

**EXHIBIT \_\_\_\_**  
**Preceding Interconnecting Customer Opt-Out Agreement**

The Company hereby notifies \_\_\_\_\_ (Interconnecting Customer) on \_\_\_\_\_ (“Issuance Date”) that its distributed generation Facility proposed to be located at \_\_\_\_\_ (Interconnection Application # \_\_\_\_\_) is in a Common Study Area that has become the subject of a Group Study (*see* Tariff, Section 3.4.1). The Company has determined that there is a compelling business or engineering reason to interconnect the Interconnecting Customer’s Facility as part of a Group solution.

If the Interconnecting Customer wishes to participate in the Group, then no further action is required at this time. The Company may suspend any applicable interconnection processing Time Frames for the Interconnecting Customer’s Facility until the Group Study has been completed, including the issuance of an Interconnection Service Agreement. If the Interconnecting Customer later decides to drop out of the Group, the interconnection application for the Facility shall be considered withdrawn.

To opt-out of participating in the Group solution and resume the interconnection process individually, the Interconnecting Customer must sign and return the Opt-Out Agreement below to the Company within five (5) business days of receipt. If the agreement is not executed and returned to the Company within five (5) business days, the Interconnecting Customer shall be part of the Group. The Company has included an explanation of the potential risks and benefits of opting-out of Group participation at Attachment 1 attached hereto.

**OPT-OUT AGREEMENT** (*if applicable*)

The Interconnecting Customer, after conducting its own due diligence and having read and understood this Agreement, elects to opt-out of participating in the Group and assumes all risk in making such election.

Interconnecting Customer:

\_\_\_\_\_  
By:  
Name:  
Its:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Attachment 1

Explanation of Potential Risks and Benefits of Opting-Out of Group Participation

[TO BE COMPLETED BY COMPANY]

This explanation of risks and benefits is provided in good faith based on the Company's experience, judgement, and information known prior to the Issuance Date about the Company's electric power system, Group facilities, and Interconnecting Customer's Facility. The Company does not warrant, or assume any legal obligation, responsibility or liability for the completeness or usefulness of, any information provided.