

Distributed Generation Interconnection Agreement (20 kW or less)

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Applicant Name and Address

This Distributed Generation Interconnection Agreement (the “Agreement”), is made and entered into this _____ (day) of _____ (month), _____ (year) by and between Eau Claire Energy Cooperative hereinafter called “ECEC” and _____ hereinafter called the “Applicant”. ECEC and the Applicant are hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Parties” and individually as a “Party”.

Recitals

- A. ECEC is the owner of the electric distribution system serving _____ (Insert legal description of property or address) (“ECEC’s Distribution System”).
- B. Applicant desires to install a Distributed Generation (DG) facility or energy storage device with a capacity up to 20 kW, including related interconnection equipment (the “DG Facility”) and to interconnect the DG Facility to ECEC’s distribution system.
- C. ECEC has previously reviewed and approved Applicants DG Interconnection Application form dated _____, and supporting materials (the “Application”). The completed Application is attached as Exhibit 1 and incorporated into this Agreement.
- D. Applicant wishes to interconnect the DG Facility to ECEC’s distribution system and ECEC is willing to permit such interconnection subject to the terms and conditions set for in: (1) Wisconsin Administrative Code Chapter PSC 119; (2) the completed Application approved by ECEC; and (3) this Agreement.
- E. No agency or partnership is created with the interconnection of the applicants DG Facility.

Agreement

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing Recitals and for good and valuable consideration, ECEC and Applicant agree as follows:

1. Design Requirements.

The DG Facility shall be installed and operated in compliance with Wisconsin Administrative Code Chapter PSC 119, and ECEC policy.

2. Applicant’s Representations and Warranties.

Applicant represents and warrants that:

- a. The DG Facility is fully and accurately described in the Application;
- b. All information in the Application is true and correct;
- c. The DG Facility has been installed to Applicant’s satisfaction;
- d. Applicant has been given warranty information and an operation manual for the DG Facility; and
- e. Applicant has been adequately instructed in the operation and maintenance of the DG Facility.

3. Interconnection Disconnect Switch.

ECEC does require that the Applicant furnish and install an interconnection disconnect switch that opens, with a visual break, all ungrounded poles of the interconnection circuit. The interconnection disconnect switch shall be rated for the voltage and fault current requirements of the DG Facility, and shall meet all applicable UL, ANSI, and IEEE standards, as well as applicable requirements of the Wisconsin Electrical Safety Code, Volume 2, ch. SPS 316. The switch enclosure shall be properly grounded. The interconnection disconnect switch shall be accessible at all times, located for ease of access to ECEC personnel, and shall be capable of being locked in the open position.

4. Modifications to the DG Facility.

Applicant shall notify ECEC of plans for any material modification to the DG Facility by providing at least twenty (20) working days advance notice. A "material modification" is defined as any modification that changes the maximum electrical output of the DG Facility or changes the interconnection equipment (e.g., changing from certified to non-certified devices or replacement of any component with a component of different functionality or UL listing). The notification shall consist of a completed, revised Application and such supporting materials as may be reasonably requested by ECEC. Applicant agrees not to commence installation of any material modification to the DG Facility until ECEC has approved the revised Application. ECEC shall indicate its written approval or rejection of any revised Application within twenty (20) working days after it receives the completed application and all supporting materials.

5. Insurance.

Throughout the term of this Agreement, Applicant shall carry a liability insurance policy that provides protection against claims for damages resulting from (i) bodily injury, including wrongful death; and (ii) property damage arising out of Applicant's ownership and/or operation of the DG Facility under this Agreement. The limits of such policy shall be at least \$300,000 per occurrence or prove financial responsibility by another method acceptable, and approved in writing, to ECEC. The failure of the Applicant or ECEC to enforce the minimum levels of insurance does not relieve the Applicant from maintaining such levels of insurance or relieve Applicant of any liability. Prior to execution of this Agreement, applicant shall provide ECEC with a certificate of insurance containing a minimum 30-day notice of cancellation.

6. Indemnification.

Subject to the limitations set forth in this Section, and to the extent allowable by law, each Party to this Agreement shall indemnify, hold harmless and defend the other Party, its officers, directors, employees and agents from and against any and all claims, suits, liabilities, damages, costs and expenses (including without limitation, reasonable attorneys and expert witness fees) for damage to property, or injury to, or death of, any individual, including the employees, officers, directors and agents of the indemnified Party or any other third parties, to the extent caused wholly or in part by the negligence or the intentional wrongdoing of the indemnifying Party. Notwithstanding anything in this Section or in any other provision of the Agreement to the contrary, the liability of each Party to this Agreement shall be limited to direct actual damages, and all other damages at law or in equity are hereby waived. Under no circumstances shall a Party be liable to the other Party, whether in tort, contract or other basis in law or equity for any special, indirect, punitive, exemplary, or consequential damages, including lost profits. Applicant's and ECEC's indemnification obligations under this Section and the limits upon their respective liability shall continue in full force and effect notwithstanding the expiration or termination of this Agreement with respect to any event or condition giving rise to an indemnification obligation that occurred prior to such expiration or termination.

7. DG Facility Commissioning Testing.

Applicant shall notify ECEC in writing that installation of the DG Facility is complete and that the interconnection equipment is available for testing by ECEC at least fifteen (15) working days before Applicant interconnects the DG Facility with ECEC's Distribution System. ECEC shall thereupon have the right to test the DG Facility. ECEC shall also have the right to witness any testing by Applicant of the DG Facility. Any ECEC testing of the DG Facility shall be completed within ten (10) working days. If ECEC waives its right to test the installed DG Facility by notifying Applicant in accordance with this Section, Applicant may interconnect the DG Facility to ECEC's Distribution System upon the earlier to occur of the following: (a) notification by ECEC; or (b) fifteen (15) working days after Applicant has notified ECEC that installation of the DG Facility is complete.

8. Access to DG Facility

Applicant shall permit (and, if the land on which the DG Facility is located is not owned by Applicant, cause such land owner to permit) ECEC's employees and agents to enter the property on which the DG Facility is located at any reasonable time for the purposes of inspecting and/or testing Applicant's DG Facility to insure its continued safe and satisfactory operation and the accuracy of ECEC's meters. Such inspections shall not relieve Applicant from its obligation to maintain the DG Facility and any related equipment owned by Applicant in safe and satisfactory operating condition.

ECEC shall have the right to witness any testing by Applicant of the DG Facility.

9. Disconnection of a DG Facility to Permit Maintenance and Repairs.

Upon reasonable notice by ECEC, Applicant shall disconnect the DG Facility to permit ECEC to perform routine repairs and maintenance to ECEC's Distribution System, or to install modifications thereto.

10. Disconnection of a DG Facility without Notice

When ECEC so requests, Applicant shall discontinue operation of the DG Facility and ECEC may isolate the DG Facility from ECEC's Distribution System, upon any of the following:

- a. Termination of this Agreement;
- b. If, in ECEC's reasonable judgment, the DG Facility fails to comply with the Design Requirements specified in Wisconsin Administration Code §§ PSC 119.20 and PSC 119.25;
- c. In the event of an emergency on ECEC's Distribution System; or
- d. Upon any other breach of this Agreement by Applicant (a "Default"), that Applicant fails to remedy within ten (10) working days after receipt of written notice from ECEC.

In the event of such disconnection, pursuant to b, c, or d above, the DG Facility shall remain isolated from ECEC's Distribution System until, in the reasonable judgment of ECEC, the DG Facility meets the Design Requirements, Applicant has cured any Default, and ECEC Distribution System is functioning in a safe manner. If Applicant fails to cure a Default within sixty (60) working days, ECEC shall further have the right to terminate this Agreement without liability for such termination.

11. Amendments; Non-Waiver.

Any amendment or modification to this Agreement must be in writing and executed by Applicant and ECEC. The failure of Applicant or ECEC to insist on performance by the other Party of any provision of this Agreement shall not waive the right of the Party who failed to insist on performance to enforce the same provision at a later time.

12. Term of Agreement

This agreement shall become effective immediately upon the execution, by the Parties, and shall continue in effect until terminated by any of the following:

- a. Mutual written agreement of the Parties;
- b. Abandonment or removal of the DG Facility by Applicant;
- c. By ECEC pursuant to Section 10 of this Agreement;
- d. By Applicant upon thirty (30) working days prior written notice given to ECEC.

13. Successors and Assigns.

- a. Assignment by applicant. Applicant shall not assign its rights and obligations under this Agreement in whole or in part without the prior written consent of ECEC, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or unduly delayed. ECEC may withhold its consent to any proposed assignment if the proposed assignee fails to assume the obligations of Applicant under this Agreement in writing.
- b. Assignment by ECEC. ECEC shall have the right to assign this Agreement in whole upon written notification to the Applicant.
- c. Successors. This Agreement shall be binding upon the personal representatives, heirs, successors, and permitted assigns of the respective Parties.

14. Applicant and ECEC Signature.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Applicant and ECEC have executed this Agreement
As of the year and date first set forth above.**

Applicant Signature _____

Title _____ Date _____

ECEC Signature _____

Title _____ Date _____