# **Building and Safety Division Policy and Procedure No. A093015**

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## **Expedited Permitting Process Residential Roof-Top Mounted Solar Installations**



### Form 4 – Solar PV Standard Plan – Simplified Microinverter and ACM Systems

SCOPE: Us e this plan ONLY for electrical review of systems using utility-interactive Microinverters or AC Modules (ACM) not exceeding a combined system AC inverter output rating of 10 kW, with a maximum of 3 branch circuits, one PV module per inverter, and installed on the roof of a one- or two-family dwelling or accessory structure. The photovoltaic system must interconnect to a single-phase AC service panel of 120/240 Vac with service panel bus bar rating of 225 A or less. Plan also applies to supply side connections (between the meter and the service disconnects), where permitted by the local utility. This plan is not intended for bipolar systems, hybrid systems or systems that utilize storage batteries, charge controllers or trackers. Systems must be in compliance with current California Building Standards Codes and local amendments of the authority having jurisdiction (AHJ). Other articles of the California Electrical Code (CEC) shall apply as specified in section 690.4. For systems beyond this scope or the criteria in this plan, consult the AHJ for details regarding comprehensive process.

MANUFACTURER'S SPECIFICATION SHEETS MUST BE PROVIDED for proposed inverters, modules, combiner/junction boxes and racking systems. Installation instructions for bonding and grounding equipment shall be provided and local AHJs may require additional details. Li s ted and labeled equipment shall be installed and used in accordance with any instructions included in the listing or labeling (CEC 110.3). Equipment intended for use with PV system shall be identified and listed for the application CEC 690.4(B).

### **Applicant and Site Information** Job Site Address: Email : Contractor/Engineer Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_License # and Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: 1. General Requirements and System Information ■ Microinverter ☐ AC Module (ACM) Number of PV modules installed: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of ACMs installed: Number of Microinverters installed: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Note: Listed Alternating-Current Module (ACM) is defined in CEC 690.2 and installed per CEC 690.6 1.1 Number of Branch Circuits, 1, 2 or 3: \_\_\_\_\_ 1.2 Actual number of Microinverters or ACMs per branch circuit: 1\_\_\_\_\_\_2.\_\_\_\_3.\_\_ 1.3 Total AC system power rating = (Total Number of Microinverters or ACMs) \* (AC inverter power output) =\_\_\_\_\_Watts 1.4 Lowest expected ambient temperature for this plan is between 4° to 0° C use 1.10 correction factor. 1.5 Average ambient high temperature for this plan: = +37° C Note: Temperature correction factor Table 310.15(B)(1) 2. Microinverteror ACM Information and Ratings Microinverter or ACM Manufacturer: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 2.1 Rated (continuous) AC output power: Watts

| 2.2    | Nominal AC voltage rating:\  | <b>Volts</b> |               |                              |                       |
|--------|--|--------------|---------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 2.3    | Rated (continuous) AC output current:  |              | _Amps         |                              |                       |
| If in  | nstalling ACMs, skip [Steps 2.4 & 2.5]   |              |               |                              |                       |
| 2.4    | Maximum DC input voltage rating of mic otherwise this expedited plan is not appl   |              | rs:           | Volts (limited to 7          | 9 V,                  |
| 2.5    | Maximum inputshort circuit current:  |              | _Amps         |                              |                       |
| 2.6    | Maximum AC output overcurrent protect  | ction device | e (OCPD):     | Amps                         |                       |
| 2.7    | Maximum number of microinverters or  | ACMs per l   | branch circ   | uit:                         |                       |
| 3. P   | PV Module Information  |              |               |                              |                       |
| (If in | nstalling ACMs, skip to [Step4])   |              |               |                              |                       |
| PV I   | Module Manufacturer:   |              |               |                              |                       |
| Mod    | del:   |              |               |                              |                       |
| Mod    | dule DC output power under standard tes  | t condition  | ns (STC) =    | Watts                        |                       |
| 3.1    | Module $V_{\text{OC}}$ at STC (from module namep   | late):       | Vo            | lts                          |                       |
| 3.2    | Module $I_{SC}$ at STC (from module namepla  | ate):        | An            | nps [ <b>cannot exceed S</b> | Step 2.5]             |
| 3.3    | Adjusted PV Module DC voltage at minir   | num temp     | erature =_    | 1.10                         |                       |
|        | Adjusted DC voltage formula (module Voltage Formula (m | oc * 1.10V   | olts (corred  | ction factor)):              | _Volts * 1.10 Volts = |
|        | Branch Circuit Output Information  |              |               |                              |                       |
| Fill i | in [Table 3] to describe the branch circuit  | inverter o   | utput cond    | luctor and OCPD size         | 2.                    |
|        | Table 3.   |              | nfiguration S | •                            |                       |
| Nim    | imber of Microinverters or ACMs [Step 1.2]   | Bran         | ch 1          | Branch 2                     | Branch 3              |
|        | lected Conductor Size (AWG)  |              |               |                              |                       |
|        | lected Branch and Inverter Output OCPD   |              |               |                              |                       |
| 361    | rected Branchand inverter output och B   |              |               |                              |                       |
| 5. S   | Solar Load Center (ifused)   |              |               |                              |                       |
| 5.1    | Circuit Power see [Step 1.3] =   | _Watts       |               |                              |                       |
| 5.2    | Circuit Current = (Circuit Power) / (AC vo   | ltage)=      |               | Amps                         |                       |
| 5.3    | Solar Load Center Bus Bar Rating = Min.  |              |               | Amps                         |                       |
| 5.4    | Solar Load Center Feeder Breaker Rating  | g =          |               | Amps                         |                       |
|        | NOTE: If OCPDs of circuits other than for rating must be a minimum of 100 Amps,  |              | •             | •                            |                       |

### 6. Point of Connection to Utility

6.1 Inverter(s) must be connected to <u>either</u> load or supply side of service disconnecting means.\_
<u>Either</u> Step 6.2 or 6.3 below should be filled out, and <u>either</u> Single Line Diagram #1 or Single Line Diagram #2 should be filled out.

| 6.2 | Load side | connections only | (Per 705 | .12(B | )(3) | (2) | 1) |
|-----|-----------|------------------|----------|-------|------|-----|----|
|-----|-----------|------------------|----------|-------|------|-----|----|

Is the PV OCPD positioned at the opposite end from input feeder location or main OCPD location?

Yes No

(Combined inverter output OCPD size + Main OCPD size) ≤ [bus bar size × (120%)]

| Table 5. Maximum Combined Inverter Output Circuit OCPD                   |     |     |     |                 |                 |     |                 |                 |     |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----------------|-----------------|-----|-----------------|-----------------|-----|
| Bus Bar Size (Amps)  | 100 | 125 | 125 | 200             | 200             | 200 | 225             | 225             | 225 |
| Main OCPD (Amps  | 100 | 100 | 125 | 150             | 175             | 200 | 175             | 200             | 225 |
| Maximum Combined Inverter OCPD with <b>120%</b> of bus bar rating (Amps) | 20  | 50  | 25  | 60 <sup>†</sup> | 60 <sup>†</sup> | 40  | 60 <sup>†</sup> | 60 <sup>†</sup> | 45  |

 $<sup>^{\</sup>dagger}$ This plan limits max system size to 10kW or less, so the OCPD size is limited to 60 A. Reduction of Main Breaker is not permitted with this plan.

### 6.3 Supply side connections only (Per705.11(A)):

| Only | use this s  | ection for | connections  | on the sunn | ly side of the  | service  | disconnecting | means. Select one:   |
|------|-------------|------------|--------------|-------------|-----------------|----------|---------------|----------------------|
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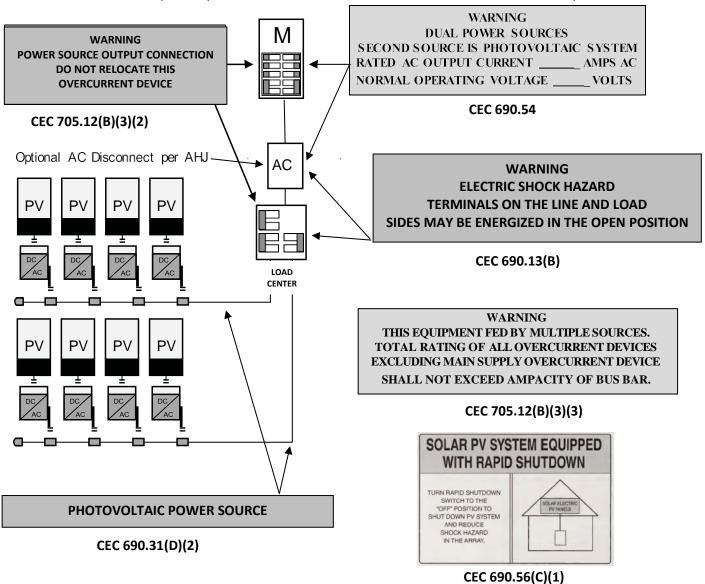
| ☐ Utility- and AHJ-approved meter socket adapter.                 |  |  |  |  |  |
|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| Adapter name/model:   |  |  |  |  |  |
| ☐ Service equipment listed for the purpose of PV interconnection. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Description / model number(s):                                    |  |  |  |  |  |

### 7. Grounding and Bonding

For ACM systems and Microinverters with ungrounded a DC input follow the EGC requirements of (CEC690.43).

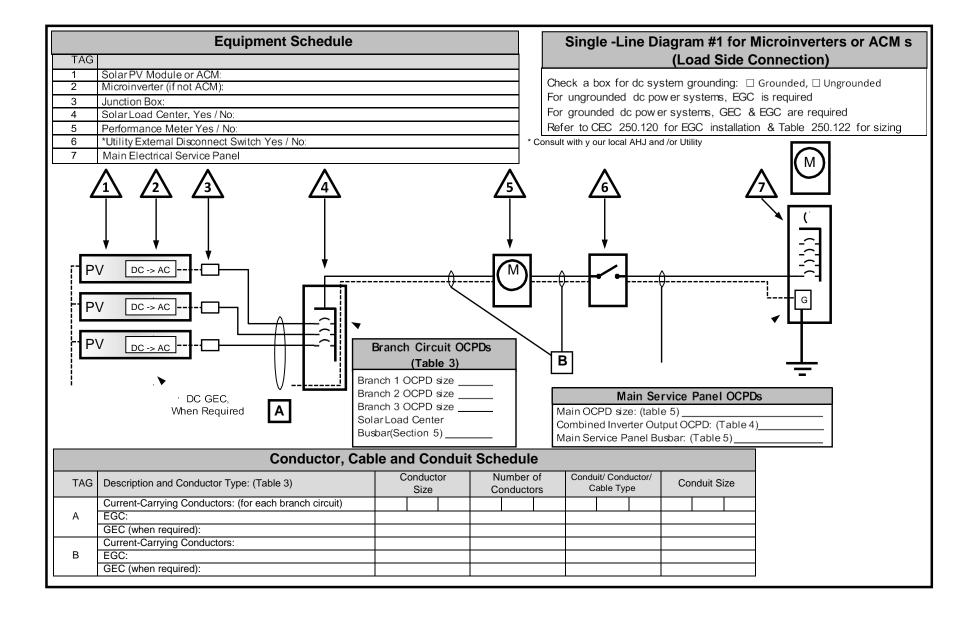
### 8. Markings

Informational note: ANSI Z535.4-2011 provides guidelines for the design of safety signs and labels for application to products. A phenolic plaque with contrasting colors between the text and background would meet the intent of the code for permanency. No type size is specified, but 20 point (3/8") should be considered the minimum. Labels required by this section shall be suitable for the environment where they are installed.



**NOTE:** CEC 705.10 requires a permanent plaque or directory denoting all electric power sources on or in the premises.

# Solar PV Standard Plan — Simplified Microinverter & ACM Systems for One- and Two-Family Dwellings



# SOLAR PV STANDARD PLAN — SIMPLIFIED Microinverterand ACM Systems for One- and Two-Family Dwellings **ROOF LAYOUT PLAN**

Items required: roof layout of all panels, modules, clear access pathways and approximate locations of electrical disconnecting means and roof access points.