Hunterstown - Doubs - Gant Solution

General Information

Proposing entity name	Proprietary Company Information
Does the entity who is submitting this proposal intend to be the Designated Entity for this proposed project?	Yes
Company proposal ID	Proprietary Company Information
PJM Proposal ID	255
Project title	Hunterstown - Doubs - Gant Solution
Project description	New Gant 500 kV substation, New Hunterstown - Doubs - Gant 500 kV line, plus various modifications to existing lines and substations. Proposal permitting and overhead costs are captured in component 40X. See attachment 1 for flowgate information.
Email	Proprietary Company Information
Project in-service date	06/2027
Tie-line impact	No
Interregional project	No
Is the proposer offering a binding cap on capital costs?	Yes
Additional benefits	

Project Components

- 1. 21C Doubs substation expansion with two new 500kV breaker and a half bays
- 2. 40X New 500kV transmission line from existing Doubs substation to new Gant substation
- 3. 21B New 500kV transmission line between Hunterstown substation and Doubs substation
- 4. 39a3 New Gant substation 3 terminal
- 5. 21A Hunterstown 500kV single breaker expansion

Substation Upgrade Component

Component title	21C - Doubs substation expansion with two new 500kV breaker and a half bays
Project description	Proprietary Company Information
Substation name	Doubs
Substation zone	Allegheny Power
Substation upgrade scope	Add two new 500kV breaker and a half bays by adding a total of 4 breakers. Terminate the two new 500kV greenfield transmission lines into the new bays created. Recommend relocating the existing Doubs - Goose Creek 500kV line and Doubs - Brighton per the provided one-line diagram to avoid transmission line crossings of the new 500kV transmission lines with the existing transmission lines.
Transformer Information	
None	
New equipment description	AC substation: Add two (2) new breaker and a half (BAAH) bays and four (4) new 500kV breakers.
Substation assumptions	The use of a spare bay appears to be available. Area west of substation fence is available.
Real-estate description	Expected expansion of fenceline is within utility owned property.
Construction responsibility	Proprietary Company Information
Benefits/Comments	Resolves reliability issues identified per PJM's Gen. Deliv. Process
Component Cost Details - In Current Year \$	
Engineering & design	Proprietary Company Information
Permitting / routing / siting	Proprietary Company Information
ROW / land acquisition	Proprietary Company Information
Materials & equipment	Proprietary Company Information
Construction & commissioning	Proprietary Company Information
Construction management	Proprietary Company Information

Overheads & miscellaneous costs	Proprietary Company Information	
Contingency	Proprietary Company Information	
Total component cost	\$14,000,000.00	
Component cost (in-service year)	\$15,453,380.00	
Greenfield Transmission Line Component		
Component title	40X - New 500kV transmission line from existing Doubs substation to new Gant substation	
Project description	Proprietary Company Information	
Point A	Doubs	
Point B	Gant	
Point C	N/A	
	Normal ratings	Emergency ratings
Summer (MVA)	4295.000000	4357.000000
Winter (MVA)	5066.000000	5196.000000
Conductor size and type	3x 1780 kcmil Chukar ACSR	
Nominal voltage	AC	
Nominal voltage	500	
Line construction type	Overhead	

General route description	The route is approxiamtely 27 miles long. Starting a new dead end structure at the Doubs substation, the line routes west-northwest along the existing Doubs - Bismark 500kV transmission ROW and continues to follow the exisiting ROW west across the Potomac River. Colocating the line with the existing transmission line helps mitigate viewshed issues and permitting risk. After crossing the Potomac, the line shifts south for almost 7 miles before turning east and crossing over the Catoctin Mountain. The line then co-locates with Hwy 15 ROW south for about 3 miles before shifting west to avoid conflicts with Leesburg developed area. The line routes west and south for about 5.5 miles around Leesburg and then turns east near the intersection of Monroe Madison Memorial hwy and Harmony Church Rd. The line routes east-southeast for about 4 miles, routes along the south side of Dulles Greenway ROW for less than 1 mile, and then shifts north to terminate at the new Gant substation.
Terrain description	Much of the project is located in the rolling hills and pastures of the Piedmont east of the Blue Ridge, where the bedrock consists mostly of gneiss, schist, and granite rocks at a typical depth of between 2 and 10 feet. Soils developed from these rocks and minerals form acid, infertile soils, with sandy loam surfaces. Historically, much of the Piedmont region was cleared and farmed intensively, causing extreme erosion over much of the region. Many of the agricultural areas have since reverted to forests.
Right-of-way width by segment	The new right of way will have its own corridor for approximately 85% of the route length. The right of way will be an expansion of an existing transmission line corridor for approximately 15% of the route length. The right of way width will be 165 ft.
Electrical transmission infrastructure crossings	See .kmz with identified major crossings.
Civil infrastructure/major waterway facility crossing plan	See .kmz with identified major crossings and Attachment 5 - Crossing Plan for more detail.

Tower	characteristics	

Construction responsibility

Benefits/Comments

Component Cost Details - In Current Year \$

Engineering & design

Permitting / routing / siting

ROW / land acquisition

Materials & equipment

Construction & commissioning

Construction management

Environmental constraints identified are manageable through implementation of an environmental avoidance, minimization, and mitigation strategy incorporated at the beginning of the routing/siting process. Co-location with existing utilities and other infrastructure was prioritized to the greatest extent practicable to minimize the environmental impact on the landscape. The proposed route crosses 4 national wetland inventory (NWI) wetlands and 19 waterbodies, but it appears that most features are small and could be avoided without permitting. Consultation with the Army Corps of Engineers, Fish and Wildlife Service, and numerous state agencies are expected. Fatal flaws have not been identified for proposed route. A cultural resource professional assisted with the routing process to identify and minimize impacts to known areas with historic sensitivities. An investigation to further identify and evaluate historic properties will be conducted to determine the presence of archaeologically or historically significant resources. Federally listed species have been identified including listed bats, the rusty patched bumble bee, and clam species, but no critical habitat was identified along the proposed route. If suitable habitat is identified or regulations change, agency coordination and species-specific surveys will occur. The project intends to adhere to tree removal seasonal restriction windows to avoid and minimize impacts to protected birds and bats, such as the Tri-colored Bat, Northern Long-eared Bat, Bald Eagle, and other common raptors. Erosion control best management practices and setbacks will be engineered and utilized to prevent sedimentation from leaving the site for the protection of aquatic species and to avoid water quality impacts. There are no unique or sensitive environmental concerns or impacts with the proposed transmission line that cannot be addressed.

The proposed structures will be single circuit 500kV lattice towers (TTVS-500) in a horizontal configuration. Any proposed deadend structure will either be a steel lattice tower or a 3-pole, one phase per pole configuration. See proposed structure drawing set included in attachment 10.

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Resolves reliability issues identified per PJM's Gen. Deliv. Process

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Overheads & miscellaneous costs	Proprietary Company Information	
Contingency	Proprietary Company Information	
Total component cost	\$86,117,081.00	
Component cost (in-service year)	\$82,273,334.00	
Greenfield Transmission Line Component		
Component title	21B - New 500kV transmission line between Hunterstown substation and Doubs substation	
Project description	Proprietary Company Information	
Point A	Hunterstown	
Point B	Doubs	
Point C		
	Normal ratings	Emergency ratings
Summer (MVA)	4357.000000	4357.000000
Winter (MVA)	5066.000000	5196.000000
Conductor size and type	3x 1780 kcmil Chukar ACSR	
Nominal voltage	AC	
Nominal voltage	500	
Line construction type	Overhead	

General route description	Route is approximately 57 miles long. Starting a new dead end structure at the Hunterstown substation, the new line routes south west for about 0.25 miles before shifting south-southeast for about 7 miles before turning south-southwest and then crossing the Maryland/Pennsylvania border after about 4 miles. The new line continues south-southwest for about 17 miles beyond the state boundary until about 2-miles northeast of Walkersville, Maryland, where it shifts east to navigate around the populated and developed area surrounding Federick, Maryland, including remaining more than 20,000 ft from the Federick airport, aligned with FAA guidance. The new line routes around Federick for about 15 miles until co-locating with the Doubs - Brighton 500kV transmission line near Ijamsville, Maryland. The line follows the existing transmission ROW on the north side for the remainder of the route, to Doubs substation, for about 13 miles.
Terrain description	The project is located in Maryland's Frederick and Carroll Counties east of the Monocacy River, and Adams County, Pennsylvania. The Frederick Valley, through which the Monocacy flows, is nestled between the Catoctin Mountains to the west, and the lower Parrs Ridge to the east. The river valley's topography includes little steep terrain, but some steep gradients do exist adjacent to the river. These land elevations and the degree of slope have influenced land use in the watershed. The region's relatively flat topography has made it easily accessible for development and agriculture in some areas next to the river and its tributaries. York County lies within the Appalachian Highlands, a region characterized by a rounded/forested landscape with an elevation of 6,000 feet or less on average and rolling hills and valleys, generally with gentle to moderately steep slopes.
Right-of-way width by segment	Corridor Type: The new right of way will have its own corridor for approximately 75% of the route length. For approximately 25% of the route length, the right of way will be an expansion of an existing transmission line corridor. Approximately 85% of the route will have a ROW width of 165 ft. Approximately 15% of the route will require a ROW width of 75 ft.
Electrical transmission infrastructure crossings	See Attachment 4 (Google Earth .kmz) with identified major crossings.
Civil infrastructure/major waterway facility crossing plan	See Attachment 4 (Google Earth .kmz) with identified major crossings and Attachment 5 - Crossing Plan for more detail.

Tower characteristics

Construction responsibility

Benefits/Comments

Component Cost Details - In Current Year \$

Engineering & design

Permitting / routing / siting

ROW / land acquisition

Materials & equipment

Construction & commissioning

"Environmental constraints identified are manageable through implementation of an environmental avoidance, minimization, and mitigation strategy incorporated at the beginning of the routing/siting process. Co-location with existing utilities and other infrastructure was prioritized to the greatest extent practicable to minimize the environmental impact on the landscape. The proposed route crosses 17 national wetland inventory (NWI) wetlands and 58 waterbodies, but it appears that most features are small and could be avoided without permitting. The crossing of the Monocacy River will require additional agency consultations. Consultation with the Army Corps of Engineers, Fish and Wildlife Service, and numerous state agencies is expected. Fatal flaws have not been identified for proposed route. A cultural resource professional assisted with the routing process to identify and minimize impacts to known areas with historic sensitivities. An investigation to further identify and evaluate historic properties will be conducted to determine the presence of archaeologically or historically significant resources. Federally listed species have been identified including listed bats, rusty patched bumble bee, fishes, and bog turtle, but no critical habitat was identified along the proposed route. If suitable habitat is identified or regulations change, agency coordination and species-specific surveys will occur. The project intends to adhere to tree removal seasonal restriction windows to avoid and minimize impacts to protected birds and bats, such as the northern long-eared bat, bald eagle, and other common raptors. Erosion control best management practices and setbacks will be engineered and utilized to prevent sedimentation from leaving the site for the protection of aquatic species and to avoid water quality impacts. Routing through the Appalachian Mountains will require additional control measures and monitoring. There are no unique or sensitive environmental concerns or impacts with the proposed transmission line that cannot be addressed."

The majority, approximately 65%, of the proposed structures will be single circuit 500kV lattice towers (TTVS-500) in a horizontal conductor configuration. Approximately 35% of the structures will be single circuit 500kV steel monopoles (TVS-500) in a delta conductor configuration. Any proposed deadend structure will either be a lattice tower or a 3-pole, one phase per pole structure type. See proposed structure drawing set included in attachment 10.

Proprietary Company Information

Resolves reliability issues identified per PJM's Gen. Deliv. Process

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Construction management	Proprietary Company Information	
Overheads & miscellaneous costs	Proprietary Company Information	
Contingency	Proprietary Company Information	
Total component cost	\$250,611,480.00	
Component cost (in-service year)	\$276,628,182.00	
Greenfield Substation Component		
Component title	39a3 - New Gant substation - 3 terminal	
Project description	Proprietary Company Information	
Substation name	Gant	
Substation description	AC Air Insulated Substation (AIS): New proposed 500 kV Substation. New 500 kV Breaker and a Half (BAAH) switchyard, two (2) bays, three (3) line terminals, five (5) 500kV, 5000A, 63kAIC Breakers.	
Nominal voltage	AC	
Nominal voltage	500	
Transformer Information		
None		
Major equipment description	AC Air Insulated Substation (AIS): New proposed 500 kV Substation. New 500 kV Breaker and a Half (BAAH) switchyard, two (2) bays, three (3) line terminals, five (5) 500kV, 5000A, 63kAIC Breakers.	
	Normal ratings	Emergency ratings
Summer (MVA)	0.000000	0.000000
Winter (MVA)	0.000000	0.000000

Outreach plan

Environmental constraints identified are manageable through implementation of an environmental avoidance, minimization, and mitigation strategy incorporated at the beginning of the routing/siting process. Co-location with existing utilities and other infrastructure was prioritized to the greatest extent practicable to minimize the environmental impact on the landscape. The proposed site crosses no national wetland inventory (NWI) wetlands or waterbodies. Fatal flaws have not been identified for proposed site. A cultural resource professional assisted with the siting process to identify and minimize impacts to known areas with historic sensitivities. An investigation to further identify and evaluate historic properties will be conducted to determine the presence of archaeologically or historically significant resources. Federally listed species have been identified with potential to occur in the area including listed bats, but no critical habitat was identified in the area of the substation site. If suitable habitat is identified or regulations change, agency coordination and species-specific surveys will occur. The project intends to adhere to tree removal seasonal restriction windows to avoid and minimize impacts to protected birds and bats, such as the northern long-eared bat, bald eagle, and other common raptors. Erosion control best management practices and setbacks will be engineered and utilized to prevent sedimentation from leaving the site for the protection of aquatic species and to avoid water quality impacts. There are no unique or sensitive environmental concerns or impacts with the proposed substation site that cannot be addressed.

The Company is committed to working with all interested stakeholders through a robust public outreach program to address/respond to community concerns and inform the public about the project to the greatest extent practicable. The Company believes a well-designed public outreach program can have numerous benefits, including fostering a cooperative relationship with landowners and other stakeholders, expediting the regulatory permitting process, and assisting with project development. In general, the purpose of the community outreach plan is to gain community support for the project. In the affected communities, the Company's public outreach plan will educate the public and relevant stakeholders on specific project details to enable timely regulatory approvals and construction activities. Elements of the public outreach plan will include the following: 1) Identify potential issues at an early stage by engagement with key community stakeholders at the outset; 2) Broaden the community engagement process to identify potential and relevant community benefits that can facilitate community support for the proposed project; 3) Develop a broad base of community support for the proposed project before the regulatory agencies; and 4) Develop a comprehensive administrative record documenting the community outreach process that can be presented to the regulatory agency or, in the event of a legal challenge, to the appropriate court. The outreach plan proposes to dedicate considerable time and resources in engaging the community, and specifically the affected community during the planning process to identify highly sensitive areas that have the least amount of cultural, environmental, and social impacts on the community. The plans will reflect avoidance of impacts rather than mitigation. However, in some cases, if avoidance is not possible, then the Company will involve the community in providing appropriate and practical mitigation measures. The Company will commence its public outreach activities following project award.

See Attachment 9 for Land Acquisition Plan.

Construction	responsibility
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Substation upgrade scope

Transformer Information

Benefits/Comments

Component Cost Details - In Current Year \$

Proprietary Company Information

Resolves reliability and market efficiency issues identified per PJM's. process. Substation is a switchyard with no voltage transformation.

Engineering & design	Proprietary Company Information
Permitting / routing / siting	Proprietary Company Information
ROW / land acquisition	Proprietary Company Information
Materials & equipment	Proprietary Company Information
Construction & commissioning	Proprietary Company Information
Construction management	Proprietary Company Information
Overheads & miscellaneous costs	Proprietary Company Information
Contingency	Proprietary Company Information
Total component cost	\$58,079,000.00
Component cost (in-service year)	\$64,108,349.00
Substation Upgrade Component	
Component title	21A - Hunterstown 500kV single breaker expansion
Project description	Proprietary Company Information
Substation name	Hunterstown
Substation zone	Metropolitan Edison Company

Create a new 500 kV line termination position by adding a new 500 kV circuit breaker and two MODs in the second bay from the top. Terminate the new greenfield 500 kV line in this position.

None

None	
New equipment description	AC Substation: Add one (1) new 500 kV breaker to existing bay in breaker and a half (BAAH) bus.
Substation assumptions	The use of a position within a bay appears to be available.
Real-estate description	No expansion of substation fence anticipated.
Construction responsibility	Proprietary Company Information
Benefits/Comments	Resolves reliability issues identified per PJM's Gen. Deliv. Process
Component Cost Details - In Current Year \$	
Engineering & design	Proprietary Company Information
Permitting / routing / siting	Proprietary Company Information
ROW / land acquisition	Proprietary Company Information
Materials & equipment	Proprietary Company Information
Construction & commissioning	Proprietary Company Information
Construction management	Proprietary Company Information
Overheads & miscellaneous costs	Proprietary Company Information
Contingency	Proprietary Company Information
Total component cost	\$2,800,000.00
Component cost (in-service year)	\$3,090,676.00
Congestion Drivers	

None

Existing Flowgates

None

New Flowgates

Proprietary Company Information

Financial Information

Capital spend start date	09/2023
Construction start date	07/2025
Project Duration (In Months)	45

Cost Containment Commitment

Cost cap (in current year)	Proprietary Company Information
Cost cap (in-service year)	Proprietary Company Information

Components covered by cost containment

1. 40X - New 500kV transmission line from existing Doubs substation to new Gant substation - NEETMA

2. 21B - New 500kV transmission line between Hunterstown substation and Doubs substation - NEETMA

3. 39a3 - New Gant substation - 3 terminal - NEETMA

Cost elements covered by cost containment

Engineering & design	Yes
Permitting / routing / siting	Yes
ROW / land acquisition	Yes
Materials & equipment	Yes
Construction & commissioning	Yes
Construction management	Yes
Overheads & miscellaneous costs	Yes

Taxes	Yes
AFUDC	No
Escalation	No
Additional Information	Proprietary Company Information
Is the proposer offering a binding cap on ROE?	Yes
Would this ROE cap apply to the determination of AFUDC?	Yes
Would the proposer seek to increase the proposed ROE if FERC finds that a higher ROE would not be unreasonable?	No
Is the proposer offering a Debt to Equity Ratio cap?	Proprietary Company Information
Additional cost containment measures not covered above	Proprietary Company Information
Additional Comments	

None