

## **NET-METERING REGISTRATION GUIDANCE: AMENDMENTS AND FAQs**

(See Rule 5.100, Rule Pertaining to Construction and Operation of Net-Metering Systems, Effective March 1, 2024)

### **AMENDMENTS TO REGISTRATIONS/NMR CPGs**

An “amendment” to a net-metering registration (“registration”) or net-metering registration certificate of public good (“NMR CPG”) is a modification to any of the information filed on the registration form.

If a previously approved NMR CPG expires before the system is built, the NMR CPG cannot be amended, changed, or transferred, and the applicant must file a new registration.

To file an amendment:

- **Pending Registrations.** The applicant should file a letter regarding the amendment directly in the existing case in “All Other Documents.” The letter must be accompanied by a modification fee form. Unless otherwise directed by the Commission, a CPG will be deemed issued for the amended net-metering system on the 15th day after the amendment is filed.
- **Previously Approved NMR CPGs, Already Built or Not Expired.** The applicant must file the new registration as a new case and reference the original CPG number.

### **ANSWERS TO FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

#### **Interconnection Approval from Electric Company**

- All NMR CPGs deemed issued are conditioned on compliance with all interconnection requirements of the interconnecting electric company.
- For net-metering systems that are larger than 15 kW, the applicant must obtain interconnection approval from the electric company before filing a registration. Interconnection application forms are available from each electric company.
- For net-metering systems that are 15 kW or less, the registration will act as an interconnection application. The electric company will notify the applicant within 15 days from the date the registration is filed if there are interconnection issues that need to be resolved.

#### **Transfers**

- When a person acquires ownership of a property hosting a net-metering system, in most cases the CPG associated with that net-metering system will automatically be transferred to the new owner.

- CPG holders seeking to transfer a net-metering CPG separately from a change in ownership of the property hosting the net-metering system must file a form with the Commission.

### **REC and Siting Adjustors**

- A positive siting adjustor and a positive REC adjustor in place at the time of the original filing will apply to the energy generated by the net-metering system for 10 years from the date the CPG is deemed approved, except as provided below. After 10 years, the rate will depend on the applicable Commission rules.
- A negative siting adjustor and a negative REC adjustor in place at the time of the original filing will apply to all energy generated by the net-metering system, except as provided below.
- If an amendment or series of amendments results in a net-metering system's capacity increasing by more than 5% or 15 kW, whichever is greater, this will trigger the application of the most recently adopted siting and REC adjustors to the entire output of the amended net-metering system.
- Net-metering incentives are currently the same for all system types, except for hydroelectric systems. For example, a wind net-metering system receives the same incentives as a solar net-metering system.

### **Installers**

- An installer that wants to be notified of filings and orders in a case can add itself to the case by: (1) subscribing to the case, or (2) adding a person's name at the question, "Is the installer the same as the applicant?" The installer must enter the name of the person who wants to receive the emails, rather than just entering the name of the company.

### **Extensions of Time**

- If it has been less than one year since an NMR CPG was issued, the CPG holder may obtain an automatic one-year extension of time to commission the net-metering system by filing notice to the Commission and the interconnecting utility. This notice should be filed in the existing NMR case in ePUC.
- If a CPG holder has already received the one-year extension described above, and is requesting a further extension of its NMR CPG, but not concurrently requesting any other amendments or changes, the CPG holder should file a petition as a new case requesting the extension of time. The petition should explain the reason for the requested extension and reference the current CPG number. The request must be filed before the CPG expires.

### **Environmental Attribute Election; Renewable Energy Credits (RECs)**

- Changes to the environmental attribute election (i.e., who retains the RECs) are not allowed under Rule 5.100 after a CPG has been issued or deemed issued.

- If an NMR case has been filed but a CPG has not yet been deemed issued, an applicant may change its environmental attribute election by filing a letter requesting the change into the open NMR case.

**Projects that are Part Roof and Part Ground (“Mixed-Mount Projects”)**

- If a single project is mixed ground- and roof-mounted, the project is subject to the rules that are applicable to the ground-mounted portion of the system, except that the combined capacity of the system may not exceed 500 kW. For example, if a single project is comprised of a 15 kW ground-mounted facility combined with a roof-mounted facility of up to 485 kW, it is subject to the provisions of Commission Rule 5.105 (i.e., it can be filed and processed as a registration). If the ground-mounted portion of a mixed-mount project is greater than 15 kW, it is subject to the provisions of Commission Rule 5.106.

**Projects on Federal Land**

- Projects that are proposed on federal land must comply with the same registration or application processes as all other projects.