ADDENDUM 4 TO ATTACHMENT O

INTERREGIONAL TRANSMISSION COORDINATION
BETWEEN THE TRANSMISSION PROVIDER
AND THE
SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL TRANSMISSION PLANNING PROCESS

Pursuant to Section VIII of Attachment O, the Transmission Provider and the public utility transmission providers in the Southeastern Regional Transmission Planning Process (“SERTP”) region shall undertake coordinated interregional transmission planning in accordance with the provisions of this Addendum 4. All terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the definitions assigned in the Tariff.

For purposes of this Addendum 4, the Transmission Provider’s regional transmission planning process is the process described in Attachment O of this Tariff; the SERTP is the process described in the respective Attachment Ks (or comparable tariff sections) of the public utility transmission providers in the SERTP. References to the respective regional transmission planning processes in this Addendum 4 are intended to identify the activities described in those tariff provisions. Unless noted otherwise, Section references in this Addendum 4 refer to Sections within this Addendum 4.
INTERREGIONAL TRANSMISSION PLANNING

1. Coordination

1.1 Annual Coordination: Representatives of the Transmission Provider and the SERTP will meet no less than once per year to facilitate the interregional coordination procedures described below (as applicable). Representatives of the Transmission Provider and the SERTP may meet more frequently to coordinate the evaluation of interregional transmission project(s).

1.2. Data Exchange

1.2.1 Annual Data Exchange: At least annually, the Transmission Provider and the public utility transmission providers in the SERTP shall exchange power-flow models and associated data used in the regional transmission planning processes to develop their respective then-current regional transmission plan(s). The Transmission Provider shall designate a representative for its region and the SERTP sponsors shall designate a representative for the SERTP region to facilitate the annual data exchange. The data exchange will occur when such data is available in each of the regional transmission planning processes, typically during the first calendar quarter. Additional transmission-based models and data used in the development of the respective regional transmission plans will be exchanged between the Transmission Provider and the public utility transmission providers in the SERTP if requested. Data exchanged between the Transmission Provider and the public utility transmission providers in the SERTP under this Section 1.2.1 shall be posted on the
pertinent regional transmission planning websites consistent with the
posting requirements of the respective regional transmission planning
processes and is generally considered CEII.

1.2.2 Exchange of Regional Transmission Plans: The Transmission
Provider’s regional transmission plan(s) will be posted on the SPP website
pursuant to the Transmission Provider’s regional transmission planning
process. The Transmission Provider will also notify the SERTP
representative of such posting so they may retrieve the transmission
plan(s). The public utility transmission providers in the SERTP will
exchange the then-current SERTP regional transmission plan(s) in a
similar manner according to its regional transmission planning process.

1.2.3 Confidentiality: Any CEII and Confidential data disclosed by the
Transmission Provider pursuant to this Addendum 4 shall be subject to the
provisions of Section VII of Attachment O of this Tariff.

1.3 Joint Evaluation

1.3.1 Identification of Interregional Transmission Projects: At least
biennially, the Transmission Provider will review the then-current regional
transmission plan of the SERTP, and the public utility transmission
providers in the SERTP will review the Transmission Provider’s then-
current regional transmission plan. Such plans include the transmission
needs of each region as prescribed by each region’s planning process.
This review shall occur on a mutually agreeable schedule, taking into
account each region’s regional transmission planning processes timetable.
If through this review, the Transmission Provider and the public utility transmission providers, as applicable, in the SERTP identify a potential interregional transmission project that could be more efficient and cost effective than transmission projects included in the respective regional transmission plans, the Transmission Provider and the public utility transmission providers in the SERTP will jointly evaluate the potential transmission project pursuant to Section 1.3.3.

1.3.2 Identification of Interregional Transmission Projects by Stakeholders: Stakeholders may also propose transmission projects that may be more efficient or cost-effective than transmission projects included in the Transmission Provider’s and/or the SERTP’s regional transmission plans pursuant to the procedures in each region’s regional transmission planning processes or new transmission projects to address interregional transmission needs pursuant to Transmission Provider’s and/or the SERTP’s regional transmission planning processes. The Transmission Provider and the public utility transmission providers in the SERTP will evaluate interregional transmission projects proposed by stakeholders pursuant to Section 1.3.3.

1.3.3 Evaluation of Interregional Transmission Projects:

1.3.3.1 Joint Evaluation of Interregional Transmission Projects: The Transmission Provider and the public utility transmission providers in the SERTP shall act through their respective regional transmission planning processes to evaluate potential interregional transmission projects and to
determine whether the inclusion of any potential interregional transmission projects in each region’s regional transmission plan would be more efficient or cost-effective than transmission projects included in the respective then-current regional transmission plans. Initial coordination activities to facilitate such analysis will typically begin during the third calendar quarter. Such analysis shall be consistent with accepted planning practices of the respective regions and the methods utilized to produce each region’s respective regional transmission plan(s). To the extent possible, and as needed, information will be coordinated between the Transmission Provider and the public utility transmission providers in the SERTP, including, but not limited to:

- Planning horizons;
- Expected timelines/milestones associated with the joint evaluation;
- Study assumptions and data;
- Models; and
- Criteria

The Transmission Provider and the public utility transmission providers in the SERTP will exchange status updates for new interregional transmission project proposals or proposals currently under consideration as needed. These status updates will generally include, if applicable: (i) an update of the region’s evaluation of the proposal; (ii) the anticipated timeline for future assessments; and (iii) reevaluations related to the proposal.
1.3.3.2 Determination of Regional Benefit(s) for Interregional Cost Allocation Purposes: The Transmission Provider and the SERTP shall evaluate the proposed interregional transmission project that meets the criteria of Section 2 for interregional cost allocation within the respective regions as follows:

A. Each region, acting through its regional transmission planning process, will evaluate proposals to determine whether the proposed interregional transmission project(s) provides Regional Benefits to its respective region. For purposes of this Addendum 4, “Regional Benefit” shall mean the calculation described in Section 1.3.3.2.B.

B. Based upon the evaluation made pursuant to 1.3.3.2.A, each region will quantify a Regional Benefit based upon (i) for the Transmission Provider, the Transmission Provider shall calculate the total avoided costs of regional transmission projects that would be displaced if the proposed interregional transmission project was included; and (ii) for the SERTP, the SERTP sponsors shall calculate the total avoided costs of transmission projects included in the then-current regional transmission plan that would be displaced if the proposed interregional transmission project was included.

C. Updated Regional Benefits calculations will be exchanged in a similar manner to the status updates described in Section 1.3.3.1.

In any regional benefit to cost (“BTC”) ratio calculation(s)
performed pursuant to the respective regional transmission 
planning processes, the anticipated allocation of costs of the 
interregional transmission project to each region shall be based 
upon the ratio of the region’s Regional Benefit to the sum of the 
Regional Benefits identified for both SPP and the SERTP.

2. Cost Allocation

2.1 Interregional Transmission Projects Proposed for Interregional Cost 
Allocation Purposes: For a transmission project to be considered for purposes of 
interregional cost allocation between the Transmission Provider and the SERTP, 
the following criteria must be met:

A. The transmission project must interconnect to the Transmission System 
and the transmission facilities of one or more SERTP sponsors and meet 
the qualification criteria for transmission projects potentially eligible to be 
included in the regional transmission plans for purposes of regional cost 
allocation in accordance with the respective regional transmission 
planning processes of both the Transmission Provider and the SERTP.

B. At the request of either planning region, the Transmission Provider and 
SERTP will consider an interregional transmission project that does not 
satisfy all of the criteria specified in Section 2.1.A but: (i) provides 
quantifiable interregional benefits; (ii) would be located in both regions; 
and (iii) would be interconnected to the transmission facilities of one or 
more SERTP Sponsors and the transmission facilities of a Transmission 
Owner in SPP.
C. The transmission project must be proposed in the Transmission Provider and the SERTP regional planning processes for purposes of cost allocation, as well as any other regions to which the proposed transmission project would interconnect, in accordance with the procedures of the applicable regional transmission planning processes. If the proposed transmission project is being proposed by a transmission developer, the transmission developer must also satisfy all qualification criteria specified in the respective regional transmission planning processes, as applicable.

2.2 Inclusion in Regional Transmission Plans for Purposes of Cost Allocation:

An interregional transmission project proposed for interregional cost allocation purposes in each region will be included in the respective regional transmission plans for purposes of cost allocation after each region has performed all evaluations and the transmission project has obtained all approvals, as prescribed in the respective regional transmission planning processes, necessary for it to be included in each regional transmission plan for purposes of cost allocation.

2.3 Allocation of Costs Between the Transmission Provider and the SERTP:

The cost of an interregional transmission project selected for purposes of cost allocation in the regional transmission plans of both the Transmission Provider and the SERTP will be allocated between the regions as follows:

A. Each region will be allocated a portion of the interregional transmission project’s costs in proportion to such region’s Regional Benefit to the sum of the Regional Benefits identified for both the Transmission Provider and the SERTP.
The Regional Benefits used for this determination shall be based upon the last Regional Benefit calculation performed – pursuant to the method described in Section 1.3.2 – before each region included the transmission project in its regional transmission plan for purposes of cost allocation and as approved by each region.

Should one region be willing to bear more costs of the interregional transmission project than the costs identified pursuant to the methodology described in this Section 2.3.A, the regions may voluntarily agree, subject to applicable regional approvals, to an alternative cost sharing arrangement.
2.4 Milestones of Required Steps Necessary to Maintain Status as Being Selected for Interregional Cost Allocation Purposes: Once selected in the respective regional transmission plans for purposes of cost allocation, the Transmission Provider and the SERTP sponsor(s) that will be allocated costs of the transmission project ("beneficiaries") and the transmission developer must mutually agree upon an acceptable development schedule including milestones by which the necessary steps to develop and construct the transmission project must occur. These milestones may include (to the extent not already accomplished) obtaining all necessary rights-of-way and requisite environmental, state, and other governmental approvals and executing a mutually-agreed upon contract(s) between the transmission developer and the beneficiaries. If the specified milestones are not met, then the Transmission Provider and the SERTP sponsor(s) may remove the transmission project from the selected category in the regional transmission plan for purposes of cost allocation.

2.5 Interregional Project Contractual Arrangements: The contracts referenced in Section 2.4 will address terms and conditions associated with the development of the proposed transmission project included in the regional transmission plans for purposes of cost allocation, including but not limited to:

a) Engineering, procurement, construction, maintenance, and operation of the proposed transmission project, including coordination responsibilities of the parties;

b) Emergency restoration and repair;
c) The specific financial terms/specific total amounts to be charged by the transmission developer of the transmission project to each beneficiary, as agreed to by the parties;

d) Creditworthiness/project security requirements;

e) Milestone reporting, including schedule of projected expenditures;

f) Reevaluation of the transmission project; and

g) Non-performance or abandonment.

2.6 Removal from Regional Transmission Plans for Purposes of Cost Allocation:

An interregional transmission project may be removed from the Transmission Provider’s or the SERTP’s regional transmission plan for purposes of cost allocation (1) if the project is removed from either regions’, regional transmission plans pursuant to the requirements of its regional transmission planning process or (2) if the developer fails to meet the developmental milestones established pursuant to Section 2.4.

2.6.1: The Transmission Provider and/or the public utility transmission providers in the SERTP will notify the other party if an interregional transmission project or a portion thereof is likely to be removed from its regional transmission plan.

3. Transparency

3.1 The Transmission Provider and the public utility transmission providers in the SERTP shall host their respective regional websites for communication of information related to coordinated interregional transmission planning procedures. The regions shall coordinate on the documents and information that is posted on
their respective websites to ensure consistency of information. Each regional website shall contain, at a minimum, the following information:

i. Link to this Addendum;

ii. Information related to joint meetings, such as links to materials for joint meetings;

iii. Documents relating to joint evaluations; and

iv. Procedures for coordination and joint evaluation

3.2 Access to the data utilized will be made available through the pertinent regional planning websites subject to the requirements in Section 1.2.3. The Transmission Provider will make available, on the SPP website, links to where stakeholders can register (if applicable/available) for SERTP stakeholder committees and distribution lists.

3.3 The Transmission Provider shall report back to its stakeholders on the status of any interregional activities done under this Addendum 4 including:

   o Facilities to be evaluated

   o Analysis performed

   o Determinations/results

3.4 Stakeholders will have an opportunity to provide input and feedback related to interregional facilities identified, analysis performed, and any determination/results within the respective regional transmission planning processes. Stakeholders may participate in either or both regions’ regional transmission planning processes to provide their input and feedback regarding the interregional coordination activities described in this Addendum 4.