DISTRIBUTED GENERATION INTERCONNECTION PROCESS
HIGH-LEVEL SUMMARY

APPLICANT

(1) Application
Filed using Dakota Electric’s
On-Line Application Portal

Yes

Request for
Additional
Information

Dakota Electric
Provides Scope and
Cost of Engineering
Studies

Yes

(2) Application
Review
Complete?

Yes

Dakota Electric
Provides Scope and
Cost of Engineering
Studies

No

Review
Passed Basic
Screens?

No

Yes

Queue Position Established with Complete Application

Yes

Area EPS reviews the FINAL plans, and
provides approval. Some issues at this step may need to be
worked out interactively.

No

No

Yes

(3) Approval for
Engineering Studies

Yes

Yes

(4) Engineering
Studies

(5) Study Results and Construction Estimates
- Results of Engineering Studies
- Monitoring and Control Req.
- Interconnect Agreement
- Protection and facility changes, etc.
- Interconnection Cost Est.

No

No

Yes

Yes

Project qualifies for an expedited process
Dakota Electric Supplies
Interconnection
Documents to Applicant
for signing

(6) Proceed with
Final Design?

(7) Final Design Approval
Area EPS reviews the FINAL plans, and
provides approval. Some issues at this step may need to be
worked out interactively.

No

Yes

Area EPS supplies
Interconnection
Documents to Applicant
for signing

(8) Sign Interconnection Agreement (within 30 days)
Both parties order equipment and start construction

(9) Testing

(10) Final Operational
Approval

(11) As-Built Drawings

Note: Required response times are documented in MN-DIP-DEA, durations shown here are general time frames