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GENERAL INFORMATION

53. STANDARDIZED INTERCONNECTION REQUIREMENTS AND APPLICATION PROCESS FOR NEW DISTRIBUTED GENERATORS 2 MW OR LESS CONNECTED IN PARALLEL TO UTILITY DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS (Continued)

STEP 10: Interconnection.

The applicant's facility will be allowed to commence parallel operation upon satisfactory completion of the tests in Step 9. In addition, the applicant must have complied with and must continue to comply with the contractual and technical requirements.

STEP 11: Final Acceptance and Utility Cost Reconciliation.

If the utility witnessed the verification testing, then, within ten (10) business days of the test, the utility will issue to the applicant either a formal letter of acceptance for interconnection or a detailed explanation of the deficiencies in the system. If the utility did not witness the verification testing, then, within ten (10) business days of receiving the written test notification from Step 9, the utility will either issue to the applicant a formal letter of acceptance for interconnection, or will request that the applicant and utility set a date and time for an on-site verification and witness operation of the system. This joint on-site verification must be completed within twenty (20) business days after being requested. Within ten (10) business days of the completion of the on-site verification, the utility will issue to the applicant either a formal letter of acceptance for interconnection or a detailed explanation of the deficiencies in the system. At this time, the utility will also reconcile its actual costs related to the applicant's project against the application fee and advance payments made by the applicant. The applicant will receive either a bill for any balance due or a reimbursement for overpayment as determined by the utility's reconciliation, except that a net metering applicant may not be charged in excess of the cost of installing the dedicated transformer(s) or other safety equipment described above in Step 6. The applicant may contest the reconciliation with the utility. If the applicant is not satisfied, a formal complaint may be filed with the Commission.

D. Web-Based Standard Interconnection Requirements

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

1. The applicant's name and project/application identification number.
2. Description of the project, including at a minimum, the project's type (energy source), size, metering, and location.
3. SIR project application status, including all the steps completed and to be completed, along with corresponding completion/deadline dates associated with each step.
 - If the next action is to be taken by the utility, the expected date that action will be completed,
 - If the next action is to be taken by the applicant, what exactly is required and a contact for more information,
4. Information regarding any outstanding information request made by the utility of the applicant, and
5. The status of all amounts paid and/or due to the utility by the applicant.

Access shall be available for the customer and their contractor, such that both can access the information. The web site must be, however, secure and private from unauthorized access.

The utility web site shall also provide the ability for applicants with systems 25 kW and less to submit their application for interconnection via the web. The web based application process must be consistent with Appendix B of the SIR and include the ability to attach associated documentation or drawings associated with each project.

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