse N 115kV	Line	CSU	142/157	95.7	67.4%/ <mark>60.9%</mark>	110.2	77.6%/ <mark>70.2%</mark>	9.3%	Double Ckt: MidwayPS – Waterton 345kV & Daniels Park – Fuller 230kV
Flyhorse S – Kettle Creek N 115kV	Line	CSU	162/180	106.9	66.0%/ <mark>59.4%</mark>	121.5	75.0%/ <mark>67.5%</mark>	8.1%	Double Ckt: MidwayPS – Waterton 345kV & Daniels Park – Fuller 230kV



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			Facility Loading Without GI-2016-7		Facility Loading With GI-2016-7				
Monitored Facility (Line or Transformer)	Туре	Owner	Branch Rating MVA (Norm/Emer)	Flow MVA	Flow % of Rating	Flow MVA	Flow % of Rating	% Change	NERC Multiple Contingency
Emiland – Forest Lake 115kV	Line	CSU	107/107	93.9	87.7%/ <mark>87.7%</mark>	111.4	104.1%/ <mark>104.1%</mark>	16.4%	Double Ckt: MidwayPS – Waterton 345kV & Daniels Park – Fuller 230kV
Flyhorse S – Flyhorse N 115kV	Line	CSU	239/239	106.6	44.6%/ <mark>44.6%</mark>	121.4	50.8%/ <mark>50.8%</mark>	6.2%	Double Ckt: MidwayPS – Waterton 345kV & Daniels Park – Fuller 230kV
BLKFORTP – BLK SQMV 115kV	Line	TSGT	81/81	139.7	172.5%/ <mark>172.5%</mark>	146	180.2%/ <mark>180.2%</mark>	7.7%	Breaker Failure: Cottonwood 115kV Tie
BLK SQMV – Fuller 115kV	Line	TSGT	143/143	160.9	112.5%/ <mark>112.5%</mark>	167.4	117%/ <mark>117%</mark>	4.5%	Breaker Failure: Cottonwood 115kV Tie
Fuller 230/115 kV	Line	Xfmr	100/100	136.4	136.4%/ <mark>136.4%</mark>	137.5	137.5%/ <mark>137.5%</mark>	1.1%	Breaker Failure: Cottonwood 115kV Tie
Fountain S – RD_Nixon 115 kV	Line	CSU	195/212	255.6	131.1%/ <mark>120.6%</mark>	262.3	134.5%/ <mark>123.7%</mark>	3.1%	Breaker Failure: Kelker 230kV Tie
West Canyon 230/115 kV # T1	Line	внсе	100/100	103.7	103.7%/ <mark>103.7%</mark>	105.6	105.6%/ <mark>105.6%</mark>	1.9%	Double Ckt: Portland – West Station 115kV #1 & 2

Note - Double circuit Daniels Park - Comanche 345 kV outage caused divergence of the power flow case



Table 9 – Generation Dispatch in the Study area (MW is Gross Capacity)

## PSCo:

<u>Bus</u>	<u>LF ID</u>	MW
Comanche PV	S1	102
Comanche	C1	357
Comanche	C2	365
Comanche	C3	795
Lamar DC Tie	DC	100
Fountain Valley	G1	36
Fountain Valley	G2	36
Fountain Valley	G3	36
Fountain Valley	G4	36
Fountain Valley	G5	36
Fountain Valley	G6	36
Colorado Green	1	64.8
Colorado Green	2	64.8
Twin Butte	1	60
Twin Butte-II	W1	60
Jackson Fuller	W1&W2	199.9
Alamosa CT	G1	15.3
Alamosa CT	G2	12.6
Cogentrix	S3	25.5
Greater Sandhill	S1	16.1
Blanca Peak	S1	19.5
SLV Solar	S1	44.2

#### BHE:

<u>Bus</u>	<u>LF ID</u>	MW
BUSCHWRTG1	G1	23.0
BUSCHWRTG2	G2	23.0
BUSCHWRTG2	G3	23.0
E Canon	G1	0
PP_MINE	G1	0
Pueblo Diesels	G1	0
Pueblo Plant	G1	0
Pueblo Plant	G2	0.0
R.F. Diesels	G1	0.0
Airport Diesels	G1	0.0
Canyon City	C1	0
Canyon City	C1	0
Baculite 1	G1	90
Baculite 2	G1	90
Baculite 3	G1	40.0
Baculite 3	G2	40.0
Baculite 3	S1	21
Baculite 4	G1	40.0
Baculite 4	G2	40.0

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Baculite 4	S1	21
Baculite 5	G1	0

# <u>CSU</u>:

<u>Bus</u>	<u>LF ID</u>	<u>MW</u>
Birdsale1	1	0.0
Birdsale 2	1	0.0
Birdsale 3	1	0.0
RD_Nixon	1	220.9
Tesla	1	13.2
Drake 5	1	0.0
Drake 6	1	81.6
Drake 7	1	138.2
Nixon CT 1	1	0.0
Nixon CT 2	1	0.0
Front Range CC 1	1	142.6
Front Range CC 2	1	142.6
Front Range CC 3	1	141.9



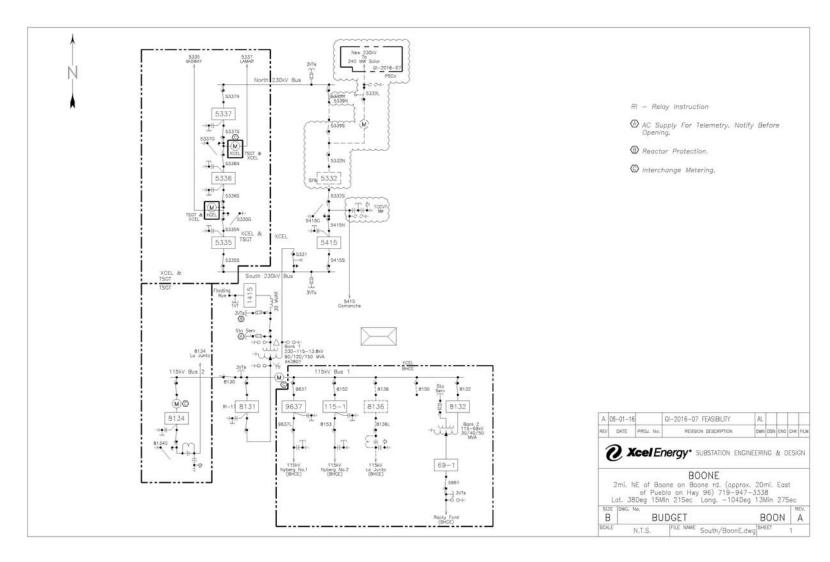


Figure 2 - GI-2016-7 Conceptual One-Line Diagram of the POI