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**New York State
Standardized Interconnection Requirements and Application Process
for New Distributed Generators 2 MW or Less Connected in Parallel with Utility
Distribution Systems**



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1 **Section I. Application Process**

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3 **New York State**
4 **Standardized Interconnection Requirements and Application Process for New**
5 **Distributed Generators 2 MW or Less Connected in Parallel with Utility**
6 **Distribution Systems**
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8 **A. Introduction**
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10 This section provides a framework for processing applications to:

- 11
- 12 | • interconnect new distributed generation (“DG”) facilities with a nameplate rating
13 | of 2 MW or less [aggregated on the customer side of the point of common
14 | coupling (“PCC”)]~~L.H.~~; and

 - 15 | • review any modifications affecting the interface at the PCC to existing
16 | ~~DG distributed generation~~ facilities with a nameplate rating of 2 MW or less
17 | (aggregated on the customer side of the PCC) that have been interconnected to the
18 | utility distribution system and where an existing contract between the applicant
19 | and the utility is in place.
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21 Generation neither designed to operate, nor operating, in parallel with the utility’s
22 electrical system is not subject to these requirements. This section will ensure that
23 applicants are aware of the technical interconnection requirements and utility
24 interconnection policies and practices. This section will also provide applicants with an
25 understanding of the process and information required to allow utilities to review and
26 accept the applicants’ equipment for interconnection in a reasonable and expeditious
27 manner.

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29 The time required to complete the process will reflect the complexity of the proposed
30 project. Projects using previously submitted designs certified per the requirements of
31 Section II.H will move through the process more quickly, and several steps may be
32 satisfied with an initial application depending on the detail and completeness of the
33 application and supporting documentation submitted by the applicant. Applicants
34 submitting systems utilizing certified equipment however, are not exempt from providing
35 utilities with complete design packages necessary for the utilities to verify the electrical
36 characteristics of the generator systems, the interconnecting facilities, and the impacts of
37 the applicants’ equipment on the utilities’ systems.

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39 The application process and the attendant services must be offered on a non-
40 discriminatory basis. The utilities must clearly identify their costs related to the
41 applicants’ interconnections, specifically those costs the utilities would not have incurred

1 but for the applicants' interconnections. The utilities will keep a log of all applications,
2 milestones met, and justifications for application-specific requirements. The applicants
3 are to be responsible for payment of the utilities' costs, as provided for herein.

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5 All application timelines shall commence the next Business Day following receipt of
6 information from the applicant.

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8 Staff of the Department of Public Service ("~~DPS (Staff)~~") will monitor the application
9 process to ensure that applications are addressed in a timely manner. To perform this
10 monitoring function, DPS Staff will meet periodically with utility and applicant
11 representatives.

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13 A glossary of terms used herein is provided in Section III.

14 15 **B. Application Process Steps for Inverter-Based Systems 25 kW or Less**

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17 Exception: For inverter based systems above 25 kW up to 300 kW, applicants may
18 follow the expedited application process outlined in this section provided that the inverter
19 based system has been certified and tested in accordance with the most recent revision of
20 UL 1741 and the utility has approved the project accordingly. The utility has fifteen (15)
21 Business Days upon receipt of the original application submittal to determine and notify
22 the applicant in writing of its findings upon review of the application. If the utility
23 determines that an inverter based system is not eligible for the fast track or expedited
24 application process, the applicant can:

- 25
26 1) Proceed with the remaining steps of Section I.C of the SIR (Non-Inverter Based
27 Systems ~~or Inverter Based Systems~~ above 25 kW up to 2 MW); or
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29 2) Request a review by DPS Staff.

30 31 **STEP 1: Initial Communication from the Potential Applicant**

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33 Communication could range from a general inquiry to a completed application.

34 35 **STEP 2: The Inquiry is Reviewed by the Utility to Determine the Nature of the** 36 **Project**

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38 Technical staff from the utility discusses the scope of the interconnection with the
39 potential applicant (either by phone or in person) to determine what specific information
40 and documents (such as an application, contract, technical requirements, specifications,
41 listing of qualified type-tested equipment/systems, applicable rate schedules, and
42 metering requirements) will be provided to the potential applicant. The preliminary
43 technical feasibility of the project at the proposed location may also be discussed at this

1 | time. All such information and a link to the DG portion of the utility’s website or a copy
2 | of the New York State Standardized Interconnection Requirements and Application
3 | Process for New Distributed Generators 2 MW or Less Connected in Parallel with Utility
4 | Distribution Systems (“Standardized Interconnection Requirements” or “standardized
5 | interconnection requirements (SIR)” and any utility-specific documents) must be
6 | provided~~sent~~ to the applicant within three (3) Business Days~~business days~~ following the
7 | initial communication from the potential applicant, unless the potential applicant
8 | indicates otherwise. A utility representative will be designated to serve as the single
9 | point of contact for the applicant (unless the utility informs the applicant otherwise) in
10 | coordinating the potential applicant’s project with the utility.

11 | **STEP 3: Potential Applicant Files an Application**

12 | **STEP 3: Potential Applicant Files an Application**

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14 | The potential applicant submits an application package to the utility. No application fee
15 | is required of the applicant for systems 25 kW or less. A complete application package
16 | will consist of (1) a letter of authorization by the customer (if the applicant is an agent for
17 | the customer), (2) the standard single page application form completed and signed by the
18 | applicant, (3) a signed copy of the standardized contract, (4) a three line diagram for the
19 | system identifying the manufacturer and model number of the equipment,~~(s)~~; (5) a copy
20 | of the manufacturer’s data sheet~~(s)~~ for the power generating equipment and
21 | interconnection equipment,~~(s)~~; (6) a copy of the ~~manufacturers~~ verification test
22 | procedure~~(s) to be performed or, at the utility’s option, and (7)~~ a copy of the standardized
23 | verification test procedure (made available to the applicant by the utility for inverter-
24 | based systems) and (7) if not listed in the Department of Public Service Certified
25 | Interconnection Equipment found on the Commission’s website, a copy of the
26 | equipment~~equipment~~~~(s)~~ certification~~(s)~~ to the most recent~~UL 1741 (November 2005~~
27 | revision of UL 1741 entitled “Inverters, Converters, Controllers and Interconnection
28 | Safety Equipment for Use with Distributed Energy Resources” if) ~~if~~ applicable. For
29 | non-inverter based systems, the application must also include the items required in Step 5
30 | of the Application Process Steps for Systems above 25 kW up to 2 MW. The proposed
31 | equipment~~(s)~~ will be considered acceptable by the utility if meeting~~they meet~~ the
32 | requirements of Section II.H herein.— If the applicant’s application is deemed not
33 | complete by the utility, ~~then~~ within five (5) Business Days~~business days~~ (ten (10)
34 | Business Days for non-inverter based systems) of receipt of the application package the
35 | utility will notify the applicant by email, fax, or other form of written communication,
36 | and explain the deficiencies. If the applicant’s proposed system meets the SIR technical
37 | requirements the utility will return a signed and executed New York State Standardized
38 | Contract~~standardized contract~~ to the applicant within ten (10) Business Days~~business~~
39 | days (fifteen (15) Business Days for non-inverter based systems) of receipt of ~~free~~receiving
40 | the application and the applicant may proceed with the proposed installation. If the
41 | proposed system does not meet the SIR technical requirements, ~~then~~ the utility will so
42 | notify the applicant within ten (10) Business Days~~business days~~ (fifteen (15) Business

1 Days for non-inverter based systems) of ~~receipt of~~receiving the application by email, fax,
 2 or other form of written communication and explain the technical issues or problems.

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 4 Applicants will be placed in each utility’s interconnection inventory upon receipt of a
 5 completed application and execution of the New York State Standardized Interconnection
 6 Contract by the utility. If the final acceptance as set out in Step 6 below is not completed
 7 within twelve (12) months of receipt of such executed copy of the New York State
 8 Standardized Contract as a result of applicant inactivity, the utility has the right to notify
 9 the applicant by U.S. first class mail with delivery receipt confirmation that the
 10 applicant’s project will be removed from the utility’s interconnection inventory if the
 11 applicant does not respond within fifteen (15) Business Days of the issue of such
 12 notification and provide a project status update and/or justification as to why the project
 13 should remain in the utility’s interconnection inventory for an additional period of time.

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 15 With respect to an applicant proposing to install a system rated 25 kW or less-, that is to
 16 be net-metered, if the utility determines that it is necessary to install a dedicated
 17 transformer(s) or other equipment to protect the safety and adequacy of electric service
 18 provided to other customers, the applicant shall be informed of its responsibility for the
 19 actual costs for installing the dedicated transformer(s) and other safety equipment.
 20 ~~Appendix D sets forth the~~The following tables reflect the maximum responsibility each
 21 applicant shall have with respect to the actual cost of the dedicated transformer(s) and
 22 other safety equipment.

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 26 ~~Maximum Expense for Dedicated Transformer and Other Safety~~
 27 ~~Equipment for Residential Net Metered Customers (25 kW or Less)~~

Generator Type	Generator Size	Maximum Equipment Cost to Customer
Micro CHP / Fuel Cell	Less than or equal to 10 kW	\$350
Solar	Less than or equal to 25 kW	\$350
Micro hydroelectric	Less than or equal to 25 kW	\$350
Wind	Less than or equal to 25 kW	\$750

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 30 ~~Maximum Expense for Dedicated Transformer and Other Safety~~
 31 ~~Equipment for Non-Residential Net Metered Customers (25 kW or Less)~~

Generator Type	Generator Size	Maximum Equipment Cost to Customer
Fuel Cell	Less than or equal to 25 kW	As determined by Utility
Solar	Less than or equal to 25 kW	\$350
Micro hydroelectric	Less than or equal to 25 kW	As determined by Utility

Wind	Less than or equal to 25 kW	\$750
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STEP 4: System Installation

The applicant will install the DG system according to the utility accepted design and the equipment manufacturer’s requirements. If there are any design variations from the originally approved three line diagram, a revised three line diagram (and other drawings for non-inverter based systems) shall be submitted by the applicant for the utility’s review and acceptance. All inverter based systems will be allowed to interconnect to the utility system for a period not to exceed two hours prior to issue of the utility’s final acceptance in Step 6 below, for the sole purpose of assuring proper operation of the installed equipment.

In cities with a population under 1 million, the utility also reserves the right to will require a copy of the electrical inspection certificate be provided by the applicant. Upon the utility’s receipt of application of a notification of system completion and, if so requested by the utility, receipt of the electrical inspection certificate, the utility will review the submitted final installation documentation to ensure the system is ready for verification testing and advise the applicant of its findings within (5) Business Days. In cities with a population of 1 million or greater, the utility will require that the applicant has filed for an electrical permit and that the applicant provide the utility with the electrical permit number.

~~For net metered systems as defined in Section II.A.6, any modifications related to existing metering configurations to allow for net metering shall be completed by the utility prior to Step 5. The utility shall complete the necessary metering changes within ten (10) business days of receiving request from the applicant.~~

STEP 5: The Applicant’s Facility is Tested in Accordance with the Standardized Interconnection Requirements.

Verification testing will be performed by the applicant in accordance with the written verification test procedure(s). ~~provided by the equipment manufacturer.~~ The verification testing will be conducted within ten (10) Business Days~~business days~~ of the utility’s review of the applicant’s final system installation documentation at a mutually agreeable time, and the utility shall be given the opportunity to witness the tests. ~~The~~ ~~If the utility opts not to witness the test, the~~ applicant will send the utility within five (5) Business Days~~days~~ of completion of such tests~~the test~~ a written notification, certifying that the system has been installed and tested in compliance with the SIR, the utility-accepted design and the written verification test procedure(s), subject to the utility’s acceptance as described below. ~~equipment manufacturer’s instructions. The applicant’s facility will be allowed to commence parallel operation upon satisfactory completion of the tests in Step~~

1 ~~5. The applicant must have complied with and must continue to comply with all~~
2 ~~contractual and technical requirements.~~

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4 Within five (5) Business Days of receipt of the applicant's written certification of the
5 verification tests, the utility will either notify the applicant that the verification test results
6 are acceptable and any necessary metering changes by the utility will be scheduled or, in
7 the event that the utility cannot accept the verification test results as presented **due to DG**
8 **system deficiencies**, the utility will request that the applicant and the utility set a date and
9 time for the applicant to re-perform the verification tests in order to allow the utility to
10 witness the conduct of the verification tests and the operation of the DG system. This
11 witnessed verification testing must be completed within ten (10) Business Days of the
12 request. Within five (5) Business Days of the completion of any such testing, if the
13 utility remains unable to accept the verification test results the utility shall provide the
14 applicant a detailed explanation of the deficiencies of the DG system.

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16 The utility shall complete any necessary metering changes within ten (10) Business Days
17 of the utility accepting the verification test results for the DG system.

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36 **STEP 6: Final Acceptance**

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38 Within five (5) Business Days of the completion of any necessary metering
39 changes~~business days of receiving the written test notification from Step 5~~, the utility will
40 ~~either~~ issue to the applicant a formal letter of acceptance for interconnection. ~~The~~
41 ~~applicant's DG system, or~~ will be allowed to commence parallel operation only upon
42 receipt of a formal letter of acceptance of the interconnection from the utility. ~~The~~
43 receipt of such formal letter of acceptance does not relieve~~request that~~ the applicant ~~from~~

1 | ~~continuing to comply with all contractual and technical requirements utility set a date and~~
2 | ~~the time for an on-site verification and witness operation of the system. This joint on-site~~
3 | ~~verification must be completed within ten (10) business days after being requested.~~
4 | ~~Within five (5) business days of the completion of the on-site verification, the utility will~~
5 | ~~issue to the applicant shall abide by such requirements as long as the DG system is~~
6 | ~~interconnected to the utility's system either a formal letter of acceptance for~~
7 | ~~interconnection or a detailed explanation of the deficiencies in the system.~~

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9 | **C. Application Process Steps for Non-Inverter Based Systems and Inverter Based**
10 | **Systems above 25 ~~kW~~ up to 2 MW**

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12 | ~~**Exception:** For inverter based systems above 25 kW up to 300 kW certified and tested in~~
13 | ~~accordance with the most recent revision of UL 1741 200 kW, applicants and utilities are~~
14 | ~~encouraged to use may follow the expedited application process (outlined under Section~~
15 | ~~I.-B.) of the SIR, as long as the inverter based system has been certified and tested in~~
16 | ~~accordance with UL 1741 (November 2005 revision) and the utility has approved the~~
17 | ~~project accordingly. The utility has fifteen (15) business days from original application~~
18 | ~~submittal to determine and notify the applicant in writing of its findings. If the utility~~
19 | ~~determines that the inverter based system is not eligible for the fast track or expedited~~
20 | ~~application process, the applicant can:~~

- 21 | ~~1) Proceed with the remaining steps of Section I.C of the SIR (Systems above 25 kW~~
22 | ~~up to 2 MW); or~~
23 |
24 | ~~2) Request a review by the Department of Public Service.~~

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26 | ~~For non inverter based systems and those inverter based systems not certified and tested~~
27 | ~~in accordance with UL 1741 above 25 kW up to 200 kW, the potential applicants and~~
28 | ~~utilities are encouraged to use expedited application process (Section I. B.); but only in~~
29 | ~~circumstances where the utility deems it to be appropriate.~~

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31 | **STEP 1: Initial Communication from the Potential Applicant.**

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33 | Communication could range from a general inquiry to a completed application.

34 |
35 | **STEP 2: The Inquiry is Reviewed by the Utility to Determine the Nature of the**
36 | **Project.**

37 |
38 | Technical staff from the utility discusses the scope of the interconnection with the
39 | potential applicant (either by phone or in person) to determine what specific information
40 | and documents (such as an application, contract, technical requirements, specifications,
41 | listing of qualified type-tested equipment/systems, application fee information, applicable
42 | rate schedules, and metering requirements) will be provided to the potential applicant.
43 | The preliminary technical feasibility of the project at the proposed location may also be

1 | discussed at this time. All such information and a link to the distributed generation
2 | portion of the utility's website or a copy of the SIR and any utility-specific
3 | documents~~standardized interconnection requirements~~ must be provided~~sent~~ to the
4 | applicant within three (3) Business Days~~business days~~ following the initial
5 | communication from the potential applicant, unless the potential applicant indicates
6 | otherwise. A utility representative will be designated to serve as the single point of
7 | contact for the applicant (unless the utility informs the applicant otherwise) in
8 | coordinating the potential applicant's project with the utility.

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10 | **STEP 3: Potential Applicant Files an Application.**

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12 | The potential applicant submits an application to the utility. The submittal must include
13 | the completed standard application form, including a copy of equipment certification to
14 | the most recent UL 1741 (November 2005 revision of UL 1741) as applicable, a three line
15 | diagram specific to the proposed system, a letter of authorization (if applicant is agent for
16 | the customer), and payment of a non-refundable \$350 application fee, except that the
17 | application fee shall be refunded to net metering customer-generators unless applied
18 | toward the cost of installing a dedicated transformer (s) or other safety equipment. No
19 | application fee is required of the applicant for systems 25 kW or less.- If the applicant
20 | proceeds with the project to completion, the application fee will be applied as a payment
21 | to the utility's total cost for interconnection, including the cost of processing the
22 | application. Within five (5) Business Days~~business days~~ of receiving the application, the
23 | utility will notify the applicant of receipt and whether the application has been completed
24 | adequately. It is in the best interest of the applicant to provide the utility with all
25 | pertinent technical information as early as possible in the process. If the required
26 | documentation is presented in this step, it will allow the utility to perform the required
27 | reviews and allow the process to proceed as expeditiously as possible.

28 | Applicants will be placed in the utility's interconnection inventory upon receipt of the
29 | applicant's completed application, including receipt of the application fee. If either of the
30 | milestones identified below are not met due to customer inactivity, the utility has the
31 | right to notify the customer by U.S. first class mail with delivery receipt confirmation that
32 | the customer's project will be removed from the utility's interconnection inventory if the
33 | customer does not respond within fifteen (15) Business Days of the issue of such
34 | notification and provide a project status update and/or justification as to why the project
35 | should remain in the utility's interconnection inventory for an additional period of time.
36 | If there is no status update provided by the customer in response to the mailed
37 | notification, the utility may proceed to remove the application from the inventory.

- 38 | • Applicant commits to utility construction of utility's system modifications within
39 | twelve (12) months of filing an application; or
- 40 | • Final acceptance and utility cost reconciliation occurs within eighteen (18)
41 | months of filing an application.

1 | The utility will refund any advance payments for services or construction not yet
2 | completed should the applicant be removed from the utility's interconnection inventory.
3 | If the costs incurred by the utility exceed the advance payments made by the applicant
4 | prior to removal from the interconnection inventory, the applicant will receive a bill for
5 | any balance due to the utility.

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7 | **STEP 4: Utility Conducts a Preliminary Review and Develops a Cost Estimate**
8 | **for the Coordinated Electric System Interconnection Review (CESIR).**
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10 | The utility conducts a preliminary review of the proposed system interconnection. Upon
11 | completion of the preliminary review, the utility will inform the applicant as to whether
12 | the proposed interconnection is viable or not, and provide the applicant with an estimate
13 | of costs associated with the completion of the CESIR. The preliminary review shall be
14 | completed and a written response detailing the outcome of the preliminary review shall
15 | be sent to the applicant within fifteen (15) ~~Business Days~~business days of the completion
16 | of Step 3.— The utility's response to those applicants proposing to interconnect non-
17 | inverter based DG systems, aggregate inverter based DG systems above 25 kW and up to
18 | 2 MW, or proposing to interconnect to network systems will include preliminary
19 | comments on requirements for safety equipment, protective relaying, metering and
20 | telemetry.
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22 | **STEP 5: Applicant Commits to the Completion of the CESIR**
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24 | Prior to commencement of the CESIR, the applicant shall provide the following
25 | information to the utility:

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27 | • a complete detailed interconnection design package
28 | • the name and phone number, and agent letter of
29 | authorization (if appropriate) of the individual(s)
30 | responsible for addressing technical and contractual
31 | questions regarding the proposed system, and
32 | • if applicable, ~~advance~~advanced payment of the costs
33 | associated with the completion of the CESIR.
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35 | The complete detailed interconnection design package shall include:

- 36 | (1) Electrical schematic drawing(s) reflecting the
37 | complete proposed system design which are easily
38 | interpreted and of a quality necessary for ~~a~~-full
39 | interconnection. The drawings shall show all
40 | electrical components proposed for the installation;

1 and their connections to the existing on-site electrical
2 system from that point to the PCC.

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4 (2) A complete listing of all interconnection devices
5 proposed for use at the PCC. A set of specifications
6 for this equipment shall be provided by the applicant
7 upon request from the utility.

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9 (3) The written verification test procedure provided by
10 the equipment manufacturer, if such procedure is
11 required by this document. For non-inverter based
12 systems, testing equipment must be capable of
13 measuring that protection settings operate within the
14 appropriate times and thresholds set forth in Section
15 II.

16
17 (4) Three (3) copies of the following information:

- 18
19 • Proposed three line diagram of the generation system showing the
20 interconnection of major electrical components within the system.
21 Proposed equipment ratings clearly ~~need~~needs to indicate:

22
23 1) Number, individual ratings, and type of units comprising the
24 above rating;

25 2) General high voltage bus configuration and relay functions; and

26 3) Proposed generator step-up transformer MVA ratings,
27 impedances, tap settings and winding voltage ratings;

- 28 • Electrical studies as requested by the utility to demonstrate that the
29 design is within acceptable limits, inclusive and limited to the
30 following: system fault, relay coordination, flicker, voltage drop,
31 and harmonics. This shall include all relay, communication, and
32 controller set points.

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34 **STEP- 6: Utility Completes the CESIR**

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36 The CESIR will consist of two parts:

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38 (1) a review of the impacts to the utility system associated
39 with the interconnection of the proposed system, and

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41 (2) a review of the proposed system's compliance with the
42 applicable criteria set forth below.

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2 A CESIR will be performed by the utility to determine if the proposed generation on the
3 circuit results in any relay coordination, fault current, and/or voltage regulation problems.
4 A full CESIR may not be needed if the aggregate generation is less than (1) 50 kW on a
5 single-phase branch of a radial distribution circuit; or (2) 150 kW on a single distribution
6 feeder.

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8 In addition, at the option of the utility and based on each utility's specific technical
9 requirements, a CESIR may be required for DG systems that are being proposed on the
10 utility's network systems.

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12 The CESIR shall be completed within sixty (60) Business Days~~business days~~ of receipt
13 of the information set forth in Step 5. For systems utilizing type-tested equipment, the
14 time required to complete the CESIR may be reduced.

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16 Upon completion of the CESIR, the utility will provide the following, in writing, to the
17 applicant:

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19 (1) utility system impacts, if any;
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21 (2) notification of whether the proposed system meets the
22 applicable criteria considered in the CESIR process;
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24 (3) if applicable, a description of where the proposed
25 system is not in compliance with these requirements;
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27 (4) ~~-Subject to subsections (a) through (d) below, a good~~
28 ~~faith, ~~detailed~~~~ estimate of the total cost of completion
29 of the interconnection of the proposed system and/or
30 a statement of cost responsibility for a dedicated
31 transformer(s) or other required interconnection
32 equipment:
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34 (a) with respect to an applicant that is not to be net-
35 metered, an estimate shall be provided and shall
36 include the costs associated with any required
37 modifications to the utility system, administration,
38 metering, and on-site verification testing;
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40 (b) with respect to an applicant that is to be net-
41 metered and that is a Farm Wind, Farm Waste,
42 Non-Residential Wind, Non-Residential Micro-
43 hydroelectric, Non-Residential Fuel Cell or Non-

Residential Solar applicant intending to install ~~wind~~ electric generating equipment with a rated capacity of more than 25 kW, an estimate shall be provided and shall include the applicant's responsibility for the actual cost of installing any dedicated transformer(s) and other safety equipment up to the maximum set forth in subsection (c) below;

(c) with respect to an applicant that is to be net-metered, if the utility determines that it is necessary to install a dedicated transformer(s) or other equipment to protect the safety and adequacy of electric service provided to other customers, the applicant shall be informed of its responsibility for the actual costs for installing the dedicated transformer(s) and other safety equipment. The following table reflects the maximum responsibility each designated applicant shall have with respect to the actual cost of the dedicated transformer(s) and other safety equipment:

Appendix D sets forth the responsibility each applicant shall have with respect to the actual cost of the dedicated transformer(s) and other safety equipment.

~~Maximum Expense for Dedicated Transformer and Other Safety Equipment for Net Metered Customers (Up to 2 MW)~~

Generator Type	Generator Size	Maximum Equipment Cost to Customer
Solar / Micro-hydroelectric	Over 25 kW up to 2 MW	As determined by Utility*
Fuel Cell	Over 10 kW up to 1.5 MW	As determined by Utility*
Wind	Over 25 kW up to 2 MW	As determined by Utility*
Farm Wind	Over 25 kW up to 500 kW	\$5,000
Farm Waste	Up to 1 MW	\$5,000

~~* Subject to review by the Commission at the request of the Customer~~

STEP 7: Applicant Commits to Utility Construction of Utility's System Modifications.

The applicant and utility will execute the New York Standardized Contract ~~standardized contract~~ for interconnection and the applicant will provide the utility with an advance

1 payment for the utility’s estimated costs as identified in Step 6 (estimated costs will be
2 reconciled with actual costs in Step 11).

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4 **STEP 8: Project Construction.**

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6 The applicant will build the facility in accordance with the utility-accepted design. In
7 cities with a population under 1 million, the utility may will require the applicant to
8 provide a copy of the electrical inspection certificate upon completion of construction and
9 in advance of verification testing in Step 9 as supporting documentation that the facility is
10 ready for verification testing. In cities with a population of 1 million or greater, the utility
11 will require that the applicant has filed for an electrical permit and that the applicant
12 provides the utility with the permit number.

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14 The utility will commence construction/installation of system modifications and metering
15 requirements as identified in Step 6. Utility system modifications will vary in
16 construction time depending on the extent of work and equipment required. The schedule
17 for this work is to be discussed and agreed upon with the applicant in Step 6.

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19 **STEP 9: The Applicant’s Facility is Tested in Accordance ~~with~~With the**
20 **Standardized Interconnection Requirements.**
21 **~~Interconnection Requirements.~~**
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23 The verification testing will be performed by the applicant in accordance with the written
24 test procedure(s) provided by the applicant in Step 5 and any site-specific requirements
25 identified by the utility in Step 6. The final verification testing will be conducted within
26 ten (10) Business Days~~business days~~ of complete installation at a mutually agreeable
27 time, and the utility shall be given the opportunity to witness the tests. If the utility opts
28 not to witness the ~~teststest~~, the applicant will send the utility within five (5) Business
29 Days~~days~~ of completion of such testing~~the test~~ a written notification, certifying that the
30 system has been installed and tested in compliance with the SIR, the utility-accepted
31 design, and the equipment manufacturer’s instructions.

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33 **STEP 10: Interconnection.**

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36 The applicant’s facility will be allowed to commence parallel operation upon satisfactory
37 completion of the tests in Step 9 and receipt of the electrical inspection certificate (or
38 electric permit number in cities with a population of 1 million or greater)if required. ~~In~~
39 ~~addition, the applicant must have complied with and must continue to comply with the~~
40 ~~contractual and technical requirements.~~

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42 **STEP 11: Final Acceptance and Utility Cost Reconciliation.**

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2 If the utility witnessed the verification testing, then, within ten (10) Business
3 Daysbusiness—days of the completion of such testing, and receipt of the electrical
4 inspection certificate (or electric permit number in cities with a population of 1 million or
5 greater) , if required test, the utility will issue to the applicant either a formal letter of
6 acceptance for interconnection or a detailed explanation of the deficiencies in the system.
7 If the utility did not witness the verification testing, then, within ten (10) Business
8 Daysbusiness—days of receiving the written test notification from Step 9, the utility will
9 either issue to the applicant a formal letter of acceptance for interconnection, or in the
10 event that the utility cannot accept the verification test results as presented because of DG
11 system deficiencies, the utility will request that the applicant and utility set a date and
12 time for for the applicant to re-perform thean on-site verification tests in order to allow
13 the utility toand witness the conduct of the verification tests and the operation of the DG
14 system. This witnessedjoint on-site verification testing must be completed within twenty
15 (20) Business Daysbusiness—days after being requested. Within ten (10) Business
16 Daysbusiness—days of the completion of any such witnessed testingthe on-site
17 verification, the utility will issue to the applicant either a formal letter of acceptance for
18 interconnection or a detailed explanation of the deficiencies in the DG system. The
19 receipt of such formal letter of acceptance does not relieve the applicant from continuing
20 to comply with all contractual and technical requirements and the applicant shall abide by
21 such requirements as long as the DG system is interconnected to the utility’s system.- At
22 this time, the utility will also reconcile its actual costs related to the applicant’s project
23 against the application fee and advance payments made by the applicant. The applicant
24 will receive either a bill for any balance due or a reimbursement for overpayment as
25 determined by the utility’s reconciliation, except that a net metering applicant may not be
26 charged in excess of the cost of installing the dedicated transformer(s) or other safety
27 equipment described above in Step 6. The applicant may contest the reconciliation with
28 the utility. If the applicant is not satisfied, a formal complaint may be filed with the
29 Commission.
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32 **D. Web-Based Standard Interconnection Requirements**

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34 Each utility shall implement and maintain a web-based system to provide customers and
35 contractors current information regarding the status of their SIR application process. The
36 system shall be customer specific and post the current status of the SIR process. At a
37 minimum the following content shall be provided:

- 38 1. The applicant’s name and project/application identification number.
- 39 2. Description of the project, including at a minimum, the project’s type (energy
40 source), size, metering, and location.
- 41 3. SIR project application status, including all the steps completed and to be
42 completed, along with corresponding completion/deadline dates associated with
43 each step.

- 1 • If the next action is to be taken by the utility, the expected date that action
2 will be completed,
3 • If the next action is to be taken by the applicant, what exactly is required
4 and a contact for more information,
5 4. Information regarding any outstanding information request made by the utility of
6 the applicant, and
7 5. The status of all amounts paid and/or due to the utility by the applicant.
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9 Access shall be available for the customer and their authorized
10 | agent(s), contractor, such that both can access the information. The web site must be,
11 however, secure and private from unauthorized access.
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13 The utility web site shall also provide the ability for applicants with systems 25
14 | kW and less to submit their application for interconnection via the web. The web--based
15 application process must be consistent with Appendix B of the SIR and include the ability
16 to attach associated documentation or drawings associated with each project.
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Section II. Interconnection Requirements

A. Design Requirements

1. Common

The generator-owner shall provide appropriate protection and control equipment, including a protective device that utilizes an automatic disconnect device that will disconnect the generation in the event that the portion of the utility system that serves the generator is de-energized for any reason or for a fault in the generator-owner’s system. The generator-owner’s protection and control equipment shall be capable of automatically disconnecting the generation upon detection of an islanding condition and upon detection of a utility system fault.

The generator-owner’s protection and control scheme shall be designed to ensure that the generation remains in operation when the frequency and voltage of the utility system is within the limits specified by the required operating ranges. Upon request from the utility, the generator-owner shall provide documentation detailing compliance with the requirements set forth in this document.

The specific design of the protection, control and grounding schemes will depend on the size and characteristics of the generator-owner’s generation, as well the generator-owner’s load level, in addition to the characteristics of the particular portion of the utility’s system where the generator-owner is interconnecting.

The generator-owner shall have, as a minimum, an automatic disconnect device(s) sized to meet all applicable local, state, and federal codes and operated by over and under voltage and over and under frequency protection. For three-phase installations, the over and under voltage function should be included for each phase and the over and under frequency protection on at least one phase. All phases of a generator or inverter interface shall disconnect for voltage or frequency trip conditions sensed by the protective devices. Voltage protection shall be wired phase to ground for single phase installations and for applications using wye grounded-wye grounded service transformers.

The settings below are listed for single-phase and three-phase applications using wye grounded-wye grounded service transformers or wye grounded-wye grounded isolation transformers. For applications using other transformer connections, a site-specific review will be conducted by the utility and the revised settings identified in Step 6 of the Application Process.

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2 The requirements set forth in this document are intended to be consistent with those
3 contained in the most current version of IEEE Std 1547, *Standard for Interconnecting*
4 *Distributed Resources with Electric Power Systems*. The requirements in IEEE Std 1547
5 above and beyond those contained in this document shall be followed[†];

6 7 Voltage Response

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9 The required operating range for the generators shall be from 88% to 110% of nominal
10 voltage magnitude. For excursions outside these limits the protective device shall
11 automatically initiate a disconnect sequence from the utility system as detailed in the
12 most current version of IEEE Std 1547. Clearing time is defined as the time the range is
13 initially exceeded until the generator-owner's equipment ceases to energize the PCC and
14 includes detection and intentional time delay.

15 16 Frequency Response

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18 The required operating range for the generators shall be from 59.3 Hz to 60.5 Hz. For
19 generators greater than 30 kW the utility may request that the generator operate at
20 frequency ranges below 59.3 Hz as defined in IEEE Std 1547. For excursions outside
21 these limits the protective device shall automatically initiate a disconnect sequence from
22 the utility system as detailed in the most current version of IEEE Std 1547. Clearing time
23 is defined as the time the range is initially exceeded until the generator-owner's
24 equipment ceases to energize the PCC and includes detection and intentional time delay.

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26 If the generation facility is disconnected as a result of the operation of a protective
27 device, the generator-owner's equipment shall remain disconnected until the utility's
28 service voltage and frequency have recovered to acceptable voltage and frequency limits
29 for a minimum of five (5) minutes. Systems greater than 25 kW that do not utilize
30 inverter based interface equipment shall not have automatic recloser capability unless
31 otherwise approved by the utility. If the utility determines that a facility must receive
32 permission to reconnect, then any automatic reclosing functions must be disabled and
33 verified to be disabled during verification testing.

34 35 **2. Synchronous Generators**

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37 Synchronous generation shall require synchronizing facilities. These shall include
38 automatic synchronizing equipment or manual synchronizing with relay supervision,
39 voltage regulator, and power factor control.

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[†] ~~It is expected that IEEE Std 1547 will eventually supersede the need for explicit technical standards in New York State. However, until such time as all IEEE 1547 series of standards are complete and approved, this standard will take precedence.~~

1 For all synchronous generators sufficient reactive power capability shall be provided by
2 the generator-owner to withstand normal voltage changes on the utility's system. The
3 generator voltage VAR schedule, voltage regulator, and transformer ratio settings shall be
4 jointly determined by the utility and the generator-owner to ensure proper coordination of
5 voltages and regulator action. Generator-owners shall have synchronous generator
6 reactive power capability to withstand voltage changes up to 5% of the base voltage
7 levels.

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9 A voltage regulator must be provided and be capable of maintaining the generator voltage
10 under steady state conditions within plus or minus 1.5% of any set point and within an
11 operating range of plus or minus 5% of the rated voltage of the generator.

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13 Generator-owners shall adopt one of the following grounding methods for synchronous
14 generators:

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16 | a) Solid grounding
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18 | b) High- or low-resistance grounding
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20 | c) High- or low-reactance grounding
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22 | d) Ground fault neutralizer grounding
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24 Synchronous generators shall not be permitted to connect to utility secondary network
25 systems without the ~~acceptance~~approval of the utility.
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27 | **3. Induction Generators** 28 | 29 |

30 Induction generation may be connected and brought up to synchronous speed (as an
31 induction motor) if it can be demonstrated that the initial voltage drop measured at the
32 PCC is acceptable based on current inrush limits. The same requirements also apply to
33 induction generation connected at or near synchronous speed because a voltage dip is
34 present due to an inrush of magnetizing current. The generator-owner shall submit the
35 expected number of starts per specific time period and maximum starting kVA draw data
36 to the utility. ~~to verify that the voltage dip due to starting is within the visible flicker~~
37 ~~limits as defined by IEEE Std 519, Recommended Practices and Requirements for~~
38 ~~Harmonic Control in Electric Power Systems.~~
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40 Starting or rapid load fluctuations on induction generators can adversely impact the
41 utility's system voltage. Corrective step-switched capacitors or other techniques may be
42 necessary. These measures can, in turn, cause ferroresonance. If these measures

1 (additional capacitors) are installed on the customer's side of the PCC, the utility will
2 review these measures and may require the customer to install additional equipment.

3 4 **4. Inverters**

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6 Direct current generation can only be installed in parallel with the utility's system using a
7 synchronous inverter. The design shall be such as to disconnect this synchronous inverter
8 upon a utility system interruption.

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10 It is recommended that equipment be selected from the Department of Public Service
11 "Certified Interconnection Equipment" list maintained only by the Commission's
12 website.PSC. Interconnected ~~DG~~Distributed Generating systems utilizing equipment not
13 found listed in such the "Certified Equipment" list must meet all functional requirements
14 of the current version of IEEE Std 1547 and be protected by utility grade relays (as
15 defined in these requirements) using settings approved by the utility and verified in the
16 field. The field verification test must demonstrate that the equipment meets the voltage
17 and frequency requirements detailed in this section.

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19 Synchronization or re-synchronization of an inverter to the utility system shall not result
20 in a voltage deviation that exceeds the requirements contained in Section II.E, Power
21 Quality. Only inverters designed to operate in parallel with the utility system shall be
22 utilized for that purpose.

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24 ~~A line inverter can be used to isolate the customer from the utility system provided it can~~
25 ~~be demonstrated that the inverter isolates the customer from the utility system safely and~~
26 ~~reliably.~~

27 28 **5. Minimum Protective Function Requirements**

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30 Protective system requirements for distributed generation facilities result from an
31 assessment of many factors, including but not limited to:

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- 33 • Type and size of the distributed generation facility
 - 34 • Voltage level of the interconnection
 - 35 • Location of the distributed generation facility on the circuit
 - 36 • Distribution transformer
 - 37 • Distribution system configuration
 - 38 • Available fault current
 - 39 • Load that can remain connected to the distributed generation facility under isolated
 - 40 conditions
 - 41 • Amount of existing distributed generation on the local distribution system.
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1 As a result, protection requirements ~~cannot~~ be standardized according to any
2 single criteria.

3 Minimum protective function requirements shall be as detailed in the table below. ANSI
4 C37.2, Electric Power System Device Function Numbers, are listed with each function.
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Synchronous Generators	Induction Generators	Inverters
Over/Under Voltage (Function 27/59)	Over/Under Voltage (Function 27/59)	Over/Under Voltage (Function 27/59)
Over/Under Frequency (Function 81O/81U)	Over/Under Frequency (Function 81O/81U)	Over/Under Frequency (Function 81O/81U)
<u>Anti-Islanding Protection</u>	<u>Anti-Islanding Protection</u>	Anti-Islanding Protection

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12 The need for additional protective functions shall be determined by the utility on a case-
13 by-case basis. If the utility determines a need for additional functions, it shall notify the
14 generator-owner in writing of the requirements. The notice shall include a description of
15 the specific aspects of the utility system that necessitate the addition, and an explicit
16 justification for the necessity of the enhanced capability. The utility shall specify and
17 provide settings for those functions that the utility designates as being required to satisfy
18 protection practices. Any protective equipment or setting specified by the utility shall not
19 be changed or modified at any time by the generator-owner without written consent from
20 the utility.
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22 The generator-owner shall be responsible for ongoing compliance with all applicable
23 local, state, and federal codes and standardized interconnection requirements as they
24 pertain to the interconnection of the generating equipment. Protective devices shall
25 utilize their own current transformers and potential transformers and not share electrical
26 equipment associated with utility revenue metering.
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28 A failure of the generator-owner's protective devices, including loss of control power,
29 shall open the automatic disconnect device, thus disconnecting the generation from the
30 utility system. A generator-owner's protection equipment shall utilize a non-volatile
31 memory design such that a loss of internal or external control power, including batteries,
32 will not cause a loss of interconnection protection functions or loss of protection set
33 points.
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35 All interface protection and control equipment shall operate as specified independent of
36 the calendar date.

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2 **6. Metering**
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4 The need for additional revenue metering or modifications to existing metering will be
5 reviewed on a case-by-case basis and shall be consistent with metering requirements
6 adopted by the Commission.
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8 Any incremental metering costs are included in interconnection costs that may be
9 required of an applicant.
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18 The following ~~tables summarize~~Table summarizes the New York Net Metering Rules
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New York (PSL §66-j) - Net Metering*						
Incentive Type:	Net Metering Rules					
Eligible Renewable/Other Technologies:	Solar / Micro-hydroelectric		Biogas	Micro CHP	Fuel Cell	
Applicable Sectors:	Residential	Non-Residential	Farm-Waste	Residential	Residential	Non-Residential
Limit on System Size:	25 kW	Up to 2 MW	1 MW	10 kW	10 kW	Up to 1.5 MW
Remote Net Metering**	No	<u>Yes***</u>	Yes	No	No	
Limit on Overall Enrollment:	1% of 2005 <u>Electric</u> Demand per IOU for Solar, Biogas, Micro CHP, <u>Micro-hydroelectric</u> and Fuel Cells combined					

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New York (PSL §66-1) - Net Metering*			
Incentive Type:	Net Metering Rules		
Eligible Renewable/Other Technologies:	Wind		
Applicable Sectors:	Residential	Non-Residential	Farm-Service Wind
Limit on System Size:	25 kW	Up to 2 MW	500 kW
Remote Net Metering**	No	Yes	Yes
Limit on Overall Enrollment:	.3% of 2005 Demand per IOU		

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* Refer to specific utility tariff leaves for more detailed rules and regulations applicable to net metering.

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~~** Per the Public Service Law (PSL) §66-j & 66-l, Remote Net Metering allows non-residential solar photovoltaic, farm waste, farm wind, and non-residential wind customers, to apply excess generation credits from the customer's generator to certain other meters on property that is owned or leased by the same customer.~~

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~~***Non-residential solar customers are eligible for remote net metering; non-residential micro-hydroelectric customers are not eligible for remote net metering~~

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B. Operating Requirements

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The generator-owner shall provide a 24-hour telephone contact. This contact will be used by the utility to arrange access for repairs, inspection or emergencies. The utility will

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1 make such arrangements (except for emergencies) during normal business hours.

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3 Voltage and frequency trip set point adjustments shall be accessible to service personnel
4 only.

5 Any changes to these settings must be reviewed and approved by the utility.

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7 The generator-owner shall not supply power to the utility during any outages of the utility
8 system that serves the PCC. The generator-owner's generation may be operated during
9 such outages only with an open tie to the utility. Islanding will not be permitted. The
10 generator-owner shall not energize a de-energized utility circuit for any reason.

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12 The disconnect switch specified for system size larger than ~~25 kW~~^{25kW} and non-inverter
13 based systems of 25 kW or less in Section II.D, Disconnect Switch, may be opened by
14 the utility at any time for any of the following reasons:

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16 a. to eliminate conditions that constitute a potential hazard to
17 utility personnel or the general public;
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19 b. pre-emergency or emergency conditions on the utility system;
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21 c. a hazardous condition is revealed by a utility inspection;
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23 d. protective device tampering;
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25 e. parallel operation prior to utility approval to interconnect.
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27 The disconnect switch may be opened by the utility for the following reasons, after notice
28 to the responsible party has been delivered and a reasonable time to correct (consistent
29 with the conditions) has elapsed:

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31 a. A generator-owner has failed to make available records of
32 verification tests and maintenance of its protective devices;
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34 b. A generator-owner's system adversely impacts the operation of
35 utility equipment or equipment belonging to other utility
36 customers;
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38 c. A generator-owner's system is found to adversely affect the
39 quality of service to adjoining customers.
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41 The utility will provide a name and telephone number so that the generator-owner can
42 obtain information about the utility lock-out.
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1 The generator-owner shall be allowed to disconnect from the utility without prior notice
2 in order to self generate.

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4 Under certain conditions a utility may require direct transfer trip (DTT). The utility shall
5 provide detailed evidence as to the need for DTT.

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7 If a generator-owner proposes any modification to the system that has an impact on the
8 interface at the PCC after it has been installed and a contract between the utility and the
9 generator-owner has already been executed, then any such modifications must be
10 reviewed and approved by the utility before the modifications are made.

11 12 **C. Dedicated Transformer**

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14 The utility reserves the right to require a power-producing facility to connect to the utility
15 system through a dedicated transformer. The transformer shall either be provided by the
16 connecting utility at the generator-owner's expense, purchased from the utility, or
17 conform to the connecting utility's specifications. ~~The transformer may be necessary to~~
18 ~~ensure conformance with utility safe work practices, to enhance service restoration~~
19 ~~operations or to prevent detrimental effects to other utility customers.~~ The transformer
20 that is part of the normal electrical service connection of a generator-owner's facility may
21 meet this requirement if there are no other customers supplied from it. A dedicated
22 transformer is not required if the installation is designed and coordinated with the utility
23 to protect the utility system and its customers adequately from potential detrimental net
24 effects caused by the operation of the generator.

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26 If the utility determines a need for a dedicated transformer, it shall notify the generator-
27 owner in writing of the requirements. The notice shall include a description of the
28 specific aspects of the utility system that necessitate the addition, the conditions under
29 which the dedicated transformer is expected to enhance safety or prevent detrimental
30 effects, and the expected response of a normal, shared transformer installation to such
31 conditions.

32 33 **D. Disconnect Switch**

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35 Generating equipment with system size larger than 25 kW and non-inverter based
36 systems of 25 kW or less shall be capable of being isolated from the utility system by
37 means of an external, manual, visible, gang-operated, load break disconnecting switch.
38 The disconnect switch shall be installed, owned, and maintained by the customer-
39 generator, and located between the generating equipment and its interconnection point
40 with the utility system.

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42 The disconnect switch must be rated for the voltage and current requirements of the
43 installation.

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2 The basic insulation level (BIL) of the disconnect switch shall be such that it will
3 coordinate with that of the utility's equipment. Disconnect devices shall meet applicable
4 requirements of the most current version of UL, ANSI, and IEEE standards, and shall be
5 installed to meet all applicable local, state, and federal codes. (New York City Building
6 Code may require additional certification.)
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8 The disconnect switch shall be clearly marked, "Generator Disconnect Switch," with
9 permanent 3/8 inch or larger letters or larger.
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11 The disconnect switch shall be located within 10 feet of the utility's external electric
12 service meter. If such location is not possible, the customer-generator will propose, and
13 the utility will approve, an alternate location. The location and nature of the disconnect
14 switch shall be indicated in the immediate proximity of the electric service entrance. The
15 disconnect switch shall be readily accessible for operation and locking by utility
16 personnel in accordance with Section II.B, Operating Requirements. The disconnect
17 switch must be lockable in the open position with a 3/8" shank utility padlock.
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19 For installations above 600V or with a full load output of greater than 960A, a draw-out
20 type circuit breaker with the provision for padlocking at the draw-out position will not be
21 an acceptable disconnect switch for the purposes of this requirement unless the use of
22 such a circuit breaker is specifically granted by the utility, based on site-specific technical
23 requirements. If the utility grants such use, the generator-owner will be required, upon
24 the utility's request, to provide qualified operating personnel to open the draw-out circuit
25 breaker and ensure isolation of the DG system, with such operation to be witnessed by
26 the utility followed immediately by the utility locking the device to prevent re-
27 energization. In an emergency or outage situation, where there is no access to the draw-
28 out breaker or no qualified personnel, utilities may disconnect the electric service to the
29 premise in order to isolate the DG system ~~can be considered a disconnect switch for the~~
30 ~~purposes of this requirement.~~
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32 E. Power Quality 33

34 The maximum harmonic limits for electrical equipment shall be in accordance with IEEE
35 519 to limit the maximum individual frequency voltage harmonic to 3% of the
36 fundamental frequency and the voltage Total Harmonic Distortion (THD) to 5% on the
37 utility side of the PCC. In addition, any voltage fluctuation resulting from the connection
38 of the customer's energy producing equipment to the utility system must not exceed the
39 limits defined by the maximum permissible voltage fluctuations border line of visibility
40 curve, ~~identified in IEEE Std 519.~~ This requirement is necessary to minimize the adverse
41 voltage effect upon other customers on the utility system.
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43 F. Power Factor

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2 If the average power factor, as measured at the PCC, is less than 0.9 (leading or lagging),
3 the method of power factor correction necessitated by the installation of the generator
4 will be negotiated with the utility as a commercial item.
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6 Induction power generators may be provided VAR capacity from the utility system at the
7 generator-owner's expense. The installation of VAR correction equipment by the
8 generator-owner on the generator-owner's side of the PCC must be reviewed and
9 approved by the utility prior to installation.
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11 **G. Islanding**

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13 Generation interconnection systems must be designed and operated so that islanding is
14 not sustained on utility distribution circuits. The requirements listed in this document are
15 designed and intended to prevent islanding.
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17 **H. Equipment Certification**

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19 In order for the equipment to be acceptable for interconnection to the utility system
20 without additional protective devices, the interface equipment must be equipped with the
21 minimum protective function requirements listed in the table in Section II.A.5 and be
22 tested by a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL) recognized by the United
23 States Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) in compliance with the
24 most current version of UL 1741. Underwriter's Laboratories (UL) 1741, Inverters,
25 Converters, Controllers and Interconnection System Equipment for Use With Distributed
26 Energy Resources (January 28, 2010 revision).
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28 For each interconnection application, documentation including the proposed equipment
29 certification, stating compliance with UL 1741 by an NRTL, shall be provided by the
30 applicant to the utility. Supporting information from an NRTL website or UL's website
31 stating compliance is acceptable for documentation.
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33 If an equipment manufacturer, vendor, or any other party desires, documentation
34 indicating compliance as stated above may be submitted to DPS Staff for inclusion in the
35 listing under the the Department of Public Service Commission for listing under the
36 "Certified Interconnection Equipment ("Certified Equipment")" list on the
37 Commission's Department's website (<http://www.dps.ny.gov/distgen.htm>).
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39 Certification information for equipment tested and certified to the most current version of
40 UL 1741 (January 28, 2010 revision) by a non-NRTL shall be provided by the
41 manufacturer, or vendor to the contacts listed on the Public Service Commission's
42 website (<http://www.dps.ny.gov/distgen.htm>)—for review before final
43 acceptance approval and posting under the Public Service Commission's "Certified

1 | Equipment²² list. Utilities are not responsible for reviewing and approving equipment
2 | tested and certified by a non-NRTL.

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4 | If ~~an~~ equipment is UL 1741 ~~(January 28, 2010 revision)~~ certified by an NRTL and
5 | compliance documentation is submitted to the utility, the utility shall accept such
6 | equipment for interconnection in New York state. All equipment certified to the most
7 | current version of UL 1741 ~~(January 28, 2010 revision)~~ by an NRTL shall be deemed
8 | ‘certified equipment’ even if it does not appear on the ~~Department of Public Service~~
9 | Commission’s website under the Certified Equipment list.

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11 | Utility grade relays need not be certified per the requirements of this section.

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13 | For DG systems that are already interconnected with the utility’s electrical system and
14 | seek to use the New York State Standardized Interconnection Requirements and
15 | Application Process in order to qualify for net metering, no DG system will be required
16 | to obtain recertification to the latest equipment certification standards, as long as the DG
17 | system met the equipment certification requirements of the utility in effect at the time of
18 | the DG unit’s interconnection.

22 | **I. Verification Testing**

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24 | All interface equipment must include a verification test procedure— as part of the
25 | documentation presented to the utility. Except for the case of small single-phase
26 | inverters as discussed later, the verification test must establish that the protection settings
27 | meet the SIR requirements. The verification testing may be site-specific and is conducted
28 | periodically to assure continued acceptable performance.

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30 | Upon initial parallel operation of a generating system, or any time interface hardware or
31 | software is changed, the verification test must be performed. A qualified individual must
32 | perform verification testing in accordance with the manufacturer’s published test
33 | procedure. Qualified individuals include professional engineers, factory-trained and
34 | certified technicians, and licensed electricians with experience in testing protective
35 | equipment. The utility reserves the right to witness verification testing or require written
36 | certification that the testing was successfully performed.

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38 | Verification testing shall be performed at least once every four years. All verification
39 | tests prescribed by the manufacturer shall be performed. If wires must be removed to
40 | perform certain tests, each wire and each terminal must be clearly and permanently
41 | marked. The generator-owner shall maintain verification test reports for inspection by
42 | the utility.

Section III. Glossary of Terms

Automatic Disconnect Device: An electronic or mechanical switch used to isolate a circuit or piece of equipment from a source of power without the need for human intervention.

Business Day: Monday through Friday, excluding utility holidays.

Cease to Energize: Cessation of energy flow capability

Coordinated Electric System Interconnection Review: Any studies performed by utilities to ensure that the safety and reliability of the electric grid with respect to the interconnection of distributed generation as discussed in this document.

Customer-Generator: A utility customer who owns or operates electric generating equipment located and used at the customer's premises, and/or the utility customer's agent.

Dedicated Transformer: A transformer installed by the utility to isolate with a DG system secondary winding that may have a negative impact on the power quality of other customers serves only one customer.

Direct Transfer Trip: Remote operation of a circuit breaker by means of a communication channel.

Disconnect (verb): To isolate a circuit or equipment from a source of power. If isolation is accomplished with a solid-state device, "Disconnect" shall mean to cease the transfer of power.

Disconnect Switch: A mechanical device used for isolating a circuit or equipment from a source of power.

Draw-out Type Circuit Breaker: Circuit breakers that are disconnected by physically separating, or racking, the breaker assembly away from the switchgear bus.

Farm Waste, Net Meter, Farm Applicant: A farm applicant who is proposing to install a farm waste anaerobic digester generating system, not to exceed 1 MW, at a farm, per the requirements of New York State Public Service Law §66-j.

Fuel Cell, Net Meter, Residential Applicant: A residential applicant who is proposing to install a fuel cell electric generating system located and used at the applicant's

1 | premises, not to exceed a combined rated capacity of not more than 10 kW, per the
2 | requirements of New York State Public Service Law §66-j.

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4 | **Fuel Cell, Net Meter, Non-Residential Applicant:** A non-residential applicant who is
5 | proposing to install a fuel cell electric generating system located and used at the
6 | applicant's premises, not to exceed a combined rated capacity of not more than 1.5 MW,
7 | per the requirements of New York State Public Service Law §66-j.

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9 | **Generator-Owner:** An applicant to operate on-site power generation equipment in
10 | parallel with the utility grid per the requirements of this document.

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12 | **Islanding:** A condition in which a portion of the utility system that contains both load
13 | and distributed generation is isolated from the remainder of the utility system. (Adopted
14 | from
15 | IEEE Std 929.)

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17 | **Micro-Combined Heat and Power, Net Meter, Residential Applicant:** A residential
18 | applicant who is proposing to install a micro-combined heat and power (Micro-~~CHP~~
19 | generating system located and used at the applicant's premises, not to exceed 10 kW, per
20 | the requirements of New York State Public Service Law §66-j.

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22 | **Micro-Hydroelectric, Net Meter, Residential Applicant:** A residential applicant who
23 | is proposing to install a micro-hydroelectric generating equipment located and used at the
24 | applicant's premises, not to exceed 25 kW, per the requirement of New York State Public
25 | Service Law §66-j.

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27 | **Micro-Hydroelectric, Net Meter, Non-Residential Applicant:** A non-residential
28 | applicant who is proposing to install a micro-hydroelectric generating equipment located
29 | and used at the applicant's premises, not to exceed 2 MW, per the requirement of New
30 | York State Public Service Law §66-j.

31 |
32 | **Point of Common Coupling:** The point at which the interconnection between the
33 | electric utility and the customer interface occurs. Typically, this is the customer side of
34 | the utility revenue meter.

35 |
36 | **Preliminary Review:** A review of the generator-owner's proposed system capacity,
37 | location on the utility system, system characteristics, and general system regulation to
38 | determine if the interconnection is viable.

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40 | **Protective Device:** A device that continuously monitors a designated parameter related
41 | to the operation of the generation system that operates if preset limits are exceeded
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1 **Remote Net Metering:** Per the Public Service Law (PSL) §66-j & §66-l Remote Net
2 Metering allows customers with non-residential solar photovoltaic, farm waste, farm
3 wind, non-residential micro-hydroelectric ~~or~~ non-residential wind
4 generation customers, to apply excess generation credits from the customer's generator to
5 certain other meters on property that is owned or leased by the same customer and
6 located within the service territory of the same utility to which the customer-generator's
7 net energy meters are interconnected and within the same load zone. A satellite account
8 cannot itself be net metered.

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10 **Required Operating Range:** The range of magnitudes of the utility system voltage or
11 frequency where the generator-owner's equipment, if operating, is required to remain in
12 operation for the purposes of compliance with UL 1741. Excursions outside these ranges
13 must result in the automatic disconnection of the generation within the prescribed time
14 limits

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16 **Safety Equipment:** Includes dedicated transformers or equipment and facilities to
17 protect the safety and adequacy of electric service provided to other customers.

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19 **Solar, Net Meter, Residential Applicant:** A residential applicant who is proposing to
20 install a photovoltaic generating system, not to exceed 25 kW, in an owner occupied
21 residence per the requirements of New York State Public Service Law §66-j.

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23 **Solar, Net Meter, Non-Residential Applicant:** A non-residential applicant who is
24 proposing to install a solar generating system located and used at the applicant's
25 premises, not to exceed 2 MW, pursuant to New York State Public Service Law §66-j.

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27 **Utility Grade Relay:** A relay that is constructed to comply with, as a minimum, the
28 most current version of the following standards for non-nuclear facilities:

<u>Standard</u>	<u>Conditions Covered</u>
<u>ANSI/IEEE C37.90</u>	Usual Service Condition Ratings - Current and Voltage Maximum design for all relay AC and DC auxiliary relays Make and carry ratings for tripping contacts Tripping contacts duty cycle Dielectric tests by manufacturer Dielectric tests by user
<u>ANSI/IEEE C37.90.1</u>	Surge Withstand Capability (SWC) Fast Transient Test

1	<u>IEEE C37.90.2</u>	Radio Frequency Interference
2	<u>IEEE C37.98</u>	— Seismic Testing (fragility) of Protective and Auxiliary
3	Relays	
4	<u>ANSI C37.2</u>	Electric Power System Device Function Numbers
5	<u>IEC 255-21-1</u>	Vibration
6	<u>IEC 255-22-2</u>	Electrostatic Discharge
7	<u>IEC 255-5</u>	Insulation (Impulse Voltage Withstand)

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9 **Verification Test:** A test performed upon initial installation and repeated periodically to
10 determine that there is continued acceptable performance.

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12 **Wind, Net Meter, Residential Applicant:** A residential applicant who is proposing to
13 install a wind electric generating system, not to exceed a combined rated capacity of 25
14 kW, located and used at the applicant’s primary residence, per the requirements of New
15 York State Public Service Law §66-1.

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17 **Wind, Net Meter, Non-Residential Applicant:** A non-residential applicant who is
18 proposing to install a wind electric generating system located and used at the applicant's
19 premises, not to exceed 2 MW, pursuant to New York State Public Service Law §66-1.

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21 **Wind, Net Meter, Farm Applicant:** A farm applicant who is proposing to install a wind
22 electric generating system, not to exceed a combined rated capacity of 500 kW, located
23 and used at the applicant’s primary residence, per the requirements of New York State
24 Public Service Law §66-1.

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APPENDIX A

NEW YORK STATE
STANDARDIZED CONTRACT
FOR INTERCONNECTION OF NEW DISTRIBUTED GENERATION UNITS
WITH CAPACITY OF 2 MW OR LESS CONNECTED IN PARALLEL WITH
UTILITY DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS

Customer Information:

Utility Company Information:

Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Telephone: _____

Fax: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

Email: _____

Unit Application/File No. _____

Utility Account Number: _____

DEFINITIONS

Dedicated Facilities means the equipment and facilities on the Utility's Company's system necessary to permit operation of the Unit in parallel with the Utility's Company's system.

Delivery Service means the services the Utility Company may provide to deliver capacity or energy generated by Customer to a buyer to a delivery point(s), including related ancillary services.

"Net energy metering" means the use of a net energy meter to measure, during the billing period applicable to a customer-generator, the net amount of electricity supplied by an electric corporation and provided to the corporation by a customer-generator.

"SIR" means the New York State Standardized Interconnection Requirements for new distributed generation units with a nameplate capacity of 2 MW or less connected in parallel with the Utility's Company's distribution system

"Unit" means the distributed generation Unit with a nameplate capacity of 2 MW or less located on the Customer's premises at the time the Utility company approves such Unit for

1 | operation in parallel with the Utility's Company's system. This Agreement relates only to
2 | such Unit, but a new agreement shall not be required if the Customer makes
3 | physical alterations to the Unit that do not result in an increase in its nameplate generating
4 | capacity. The nameplate generating capacity of the Unit shall not exceed 2 MW, except for
5 | fuel cell electric generating units which shall not exceed 1.5 MW.
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7 | I. TERM AND TERMINATION

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9 | **1.1 Term:** This Agreement shall become effective when executed by both Parties and
10 | shall continue in effect until terminated.

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12 | **1.2 Termination:** This Agreement may be terminated as follows:

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14 | a. The Customer may terminate this Agreement at any time, by giving the
15 | Utility Company sixty (60) days' written notice.
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17 | b. Failure by the Customer to seek final acceptance by the Utility Company
18 | within twelve (12) months after completion of the utility construction process
19 | described in the SIR shall automatically terminate this Agreement.
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21 | c. Either Party may, by giving the other Party at least sixty (60) days' prior
22 | written notice, terminate this Agreement in the event that the other Party is in
23 | default of any of the material terms and conditions of this Agreement. The
24 | terminating Party shall specify in the notice the basis for the termination and
25 | shall provide a reasonable opportunity to cure the default.
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27 | d. The Utility Company may, by giving the customer at least sixty (60) days' prior
28 | written notice, terminate this Agreement for cause. The Customer's non-
29 | compliance with an upgrade to the SIR, unless the Customer's installation is
30 | "grandfathered," shall constitute good cause.
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32 | **1.3 Disconnection and Survival of Obligations:** Upon termination of this Agreement
33 | the Unit will be disconnected from the Utility's Company's electric system. The termination
34 | of this Agreement shall not relieve either Party of its liabilities and obligations, owed or
35 | continuing at the time of the termination.
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37 | **1.4 Suspension:** This Agreement will be suspended during any period in which the
38 | Customer is not eligible for delivery service from the Utility Company.
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40 | II. SCOPE OF AGREEMENT

1 **2.1 Scope of Agreement:** This Agreement relates solely to the conditions under which
2 the UtilityCompany and the Customer agree that the Unit may be interconnected to and
3 operated in parallel with the Utility'sCompany's system.
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5 **2.2 Electricity Not Covered:** The UtilityCompany shall have no duty under this
6 Agreement to account for, pay for, deliver, or return in kind any electricity produced by the
7 Facility and delivered into the Utility'sCompany's System unless the system is net metered
8 as described in Public Service Law Sections 66-j or 66-l.
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10 11 **III. INSTALLATION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF UNIT** 12

13 **3.1 Compliance with SIR:** Subject to the provisions of this Agreement, the
14 UtilityCompany shall be required to interconnect the Unit to the Utility'sCompany's system,
15 for purposes of parallel operation, if the UtilityCompany accepts the Unit as in compliance
16 with the SIR. The Customer shall have a continuing obligation to maintain and operate the
17 Unit in compliance with the SIR.
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19 **3.2 Observation of the Unit - Construction Phase:** The UtilityCompany may, in its
20 discretion and upon reasonable notice, conduct reasonable on-site verifications during the
21 construction of the Unit. Whenever the UtilityCompany chooses to exercise its right to
22 conduct observations herein it shall specify to the Customer its reasons for its decision to
23 conduct the observation. For purposes of this paragraph and paragraphs 3.3 through 3.5, the
24 term "on-site verification" shall not include testing of the Unit, and verification tests shall
25 not be required except as provided in paragraphs 3.3 and 3.4.
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27 **3.3 Observation of the Unit - Ten-day Period:** The UtilityCompany may conduct on-
28 site verifications of the Unit and observe the execution of verification testing within a
29 reasonable period of time, not exceeding ten (10) business days after system installation.
30 The applicant's facility will be allowed to commence parallel operation upon satisfactory
31 completion of the verification test. The applicant must have complied with and must
32 continue to comply with all contractual and technical requirements.
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34 **3.4 Observation of the Unit - Post-Ten-day Period:** If the UtilityCompany does not
35 perform an on-site verification of the Unit and observe the execution of verification testing
36 within the ten-day period, the Customer will send the Utilityutility within five (5) days of
37 the verification testing a written notification certifying that the Unit has been installed and
38 tested in compliance with the SIR, the utility-accepted design and the equipment
39 manufacturer's instructions. The Customer may begin to produce energy upon
40 satisfactory completion of the verification test. After receiving the verification test
41 notification, the UtilityCompany will either issue to the Customerapplicant a formal letter
42 of acceptance for interconnection, or may request that the applicant and utility set a date
43 and time to conduct an on-site verification of the Unit and make reasonable inquiries of the

1 Customer, but only for purposes of determining whether the verification tests were properly
2 performed. The Customer shall not be required to perform the verification tests a second
3 time, unless irregularities appear in the verification test report or there are other objective
4 indications that the tests were not properly performed in the first instance.

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6 | **3.5 Observation of the Unit - Operations:** The UtilityCompany may conduct on-site
7 verification of the operations of the Unit after it commences operations if the
8 | UtilityCompany has a reasonable basis for doing so based on its responsibility to provide
9 continuous and reliable utility service or as authorized by the provisions of the
10 | Utility'sCompany's Retail Electric Tariff relating to the verification of customer
11 installations generally.

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13 **3.6 Costs of Dedicated Facilities:** During the term of this Agreement, the
14 | UtilityCompany shall design, construct and install the Dedicated Facilities. The Customer
15 shall be responsible for paying the incremental capital cost of such Dedicated Facilities
16 attributable to the Customer's Unit. All costs associated with the operation and maintenance
17 of the Dedicated Facilities after the Unit first produces energy shall be the responsibility of
18 | the UtilityCompany.

19 20 **IV. DISCONNECTION OF THE UNIT**

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22 | **4.1 Emergency Disconnection:** The UtilityCompany may disconnect the Unit, without
23 prior notice to the Customer (a) to eliminate conditions that constitute a potential hazard to
24 | UtilityCompany personnel or the general public; (b) if pre-emergency or emergency
25 conditions exist on the UtilityCompany system; (c) if a hazardous condition relating to the
26 Unit is observed by a Utilityutility inspection; or (d) if the Customer has tampered with any
27 protective device. The UtilityCompany shall notify the Customer of the emergency if
28 circumstances permit.

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30 | **4.2 Non-Emergency Disconnection:** The UtilityCompany may disconnect the Unit,
31 after notice to the responsible party has been provided and a reasonable time to correct,
32 consistent with the conditions, has elapsed, if (a) the Customer has failed to make available
33 records of verification tests and maintenance of his protective devices; (b) the Unit system
34 | interferes with UtilityCompany equipment or equipment belonging to other customers of the
35 | UtilityCompany; (c) the Unit adversely affects the quality of service of adjoining customers.

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37 **4.3 Disconnection by Customer:** The Customer may disconnect the Unit at any time.

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39 **4.4 Utility Obligation to Cure Adverse Effect:** If, after the Customer meets all
40 interconnection requirements, the operations of the UtilityCompany are adversely affecting
41 the performance of the Unit or the Customer's premises, the UtilityCompany shall
42 immediately take appropriate action to eliminate the adverse effect. If the UtilityCompany
43 determines that it needs to upgrade or reconfigure its system the Customer will not be

1 responsible for the cost of new or additional equipment beyond the point of common
2 | coupling between the Customer and the UtilityCompany.

3 4 **V. ACCESS**

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6 | **5.1 Access to Premises:** The UtilityCompany shall have access to the disconnect
7 switch of the Unit at all times. At reasonable hours and upon reasonable notice consistent
8 with Section III of this Agreement, or at any time without notice in the event of an
9 | emergency (as defined in paragraph 4.1), the UtilityCompany shall have access to the
10 Premises.

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12 | **5.2 UtilityCompany and Customer Representatives:** The UtilityCompany shall
13 designate, and shall provide to the Customer, the name and telephone number of a
14 representative or representatives who can be reached at all times to allow the Customer to
15 | report an emergency and obtain the assistance of the UtilityCompany. For the purpose of
16 allowing access to the premises, the Customer shall provide the UtilityCompany with the
17 name and telephone number of a person who is responsible for providing access to the
18 Premises.

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20 | **5.3 UtilityCompany Right to Access UtilityCompany-Owned Facilities and
21 Equipment:** If necessary for the purposes of this Agreement, the Customer shall allow the
22 | UtilityCompany access to the Utility'sCompany's equipment and facilities located on the
23 Premises. To the extent that the Customer does not own all or any part of the property on
24 | which the UtilityCompany is required to locate its equipment or facilities to serve the
25 Customer under this Agreement, the Customer shall secure and provide in favor of the
26 | UtilityCompany the necessary rights to obtain access to such equipment or facilities,
27 including easements if the circumstances so require.

28 29 **VI. DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

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31 **6.1 Good Faith Resolution of Disputes:** Each Party agrees to attempt to resolve all
32 disputes arising hereunder promptly, equitably and in a good faith manner.

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34 **6.2 Mediation:** If a dispute arises under this Agreement, and if it cannot be resolved by
35 the Parties within ten (10) business days after written notice of the dispute, the parties agree
36 to submit the dispute to mediation by a mutually acceptable mediator, in a mutually
37 convenient location in New York State, in accordance with the then current CPR Institute
38 for Dispute Resolution Mediation Procedure, or to mediation by a mediator provided by the
39 New York Public Service Commission. The Parties agree to participate in good faith in the
40 mediation for a period of up to 90 days. If the Parties are not successful in resolving their
41 disputes through mediation, then the parties may refer the dispute for resolution to the
42 New York Public Service Commission, which shall maintain continuing jurisdiction over
43 | this Agreementagreement.

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2 **6.3 Escrow:** If there are amounts in dispute of more than two thousand dollars (\$2,000),
3 the Customer shall either place such disputed amounts into an independent escrow account
4 pending final resolution of the dispute in question, or provide to the UtilityCompany an
5 appropriate irrevocable standby letter of credit in lieu thereof.
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7 **VII. INSURANCE**

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9 **7.1** The Customer is not required to provide general liability insurance coverage as part
10 of this Agreement, the SIR, or any other UtilityCompany requirement. Due to the risk of
11 incurring damages however, the Public Service Commission recommends that every
12 distributed generation customer protect itself with insurance.
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14 **7.2 Effect:** The inability of the UtilityCompany to require the Customer to provide
15 general liability insurance coverage for operation of the Unit is not a waiver of any rights
16 the UtilityCompany may have to pursue remedies at law against the Customer to recover
17 damages.
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19 **VIII. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

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21 **8.1 Beneficiaries:** This Agreement is intended solely for the benefit of the
22 Partiesparties hereto, and if a Partyparty is an agent, its principal. Nothing in this
23 Agreement shall be construed to create any duty to, or standard of care with reference to, or
24 any liability to, any other person.
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26 **8.2 Severability:** If any provision or portion of this Agreement shall for any reason be
27 held or adjudged to be invalid or illegal or unenforceable by any court of competent
28 jurisdiction, such portion or provision shall be deemed separate and independent, and the
29 remainder of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.
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31 **8.3 Entire Agreement:** This Agreement constitutes the entire Agreement between the
32 Partiesparties and supersedes all prior agreements or understandings, whether verbal or
33 written.
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35 **8.4 Waiver:** No delay or omission in the exercise of any right under this Agreement
36 shall impair any such right or shall be taken, construed or considered as a waiver or
37 relinquishment thereof, but any such right may be exercised from time to time and as often
38 as may be deemed expedient. In the event that any agreement or covenant herein shall be
39 breached and thereafter waived, such waiver shall be limited to the particular breach so
40 waived and shall not be deemed to waive any other breach hereunder.
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42 **8.5 Applicable Law:** This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in
43 accordance with the law of the State of New York.

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2 **8.6 Amendments:** This Agreement shall not be amended unless the amendment is in
3 writing and signed by the UtilityCompany and the Customer.
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5 **8.7 Force Majeure:** For purposes of this Agreement, "Force Majeure Event" means
6 any event: (a) that is beyond the reasonable control of the affected Party; and (b) that the
7 affected Party is unable to prevent or provide against by exercising reasonable diligence,
8 including the following events or circumstances, but only to the extent they satisfy the
9 preceding requirements: acts of war, public disorder, insurrection, or rebellion; floods,
10 hurricanes, earthquakes, lightning, storms, and other natural calamities; explosions or fires;
11 strikes, work stoppages, or labor disputes; embargoes; and sabotage. If a Force Majeure
12 Event prevents a Party from fulfilling any obligations under this Agreement, such Party will
13 promptly notify the other Party in writing, and will keep the other Party informed on a
14 continuing basis of the scope and duration of the Force Majeure Event. The affected Party
15 will specify in reasonable detail the circumstances of the Force Majeure Event, its expected
16 duration, and the steps that the affected Party is taking to mitigate the effects of the event on
17 its performance. The affected Party will be entitled to suspend or modify its performance of
18 obligations under this Agreement, other than the obligation to make payments then due or
19 becoming due under this Agreement, but only to the extent that the effect of the Force
20 Majeure Event cannot be mitigated by the use of reasonable efforts. The affected Party will
21 use reasonable efforts to resume its performance as soon as possible.
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23 **8.8 Assignment to Corporate Party:** At any time during the term, the Customer may
24 assign this Agreement to a corporation or other entity with limited liability, provided that the
25 Customer obtains the consent of the UtilityCompany. Such consent will not be withheld
26 unless the UtilityCompany can demonstrate that the corporate entity is not reasonably
27 capable of performing the obligations of the assigning Customer under this Agreement.
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29 **8.9 Assignment to Individuals:** At any time during the term, ~~the~~ Customer may
30 assign this Agreement to another person, other than a corporation or other entity with
31 limited liability, provided that the assignee is the owner, lessee, or is otherwise responsible
32 for the Unit.
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34 **8.10 Permits and Approvals:** Customer shall obtain all environmental and other
35 permits lawfully required by governmental authorities prior to the construction and for the
36 operation of the Unit during the term of this Agreement.
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38 **8.11 Limitation of Liability:** Neither by inspection, if any, or non-rejection, nor in any
39 other way, does the UtilityCompany give any warranty, express or implied, as to the
40 adequacy, safety, or other characteristics of any structures, equipment, wires, appliances or
41 devices owned, installed or maintained by the Customer or leased by the Customer from
42 third parties, including without limitation the Unit and any structures, equipment, wires,
43 appliances or devices appurtenant thereto.

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Customer Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

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Utility Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

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Company: _____

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APPENDIX B

**NEW YORK STATE STANDARDIZED APPLICATION
FOR ~~SINGLE PHASE~~ ATTACHMENT OF INVERTER BASED PARALLEL
GENERATION EQUIPMENT 25 KW OR LESS
TO THE ELECTRIC SYSTEM OF**

Utility: _____

Customer:

Name: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Fax: (____) _____

Email: _____

Address: _____ Municipality: _____

Utility Account Number: _____ Utility Meter No.: _____

Agent (if any):

Name: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Fax: (____) _____

Email: _____

Address: _____ Municipality: _____

Consulting Engineer or Contractor:

Name: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Email: _____

Fax: (____) _____

Address: _____

Estimated In-Service Date: _____

Existing Electric Service:

Capacity: _____ Amperes Voltage: _____ Volts

Service Character: ()Single Phase ()Three Phase

Location of Protective Interface Equipment on Property:

(include address if different from customer address)

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6 **Energy Producing Equipment/Inverter Information:**

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8 **Total AC Nameplate Rating of All Inverters:**

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10 Inverter

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13 Inverter or Manufacturer: _____
14 Model No. _____ Version No. _____
15 () Synchronous () Induction () Inverter () Other _____
16 Rating: _____ kW Rating: _____ kVA
17 Generator Connection: () Delta () Wye () Wye Grounded
18 Interconnection Voltage: _____ Volts
19 System Type Tested to UL 1741 (most Current version)
20 (Total System): () Yes () No; attach product literature

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22 Manufacturer: _____ Model: _____
23 Quantity: _____
24 Rating per inverter: _____ kW
25 Type: () Forced Commutated () Line Commutated
26 Rated Output: _____ Amps _____ Volts
27 Ramp Rate: _____
28 Method of Grounding () Grounded () Ungrounded
29 Quantity of Inverters _____

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31 If there is more than one inverter of different types or manufacturers please provide information on separate
32 sheet.

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34 If Applicable:

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36 Step Up Transformer Winding Configuration: Wye-Wye () Wye-Delta () Delta – Wye ()

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38 Other existing DG such as stand-by emergency generators, other renewable technologies, microturbines,
39 hydro, fuel cells, battery storage, etc. () Yes () No.

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41 If Yes provide information about existing generation on separate sheet and include detail on one-line
42 diagram.

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45 Equipment Type Tested (i.e. Inverter, Protection System):
46 () Yes () No; attach product literature
47 Three line Diagram attached: () Yes
48 Installation Test Plan attached: () Yes
49 If applicable, Certification to UL 1741 attached: () Yes

50 **Signature:**

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APPENDIX C

NEW YORK STATE STANDARDIZED APPLICATION
FOR ATTACHMENT OF **NON-INVERTER BASED** PARALLEL GENERATION
EQUIPMENT **ABOVE 25 KW UP TO 2 MW**
TO THE ELECTRIC SYSTEM OF

Utility: _____

Customer:
Name: _____ Phone: (____) _____

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Email: _____

Address: _____ Municipality: _____

Utility Account Number: _____ Utility Meter No.: _____

Agent (if any):

Name: _____ Phone: (____)_____

Fax: (____)_____

Email: _____

Address: _____ Municipality: _____

Consulting Engineer or Contractor:

Name: _____ Phone: (____)_____

Address: _____

Estimated In-Service Date: _____

Existing Electric Service:

Capacity: _____ Amperes Voltage: _____ Volts

Service Character: ()Single Phase ()Three Phase

Secondary 3 Phase Transformer Connection ()Wye ()Delta

Location of Protective Interface Equipment on Property:

(include address if different from customer address)

1 | **Energy Producing Equipment/~~Inverter~~ Information:**

2 | Manufacturer: _____
3 | Model No. _____ Version No. _____
4 | () Synchronous () Induction () ~~Inverter~~ () Other _____
5 | Rating: _____ kW Rating: _____ kVA
6 | Rated Output: _____ VA Rated Voltage: _____ Volts
7 | Rate Frequency: _____ Hertz Rated Speed: _____ RPM
8 | Efficiency: _____ % Power Factor: _____ %
9 | Rated Current: _____ Amps Locked Rotor Current: _____ Amps
10 | Synchronous Speed: _____ RPM Winding Connection:
11 | Min. Operating Freq./Time:
12 | Generator Connection: () Delta () Wye () Wye Grounded
13 | System ~~Type~~-Tested to UL 1741 (most Current version) (Total System): () Yes () No; attach
14 | product _____ literature
15 | _____ literature
16 | Equipment ~~Type~~-Tested to UL 1741 (most Current version) (i.e. ~~Inverter~~, Protection System):
17 | () Yes () No; attach product literature
18 | Three line Diagram attached: () Yes
19 | Verification Test Plan attached: () Yes
20 | If applicable, Certification to UL 1741 attached: () Yes

21 | **For Synchronous Machines:**

22 | Submit copies of the Saturation Curve and the Vee Curve
23 | () Salient () Non-Salient
24 | Torque: _____ lb-ft Rated RPM: _____
25 | Field Amperes: _____ at rated generator voltage and current
26 | and _____ % PF over-excited
27 | Type of Exciter: _____
28 | Output Power of Exciter: _____
29 | Type of Voltage Regulator: _____
30 | Direct-axis Synchronous Reactance (X_d) _____ ohms
31 | Direct-axis Transient Reactance (X'_d) _____ ohms
32 | Direct-axis Sub-transient Reactance (X''_d) _____ ohms

33 | **For Induction Machines:**

34 | Rotor Resistance (R_r) _____ ohms Exciting Current _____ Amps
35 | Rotor Reactance (X_r) _____ ohms Reactive Power Required:
36 | Magnetizing Reactance (X_m) _____ ohms _____ VARs (No Load)
37 | Stator Resistance (R_s) _____ ohms _____ VARs (Full Load)
38 | Stator Reactance (X_s) _____ ohms
39 | Short Circuit Reactance (X''_d) _____ ohms Phases:
40 | Frame Size: _____ Design Letter: _____ () Single
41 | Temp. Rise: _____ °C. () Three-Phase

42 | If Applicable:

43 | Step Up Transformer Winding Configuration: Wye-Wye () Wye-Delta () Delta – Wye ()

44 | **For Inverters:**

45 | _____ Manufacturer: _____ Model:
46 | _____ Type: _____ () Forced Commutated () Line Commutated
47 | _____ Rated Output: _____ Amps _____ Volts

1 | _____ Efficiency: _____%

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3 | **Signature:**

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8 | CUSTOMER/AGENT SIGNATURE

_____ TITLE

9 | DATE

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APPENDIX D

COST RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEDICATED TRANSFORMER(S) AND OTHER SAFETY EQUIPMENT FOR NET METERED CUSTOMERS

<u>Generator Type</u>	<u>Generator Size</u>	<u>Equipment Cost to Residential Net Metered Customers</u>	<u>Equipment Cost to Non-Residential Net Metered Customers</u>
<u>Micro-CHP</u>	<u>Less than or equal to 10 kW</u>	<u>\$350 maximum</u>	<u>N/A</u>
<u>Fuel Cell</u>	<u>Less than or equal to 10 kW</u>	<u>\$350 maximum</u>	<u>As determined by Utility*</u>
<u>Fuel Cell</u>	<u>Over 10 kW up to 1.5 MW</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>As determined by Utility*</u>
<u>Solar</u>	<u>Less than or equal to 25 kW</u>	<u>\$350 maximum</u>	<u>\$350 maximum</u>
<u>Solar</u>	<u>Over 25 kW up to 2 MW</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>As determined by Utility*</u>
<u>Micro-hydroelectric</u>	<u>Less than or equal to 25 kW</u>	<u>\$350 maximum</u>	<u>As determined by Utility*</u>
<u>Micro-hydroelectric</u>	<u>Over 25 kW up to 2 MW</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>As determined by Utility*</u>
<u>Wind **</u>	<u>Less than or equal to 25 kW</u>	<u>\$750 maximum</u>	<u>\$750 maximum</u>
<u>Wind</u>	<u>Over 25 kW up to 2 MW</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>As determined by Utility*</u>
<u>Farm Wind **</u>	<u>Over 25 kW up to 500 kW</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>\$5,000 maximum***</u>
<u>Farm Waste **</u>	<u>Up to 1 MW</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>\$5,000 maximum***</u>

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* Subject to review by the Commission at the request of the Customer. Such costs can include the total costs for upgrades to ensure the adequacy of the distribution system which would not have been necessary but for the interconnection of the net metered DG resource (as per PSL §66-j(3)(c)(iii) or PSL §66-l(3)(c)(iii)).

** Residential and Non-Residential Wind Customers with a total rated capacity up to 25 kW, Farm Wind and Farm Waste Customers may be required to also pay for feeder line upgrades that would not be required but for the interconnection of the net metered DG resource. Residential and Non-Residential Wind, Farm Wind and Farm Waste Customers are responsible for all feeder line upgrade costs if the total nameplate rating of the generating equipment exceeds 20% of the rated capacity of the feeder line (as per PSL §66-l(5)(c)(ii) and PSL §66-j(5)(b)(iii)). Farm Wind Customers are responsible for 50% of feeder line upgrade costs if the total nameplate rating of the generating equipment does not exceed 20% of the rated capacity of the feeder line(as per PSL §66-l(2)).

*** The costs of interconnection studies are generally included in the overall \$5,000 limitation on interconnection costs that may be charged to Farm Wind and Farm Waste Customers and are not costs that may be charged separately to Farm Wind and Farm Waste Customers. However, consistent with the requirements that Farm Wind and Farm Waste Customers are responsible for all feeder line upgrade costs if the total nameplate rating of the generating equipment exceeds 20% of the rated capacity

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of the feeder line, such Farm Wind and Farm Waste Customers are responsible for that portion of interconnection study costs related to feeder line upgrades where the 20% line loading limitation is exceeded. Similarly, Farm Wind Customers responsible for 50% of feeder line upgrade costs where the total nameplate rating of the generating equipment does not exceed 20% of the rated capacity of the feeder line are responsible for one-half of interconnection study costs related to feeder line upgrades not exceeding the 20% line loading limitation.