

Section 1: Requirements

1.1 Capacity Interconnection Rights

1.1.1 Attaining CIRs

CIRs can only be attained or increased by entering the New Services Queue and executing an ISA or WMPA following the study process. These increases are expected to be for improvements to the generating units such as, but not limited to, more efficient components, improved control systems, and for capital projects that restore generating unit capability such as boiler rebuilds and turbine overhauls. If the studies identify any system upgrades are required to obtain the rights, then those upgrades must be completed before the rights are available for use by the generating unit in the market. The three year clock on the new CIR level commences at the beginning of the next summer test period after the CIRs are declared in-service, regardless if the owner exercised the rights in the market or they are interim rights. If CIRs are declared in-service during the summer test period the three year clock will have started on the declared in service date. Unlimited Resources can request CIRs up to the maximum expected net capability of the generating unit at the time of the expected summer peak.