



## Streamlining the SIR Process

Interconnection Policy Working Group

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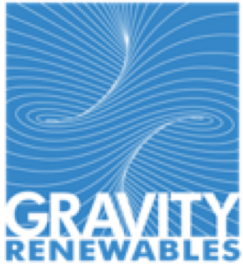
# Opportunity to Clarify & Streamline SIR Process

## **Three types of projects subject to SIR**

- New development
- New energy storage systems
- Existing DG and/or ESS making modifications affecting the interface at PCC

## **Existing DG**

- Current Interconnection Agreement
- Decades of operational data
- Wishing to participate in remote net metering



# SIR

## Design Review and Acceptance

### Challenge

SIR and Schedule L are silent on the relationship between Developer & Utility performance and review milestones. As a result:

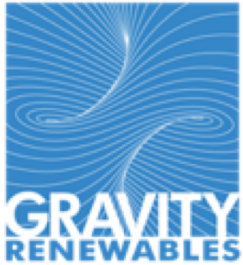
- Balance of payment (intended for procurement activity) is due 120 days after receipt of 25% deposit even if conditions precedent for procurement have not occurred (Developer design performance and review and acceptance by Utility).
- SIR: "Step 8: Project Construction: The applicant shall build the facility in accordance with the utility-accepted design and project schedule." ( Page 16)

### Solution Concept

***Condition balance of payment on 120 days after 25% deposit or Utility design acceptance, whichever is longer***

### Result

- Utility retains right to review and approve drawings on its timeline based on available resources and bandwidth
- Utility receives needed payments upfront for design and review performance
- Developer retains capital until procurement CPs are achieved



# SIR

## Benefits all Stakeholders

### **Utility**

- Maintains current work flow schedules
- Retains right to full engineering review
- Receives 100% of required funding prior to procurement

### **Developer**

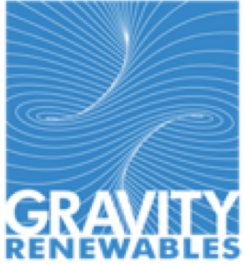
- Improves bankability by removing revenue timing uncertainty and risk.
- Encourages private investment.
- Maintains queue position

### **RNM Customer**

- Increases budget and planning confidence

### **NY DPS/Rate Payers**

- Demonstrates continuous improvement to SIR
- Leverage the recent experience of Utilities and experienced industry developers



# Next Steps

**Create Ad Hoc Small Group**

**Small Group to Craft Conceptual Outline**

**Report back at next meeting (May)**

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