

Policy on Standard Generator Interconnection Procedures (SGIP) - Site Control Criteria

This policy sets out criteria BC Hydro uses to determine whether an interconnection customer has reasonably demonstrated Site Control (within the meaning of the SGIP) over the land where the interconnection customer intends to develop its generating facility. These criteria differ depending on whether the generating facility is constructed on Crown land or private land.

For projects that require Crown land, the process involves certain additional steps undertaken by FrontCounter BC that are not required for private lands. Such steps include FrontCounter BC conducting a preliminary status report for the area under application, advising federal and provincial regulatory agencies (as applicable) of the application, providing notification to third parties and First Nations with interests in the area, receiving and addressing any concerns from third parties, and conducting consultation with First Nations. The timeline for completion of those steps is, to some extent, out of the interconnection customer's control as those steps are led by FrontCounter BC.

Crown Land

The application process for a wind power or waterpower project involves the submission of a [Crown Land Tenure Application](#) to FrontCounter BC.

Once the interconnection customer's application has been vetted and accepted by FrontCounter BC, the interconnection customer should receive a confirmation letter of its application from FrontCounter BC, a copy of which should be provided to BC Hydro. After the application has been accepted, to the extent that FrontCounter BC's review process identifies concerns or requests raised by third parties or First Nations, the interconnection customer will be required to provide that information, including any progress on resolution of such issues, to BC Hydro. At all times BC Hydro reserves the right, in its discretion, to request additional information from the interconnection customer.

BC Hydro will generally consider an interconnection customer to have reasonably demonstrated Site Control when it has successfully completed the application process for an investigative licence (IL) on the Crown land for its generating facility. Exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis. For wind power projects, this is generally a five year IL for up to five monitoring towers on one permit area. For waterpower projects, this is generally a five-year IL for the construction of improvements.

British Columbia Crown land tenure policy is only well developed for wind and waterpower projects. However, the Site Control criteria for generating facilities using other power sources, including geothermal and solar power projects, should be applied consistently. To the extent possible, the interconnection customer generally must demonstrate that it has submitted a Crown Land Tenure Application, vetted and accepted by FrontCounter BC, as part of a process that involves an investment of time and energy by the interconnection customer that is commensurate with the process for wind power and waterpower projects described above.

Private Land

Site Control on private land may be reasonably demonstrated by: (1) ownership of, a leasehold interest in, or a right to develop a site for the purpose of constructing the generating facility; (2) an option to purchase or acquire a leasehold site for such purpose; or (3) an exclusivity or other business relationship between the interconnection customer and the entity having the right to sell, lease or grant interconnection customer the right to

possess or occupy a site for such purpose. The interconnection customer should provide a copy of the title to property registered in the name of the interconnection customer, or a copy of the lease, option agreement, joint venture agreement or other contract that gives the interconnection customer a right to develop a generating facility on the lands to demonstrate Site Control.