



**Upper Peninsula Power Company**

*A Michigan Electric Utility*

## **Generator Interconnection Requirements**

### **Category 2**

**Projects with  
Aggregate Generator Output  
Greater Than 20 kW, but Less Than or Equal to 150 kW**

## Introduction

### **Category 2 – Greater Than 20kW, but Less than or Equal to 150kW**

This Generator Interconnection Procedure document outlines the process & requirements used to install or modify generation projects with aggregate generator output capacity ratings greater than 20kW but less than or equal to 150kW and designed to operate in parallel with the UPPCO electric system. Technical requirements (data, equipment, relaying, telemetry, metering) are defined according to type of generation, location of the interconnection, and mode of operation (Flow-back or Non-Flow-back). The process is designed to provide an expeditious interconnection to the UPPCO electric system that is both safe and reliable.

UPPCO complies with the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) and files a net metering report annually.<sup>1</sup> The annual net metering report UPPCO submits complies with rules established for the interconnection of parallel generation to the UPPCO electric system in the MPSC Order in Case No. U-15787.

The term “Project” will be used throughout this document to refer to electric generating equipment and associated facilities that are not owned or operated by an electric utility. The term “Project Developer” means a person that owns, operates, or proposes to construct, own, or operate, a Project.

This document does not address other Project concerns such as environmental permitting, local ordinances, or fuel supply. Nor does it address agreements that may be required with UPPCO and/or the transmission provider, or state or federal licensing, to market the Project’s energy. An interconnection request does not constitute a request for transmission service.

It may be possible for UPPCO to adjust requirements stated herein on a case-by-case basis. The review necessary to support such adjustments, however, may be extensive and may exceed the costs and timeframes established by the MPSC and addressed in these requirements. Therefore, if requested by the Project Developer, adjustments to these requirements will only be considered if the Project Developer agrees in advance to compensate UPPCO for the added costs of the necessary additional reviews and to also allow UPPCO additional time for the additional reviews.

UPPCO may apply for a technical waiver from one or more provisions of these rules and the MPSC may grant a waiver upon a showing of good cause.

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<sup>1</sup> The net metering program was discontinued and closed to new customers as of May 23, 2019, as a result of the Commission Order approving Case U – 20276. As required, UPPCO will continue to file the annual net metering report with the MPSC annually until grandfathered program participant commitments have been reached.

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# **Generator Interconnection Procedures**

## **Category 2**

**Greater than 20kW, but less than or equal to 150 kW**

## **INTERCONNECTION PROCESS**

### ***CUSTOMER PROJECT PLANNING PHASE***

An applicant may contact UPPCO before or during the application process regarding the project. UPPCO can be reached by phone, e-mail, or by the external website to access information, forms, rates, and agreements. A utility will provide up to 2 hours of technical consultation at no additional cost to the applicant. Consultation may be limited to providing information concerning the UPPCO system operating characteristics and location of system components.

### ***APPLICATION & QUEUE ASSIGNMENT***

The Project Developer must first submit a *Combined Interconnection and Distributed Generation Application* to UPPCO. A separate application is required for each Project or Project site. The blank *Combined Application* can be found on UPPCO's website on the [Customer Generated Electricity](#) page.

A complete submittal of the application and the application fee (See Appendix B) will enable the process. UPPCO will notify the Project Developer within 10 business days of receipt of a Combined Application. If any portion of the Combined Application, data submittal (a site plan and the one-line diagrams), or filing fee is incomplete and/or missing, UPPCO will return the application, data, and filing fee to the Project developer with explanations. Project Developer will need to resubmit the application with all the missing items.

Once UPPCO has accepted the Combined Application, a queue number will be assigned to the Project. UPPCO will then advise the applicant that the application is complete and provide the customer with the queue assignment.

### ***APPLICATION REVIEW***

UPPCO shall review the complete application for interconnection to determine if an engineering review is required. UPPCO will notify the Project Developer within 10 business days of receipt of complete application and if an engineering review is required. If an engineering review is required, UPPCO will apply for an MPSC waiver to complete an Engineering Review and notify the applicant of the waiver request. The applicant is exempt from the cost of the engineering review. Upon MPSC granting the waiver request UPPCO will proceed with an engineering review. The applicant shall provide any changes or updates to the application before the engineering review begins. If an engineering review is not

required or the MPSC denies the waiver request, the project will advance to the Customer Install & POA. UPPCO may request additional data be submitted as necessary during the review phase to clarify the operation of the Project.

### ***ENGINEERING REVIEW***

Upon MPSC granting the waiver request, UPPCO shall study the project to determine the suitability of the interconnection equipment including safety and reliability complications arising from equipment saturation, multiple technologies, and proximity to synchronous motor loads. The electric utility shall provide in writing the results of the engineering study within the time indicated in the MPSC waiver request. If the engineering review indicates that a distribution study is necessary, the electric utility shall request an MPSC waiver to perform the distribution study. The customer is exempt from the cost of a distribution study. If an engineering review determines that a distribution study is not required, the project will advance to the *Customer Install & POA* section.

### ***DISTRIBUTION STUDY***

Upon MPSC granting the waiver request, UPPCO shall study the project to determine if a distribution system upgrade is needed to accommodate the proposed project and determine the cost of an upgrade if required. The Customer is responsible for cost for distribution upgrades study and the distribution upgrades if required. The electric utility shall provide in writing the results of the distribution study including estimated completion timeframe for the upgrades, if required, to the applicant, within the timeframe allowed by the waiver request. If a distribution study determines that a distribution upgrades are not required, the project will advance to the *Customer Install & POA* section.

### ***CUSTOMER INSTALL & POA***

The applicant shall notify the electric utility when an installation and any required local code inspection and approval is complete. The Parallel Operating Agreement for different rates can be found from UPPCO's customer generation website. The Parallel Operating Agreement will cover matters customarily addressed in such agreements in accordance with Good Utility Practice, including, without limitation, construction of facilities, system operation, interconnection rate, defaults and remedies, and liability. The applicant shall complete, sign and return the POA (Parallel Operating Agreement to UPPCO). Any delay in the applicant's execution of the Interconnection and Operating Agreement will not count toward the interconnection deadlines.

### ***METER INSTALL, TESTING, & INSPECTION***

Upon receipt of the local code inspection approval and executed POA, UPPCO will schedule the meter install, testing, and inspection. UPPCO shall have an opportunity to schedule a visit to witness and perform commissioning tests required by IEEE 1547.1 and inspect the project. UPPCO may provide a waiver of its right to visit the site to inspect the project and witness or perform the commissioning tests. UPPCO shall notify the applicant of its intent to visit the site, inspect the project, witness or perform the commissioning tests, or of its intent to waive

inspection within 10 working days after notification that the installation and local code inspections have passed. Within 5 working days from receipt of the completed commissioning test report (if applicable), UPPCO will notify the applicant of its approval or disapproval of the interconnection. If UPPCO does not approve the interconnection, UPPCO shall notify the applicant of the necessary corrective actions required for approval. The applicant, after taking corrective action, may request that UPPCO reconsider the interconnection request.

#### ***OPERATION IN PARALLEL***

Upon UPPCO approval of the interconnection, UPPCO will install required metering, provide to the applicant a written statement of final approval, and a fully executed POA authorizing parallel operation.

## ***OPERATIONAL PROVISIONS***

#### ***DISCONNECTION***

UPPCO may refuse to connect or may disconnect a project from the distribution system if any of the following conditions apply:

Lack of fully executed interconnection agreement (POA)

Termination of interconnection by mutual agreement

Noncompliance with technical or contractual requirements in the interconnection agreement after notice is provided to the applicant of the technical or contractual deficiency.

Distribution system emergency

Routine maintenance, repairs, and modifications, but only for a reasonable length of time necessary to perform the required work and upon reasonable notice.

#### ***MAINTENANCE AND TESTING***

UPPCO reserves the right to test the relaying and control equipment that involves protection of UPPCO's electric system whenever UPPCO determines a reasonable need for such testing exists.

The applicant is solely responsible for conducting and documenting proper periodic maintenance on the generating equipment and its associated control, protective equipment, interrupting devices, and main Isolation Device, per manufacturer recommendations.

Routine and maintenance checks of the relaying and control equipment must be conducted in accordance with provided written test procedures which are required by IEEE Std. 1547, and test reports of such testing shall be maintained by the applicant and made available for Utility inspection upon request. [NOTE – IEEE 1547 requires that testing be conducted in accordance with written test procedures, and the nationally recognized testing laboratory

providing certification will require that such test procedures be available before certification of the equipment.]

### ***OPERATING IN PARALLEL***

The Project Developer will be solely responsible for the required synchronizing equipment and for properly synchronizing the Project with the UPPCO electric system.

Voltage fluctuation at the PCC during synchronizing is limited per IEEE Std. 1547.

These requirements are directly concerned with the actual operation of the Project with UPPCO:

- The Project may not commence parallel operation until approval has been given by UPPCO. The completed installation is subject to inspection by UPPCO prior to approval. Preceding this inspection, all contractual agreements must be executed by the Project Developer.
- The Project must be designed to prevent the Project from energizing into a de-energized Utility line. The Project's circuit breaker or contactor must be blocked from closing in on a de-energized circuit.
- The Project shall discontinue parallel operation with a particular service and perform necessary switching when requested by UPPCO for any of the following reasons:
  1. When public safety is being jeopardized.
  2. During voltage or loading problems, system emergencies, or when abnormal sectionalizing or circuit configuration occurs on the UPPCO system.
  3. During scheduled shutdowns of Utility equipment that are necessary to facilitate maintenance or repairs. Such scheduled shutdowns shall be coordinated with the Project.
  4. In the event there is demonstrated electrical interference (i.e. Voltage Flicker, Harmonic Distortion, etc.) to UPPCO's customers, suspected to be caused by the Project, and such interference exceeds then current system standards, UPPCO reserves the right, at UPPCO's initial expense, to install special test equipment as may be required to perform a disturbance analysis and monitor the operation and control of the Project to evaluate the quality of power produced by the Project. In the event that no standards exist, then the applicable tariffs and rules governing electric service shall apply. If the Project is proven to be the source of the interference, and that interference exceeds UPPCO's standards or the generally accepted industry standards, then it shall be the responsibility of the Project Developer to eliminate the interference problem and to reimburse UPPCO for the costs of the disturbance monitoring installation, removal, and analysis, excluding the cost of the meters or other special test equipment.
  5. When either the Project or its associated synchronizing and protective equipment is demonstrated by UPPCO to be improperly maintained, so as to present a hazard to the UPPCO system or its customers.
  6. Whenever the Project is operating isolated with other Utility customers, for whatever reason.

7. Whenever UPPCO notifies the Project Developer in writing of a claimed non-safety related violation of the Interconnection Agreement and the Project Developer fails to remedy the claimed violation within ten working days of notification, unless within that time either the Project Developer files a complaint with the MPSC seeking resolution of the dispute or the Project Developer and Utility agree in writing to a different procedure.

If the Project has shown an unsatisfactory response to requests to separate the generation from the UPPCO system, UPPCO reserves the right to disconnect the Project from parallel operation with the UPPCO electric system until all operational issues are satisfactorily resolved.

### **MOMENTARY PARALLELING**

For situations where the Project will only be operated in parallel with UPPCO's electric system for a short duration (100 milliseconds or less), as in a make-before-break automatic transfer scheme, no additional relaying is required. Such momentary paralleling requires a modern integrated Automatic Transfer Switch (ATS) system, which is incapable of paralleling the Project with UPPCO's electric system. The ATS must be tested, verified, and documented by the Project Developer for proper operation at least every 2 years. UPPCO may be present during this testing.

## **TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS**

The following discussion details the technical requirements for interconnection of Category 2 Projects greater than 20 kW, but less than or equal to 150 kW. For Projects within this capacity rating range, UPPCO has made a significant effort to simplify the technical requirements. This effort has resulted in adoption of IEEE Std. 1547, Standard for Interconnecting Distributed Resources with Electric Power Systems, being incorporated herein by reference.

Certain requirements, as specified by this document, must be met to provide compatibility between the Project and UPPCO's electric system, and to assure that the safety and reliability of the electric system is not degraded by the interconnection. UPPCO reserves the right to evaluate and apply newly developed protection and/or operation schemes at its discretion. In addition, UPPCO reserves the right to evaluate Projects on an ongoing basis as system conditions change, such as circuit loading, additional generation placed online, etc.

Upgraded revenue metering may be required for the Project.

## **MAJOR COMPONENT DESIGN REQUIREMENTS**

The data requested in Appendix E, F, or G for all major equipment and relaying proposed by the Project Developer, must be submitted as part of the initial application for review and

approval by UPPCO. UPPCO may request additional data be submitted as necessary during the Distribution Study phase to clarify the operation of the Project.

Once installed, the interconnection equipment must be reviewed and approved by UPPCO prior to being connected to UPPCO's electric system and before Parallel Operation is allowed.

## **DATA**

The data that UPPCO requires to evaluate the proposed interconnection is documented on a one-line diagram and "fill in the blank" table by generator type in Appendices E, F, or G.

A site plan, one-line diagrams, and interconnection protection system details of the Project are required as part of the application data. The generator manufacturer data package should also be supplied.

## **ISOLATING TRANSFORMER(S)**

If a Project Developer installs an isolating transformer, the transformer must comply with the current ANSI Standard C57.12.

The transformer should have high and/or low voltage windings sufficient to assure satisfactory generator operation over the range of voltage variation expected on the UPPCO electric system.

The type of generation and electrical location of the interconnection will determine the isolating transformer connections. Allowable connections are detailed in the "Specific Requirements by Generator Type" section. Note: Some Utilities do not allow an isolation transformer to be connected to a grounded Utility system with an ungrounded secondary (Utility side) winding configuration, regardless of the Project type. Therefore the Project Developer is encouraged to consult with UPPCO prior to submitting an application.

## **ISOLATION DEVICE**

An isolation device is required and should be placed at the Point of Common Coupling (PCC). It can be a circuit breaker, circuit switcher, pole top switch, load-break disconnect, etc., depending on the electrical system configuration. The following are required of the isolation device:

- Must be approved for use on the UPPCO system.
- Must comply with current relevant ANSI and/or IEEE Standards.
- Must have load break capability, unless used in series with a three-phase interrupting device.
- Must be rated for the application.
- If used as part of a protective relaying scheme, it must have adequate interrupting capability. UPPCO will provide maximum short circuit currents and X/R ratios available at the PCC, upon request.
- Must be operable and accessible by UPPCO at all times (24 hours a day, 7 days a week).

- UPPCO will determine if the isolation device will be used as a protective tagging point. If the determination is so made, the device must have visible open break provisions for padlocking in the open position and it must be gang operated. If the device has automatic operation, the controls must be located remote from the device.

## ***INTERCONNECTION LINES***

Any new line construction to connect the Project to UPPCO's electric system will be undertaken by UPPCO at the Project Developer's expense.

## ***RELAYING DESIGN REQUIREMENTS***

Regardless of the technology of the interconnection, for simplicity for all projects in this capacity rating range, the interconnection relaying system must be certified by a nationally recognized testing laboratory to meet IEEE Std. 1547. The data submitted for review must include information from the manufacturer indicating such certification, and the manufacturer must placard the equipment such that a field inspection can verify the certification. A copy of this standard may be obtained (for a fee) from the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers ([www.ieee.org](http://www.ieee.org)).

If the protective system uses AC power as the control voltage, it must be designed to disconnect the generation from the UPPCO electric system if the AC control power is lost. Utility will work with Project Developer for system design for this requirement.

## ***AUTOMATIC RECLOSE***

UPPCO employs automatic multiple-shot reclosing on most of UPPCO's circuit breakers and circuit reclosers to increase the reliability of service to its customers. Automatic single-phase overhead reclosers are regularly installed on distribution circuits to isolate faulted segments of these circuits.

The Project Developer is advised to consider the effects of Automatic Reclosing (both single-phase and three- phase) to assure that the Project's internal equipment will not be damaged. In addition to the risk of damage to the Project, an out-of-phase reclosing operation may also present a hazard to Utility equipment since this equipment may not be rated or built to withstand this type of reclosing. UPPCO will determine relaying and control equipment that needs to be installed to protect its own equipment from out-of-phase reclosing. Installation of this protection will be undertaken by UPPCO at the Project Developer's expense.

In some cases, recloser settings can be modified to prevent out-of-phase reclosing. This could delay reclosing until the parallel generation is separated and the line is "de-energized." Hydraulic single-phase overhead recloser settings cannot be modified; therefore, these devices will have to be either replaced with three-phase overhead reclosers whose settings can be changed, or relocated beyond the Project location - depending upon the sectionalizing and protection requirements of the distribution circuit. If the Project can be connected to more than one circuit, these revisions may be required on the alternate circuit(s) as well. UPPCO shall not be liable to the customer with respect to damage(s) to the Project arising as a result of Automatic Reclosing.

## **SINGLE-PHASE SECTIONALIZING**

UPPCO also installs single-phase fuses and/or reclosers on its distribution circuits to increase the reliability of service to its customers. Three-phase generator installations may require replacement of fuses and/or single-phase reclosers with three-phase circuit breakers or circuit reclosers at the Project Developer's expense.

## **SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS BY GENERATOR TYPE**

### **Synchronous Projects**

An isolation transformer will be required for three-phase Synchronous Projects. Except as noted below, the isolation transformer must be incapable of producing ground fault current to the UPPCO system; any connection except delta primary (Project side), grounded-wye secondary (Utility side) is acceptable. A grounded-wye - grounded-wye transformer connection is acceptable only if the Project's single line-to-ground fault current contribution is less than the Project's three-phase fault current contribution at the PCC. Protection must be provided for internal faults in the isolating transformer; fuses are acceptable.

For a sample One-Line Diagram of this type of facility, see Appendix E.

### **Induction Projects**

For three-phase installations, any isolation transformer connection is acceptable except grounded-wye (Utility side), delta (Project side). Protection must be provided for internal faults in the isolating transformer; fuses are acceptable. In cases where it can be shown that self-excitation of the induction generator cannot occur when isolated from UPPCO, UPPCO may waive the requirement that the generator provide protection for Utility system ground faults.

For a sample One-Line Diagram of this type of facility, see Appendix F.

### **Inverter Projects**

No isolation transformer is required between the generator and the secondary distribution connection. If an isolation transformer is used for three-phase installations, any isolation transformer connection is acceptable except grounded-wye (Utility side), delta (Project side). Protection must be provided for internal faults in the isolating transformer; fuses are acceptable.

If the inverter has passed a certified anti-island test, UPPCO may waive the requirement that the Project Developer provide protection for UPPCO system ground faults.

For a sample One-Line Diagram of this type of facility, see Appendix G.

### **Dynamometer Projects**

No isolation transformer is required between the generator and the secondary distribution connection. If an isolation transformer is used for three-phase installations, any isolation transformer connection is acceptable except grounded-wye (Utility side), delta (Project side). Protection must be provided for internal faults in the isolating transformer; fuses are acceptable.

If an inverter is used and has passed a certified anti-island test, UPPCO may waive the requirement that the Project Developer provide protection for UPPCO system ground faults.

### ***RELAY SETTING CRITERIA***

The relay settings for Projects greater than 20 kW but less than or equal to 150 kW must conform to the values specified in IEEE Std. 1547.

### ***MAINTENANCE AND TESTING***

UPPCO reserves the right to test the relaying and control equipment that involves protection of the UPPCO electric system whenever UPPCO determines a reasonable need for such testing exists.

The Project Developer is solely responsible for conducting proper periodic maintenance on the generating equipment and its associated control, protective equipment, interrupting devices, and main Isolation Device, per manufacturer recommendations.

Routine Maintenance checks of the relaying and control equipment must be conducted in accordance with provided written test procedures which are required by IEEE Std. 1547, and test reports of such testing shall be maintained by the Project Developer and made available for Utility inspection upon request. [NOTE – IEEE 1547 requires that testing be conducted in accordance with written test procedures, and the nationally recognized testing laboratory providing certification will require that such test procedures be available before certification of the equipment.]

### ***INSTALLATION APPROVAL***

The Project Developer must provide UPPCO with 5 business days advance written notice of when the Project will be ready for inspection, testing, and approval.

Prior to final approval for Parallel Operation, UPPCO reserves the right to inspect the Project and receive action to assure conformance to the requirements stated herein.

### ***MISCELLANEOUS OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS***

Miscellaneous requirements include synchronizing equipment for Parallel Operation, reactive requirements, and system stability limitations.

If the Project has shown an unsatisfactory response to requests to separate the generation from the UPPCO system, UPPCO reserves the right to disconnect the Project from parallel operation with the UPPCO electric system until all operational issues are satisfactorily resolved.

### **REACTIVE POWER CONTROL**

Synchronous generators that will operate in the Flow-back Mode must be dynamically capable of providing 0.90 power factor lagging (delivering reactive power to UPPCO) and 0.95 power factor leading (absorbing reactive power from UPPCO) at the Point of Receipt. The Point of Receipt is the location where UPPCO accepts delivery of the output of the Project. The Point of Receipt can be the physical location of the billing meters or a location where the billing meters are not located, but adjusted for line and transformation losses.

Induction and Inverter Projects that will operate in the Flow-back Mode must provide for their own reactive needs (steady state unity power factor at the Point of Receipt). To obtain unity power factor, the Induction or Inverter Project can:

1. Install a switchable Volt-Ampere reactive VAR supply source to maintain unity power factor at the Point of Receipt; or
2. Provide UPPCO with funds to install a VAR supply source equivalent to that required for the Project to attain unity power factor at the Point of Receipt at full output.

There are no interconnection reactive power capability requirements for Synchronous, Induction, and Inverter Projects that will operate in the Non-Flow-back Mode. UPPCO's existing rate schedules, incorporated herein by reference, contain power factor adjustments based on the power factor of the metered load at these facilities.

### **SITE LIMITATIONS**

The Project Developer is responsible for evaluating the consequences of unstable generator operation or voltage transients on the Project equipment, and determining, designing, and applying any relaying which may be necessary to protect that equipment. This type of protection is typically applied on individual generators to protect the Projects.

UPPCO will determine if operation of the Project will create objectionable voltage flicker and/or disturbances to other Utility customers and develop any required mitigation measures at the Project Developer's expense.

### **REVENUE METERING REQUIREMENTS**

UPPCO will own, operate, and maintain all required billing metering equipment at the Project Developer's expense.

### **NON FLOW-BACK PROJECTS**

A Utility meter will be installed that only records energy deliveries to the Project.

## **FLOW-BACK PROJECTS**

Special billing metering will be required. The Project Developer may be required to provide, at no cost to UPPCO, a dedicated dial-up voice-grade circuit (POTS line) to allow remote access to the billing meter by UPPCO. This circuit shall be terminated within ten feet of the meter involved.

The Project Developer shall provide UPPCO access to the premises at all times to install, turn on, disconnect, inspect, test, read, repair, or remove the metering equipment. The Project Developer may, at its option, have a representative witness this work.

The metering installations shall be constructed in accordance with the practices, which normally apply to the construction of metering installations for residential, commercial, or industrial customers. For Projects with multiple generators, metering of each generator may be required. When practical, multiple generators may be metered at a common point provided the metered quantity represents only the gross generator output.

UPPCO shall supply to the Project Developer all required metering equipment and the standard detailed specifications and requirements relating to the location, construction, and access of the metering installation and will provide consultation pertaining to the meter installation as required. UPPCO will endeavor to coordinate the delivery of these materials with the Project Developer's installation schedule during normal scheduled business hours.

The Project Developer may be required to provide a mounting surface for the metering equipment. The mounting surface and location must meet UPPCO's specifications and requirements.

The responsibility for installation of the equipment is shared between UPPCO and the Project Developer. The Project Developer may be required to install some of the metering equipment on its side of the PCC, including instrument transformers, cabinets, conduits, and mounting surfaces. UPPCO shall install the meters and communication links. UPPCO will endeavor to coordinate the installation of these items with the Project Developer's schedule during normal scheduled business hours.

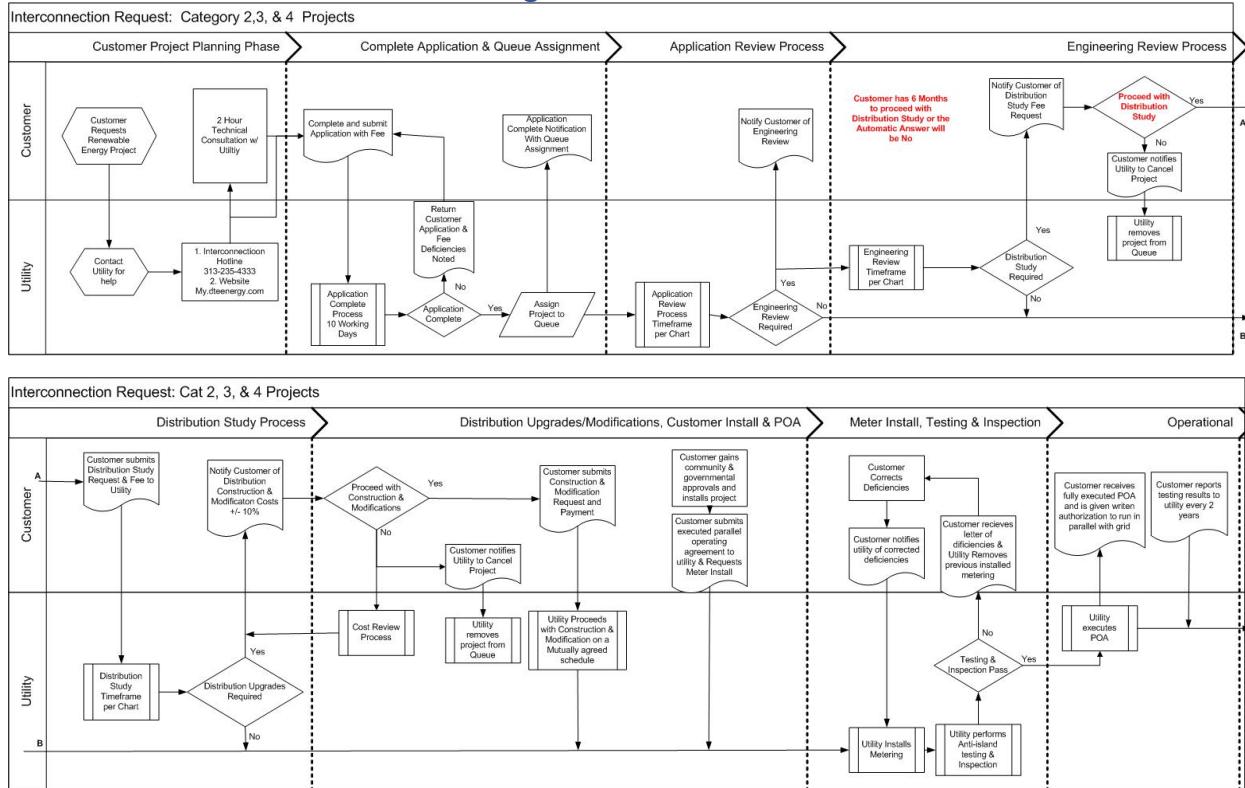
## **COMMUNICATION CIRCUITS**

The Project Developer is responsible for ordering and acquiring the telephone circuit required for the Project Interconnection. The Project Developer will assume all installation, operating, and maintenance costs associated with the telephone circuits, including the monthly charges for the telephone lines and any rental equipment required by the local telephone provider. However, at UPPCO's discretion, UPPCO may select an alternative communication method, such as wireless communications. Regardless of the method, the Project Developer will be responsible for all costs associated with the material, installation and maintenance, whereas UPPCO will be responsible to define the specific communication requirements.

UPPCO will cooperate and provide Utility information necessary for proper installation of the telephone (or alternate) circuits upon written request.

# Appendix A

## Interconnection Process Flow Diagram



## **Appendix B**

### ***Interconnection Table – Applicant Costs***

	Application Review	Engineering Review	Distribution Study	Distribution Upgrades	Testing & Inspection
Category 2	\$75	\$0	Propose fixed fee	Actual or Max Approved by Commission	Proposed Fixed fee

### ***Combined Distributed Generation / Interconnection Table – Applicant Costs***

	Distributed Generation Program Fee	Application Review	Engineering Review	Distribution Study	Distribution Upgrades	Testing & Inspection
Category 2	\$50	\$75	\$0	Propose fixed fee	Actual or Max Approved by Commission	\$0

### ***Interconnection Timeline – Working Days***

	Application Complete	Application Review	Engineering Study Completion	Distribution Study Completion	Distribution Upgrades	Testing & Inspection
Category 2	10 days	10 days	10 days	10 days	Mutually Agreed	10 days to notify of scheduled visit

## **Appendix C**

### ***Procedure Definitions***

**Alternative electric supplier (AES):** As defined in section 10g of 2000 PA 141, MCL 460.10g

**Applicant:** Legally responsible person applying to an electric utility to interconnect a project with the electric utility's distribution system or a person applying for a Distributed Generation program. An applicant shall be a customer of an electric utility and may be a customer or an AES.

**Application Review:** Review by the electric utility of the completed application for interconnection to determine if an engineering review is required.

**Area Network:** A location on the distribution system served by multiple transformers interconnected in an electrical network circuit.

**Category 1:** An inverter-based project of 20kW or less that uses equipment certified by a nationally recognized testing laboratory to IEEE 1547.1 testing standards and in compliance with UL 1741 scope 1.1A.

**Category 2:** A project of greater than 20 kW and not more than 150 kW.

**Category 3:** A project of greater than 150 kW and not more than 550 kW.

**Category 4:** A project of greater than 550 kW and not more than 2 MW.

**Category 5:** A project of greater than 2 MW.

**Certified equipment:** A generating, control, or protective system that has been certified as meeting acceptable safety and reliability standards by a nationally recognized testing laboratory in conformance with UL 1741.

**Commission:** The Michigan Public Service Commission

**Commissioning test:** The procedure, performed in compliance with IEEE 1547.1, for documenting and verifying the performance of a project to confirm that the project operates in conformity with its design specifications.

**Customer:** A person who receives electric service from an electric utility's distribution system or a person who participates in a Distributed Generation program through an AES or electric utility.

**Customer-generator:** A person that uses a project on-site that is interconnected to an electric utility distribution system.

**Distribution system:** The structures, equipment, and facilities operated by an electric utility to deliver electricity to end users, not including transmission facilities that are subject to the jurisdiction of the federal energy regulatory commission.

**Distribution system study:** A study to determine if a distribution system upgrade is needed to accommodate the proposed project and to determine the cost of an upgrade if required.

**Electric provider:** Any person or entity whose rates are regulated by the commission for selling electricity to retail customers in the state.

**Electric utility:** Term as defined in section 2 of 1995 PA 30, MCL 460.562.

**Eligible electric generator:** A methane digester or renewable energy system with a generation capacity limited to the customer's electrical need and that does not exceed the following:

- 150 kW of aggregate generation at a single site for a renewable energy system
- 550 kW of aggregate generation at a single site for a methane digester

**Engineering Review:** A study to determine the suitability of the interconnection equipment including any safety and reliability complications arising from equipment saturation, multiple technologies, and proximity to synchronous motor loads.

**Full retail rate:** The power supply and distribution components of the cost of electric service. Full retail rate does not include system access charge, service charge, or other charge that is assessed on a per meter basis.

**IEEE:** Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers

**IEEE 1547:** IEEE "Standard for Interconnecting Distributed Resources with Electric Power Systems"

**IEEE 1547.1:** IEEE "Standard Conformance Test Procedures for Equipment Interconnecting Distributed Resources with Electric Power Systems"

**Interconnection:** The process undertaken by an electric utility to construct the electrical facilities necessary to connect a project with a distribution system so that parallel operation can occur.

**Interconnection procedures:** The requirements that govern project interconnection adopted by each electric utility and approved by the commission.

**kW:** kilowatt

**kWh:** kilowatt-hours

**Material modification:** A modification that changes the maximum electrical output of a project or changes the interconnection equipment including the following:

- Changing from certified to non-certified equipment
- Replacing a component with a component of different functionality or UL listing.

**Methane digester:** A renewable energy system that uses animal or agricultural waste for the production of fuel gas that can be burned for the generation of electricity or steam.

**MW:** megawatt

**Nationally recognized testing laboratory:** Any testing laboratory recognized by the accreditation program of the U.S. department of labor occupational safety and health administration.

**Parallel operation:** The operation, for longer than 100 milliseconds, of a project while connected to the energized distribution system.

**Project:** Electrical generating equipment and associated facilities that are not owned or operated by an electric utility.

**Renewable energy credit (REC):** A credit granted pursuant to the commission's renewable energy credit certification and tracking program in section 41 of 2008 PA 295, MCL 460.1041.

**Renewable energy resource:** Term as defined in section 11(i) of 2008 PA 295, MCL 460.1011(i)

**Renewable energy system:** Term as defined in section 11(k) of 2008 PA 295, MCL 460.1011(k).

**Spot network:** A location on the distribution system that uses 2 or more inter-tied transformers to supply an electrical network circuit.

**UL:** Underwriters Laboratory

**UL 1741:** The "Standard for Inverters, Converters, Controllers and Interconnection System Equipment for Use with Distributed Energy Resources."

**UL 1741 scope 1.1A:** Paragraph 1.1A contained in chapter 1, section 1 of UL 1741.

**Uniform interconnection application form:** The standard application forms, approved by the commission under R 460.615 and used for category 1, category 2, category 3, category 4, and category 5 projects.

**Uniform interconnection agreement:** The standard interconnection agreements approved by the commission under R 460.615 and used for category 1, category 2, category 3, category 4, and category 5 projects.

**Working days:** Days excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and other days when the offices of the electric utility are not open to the public.

## Appendix D

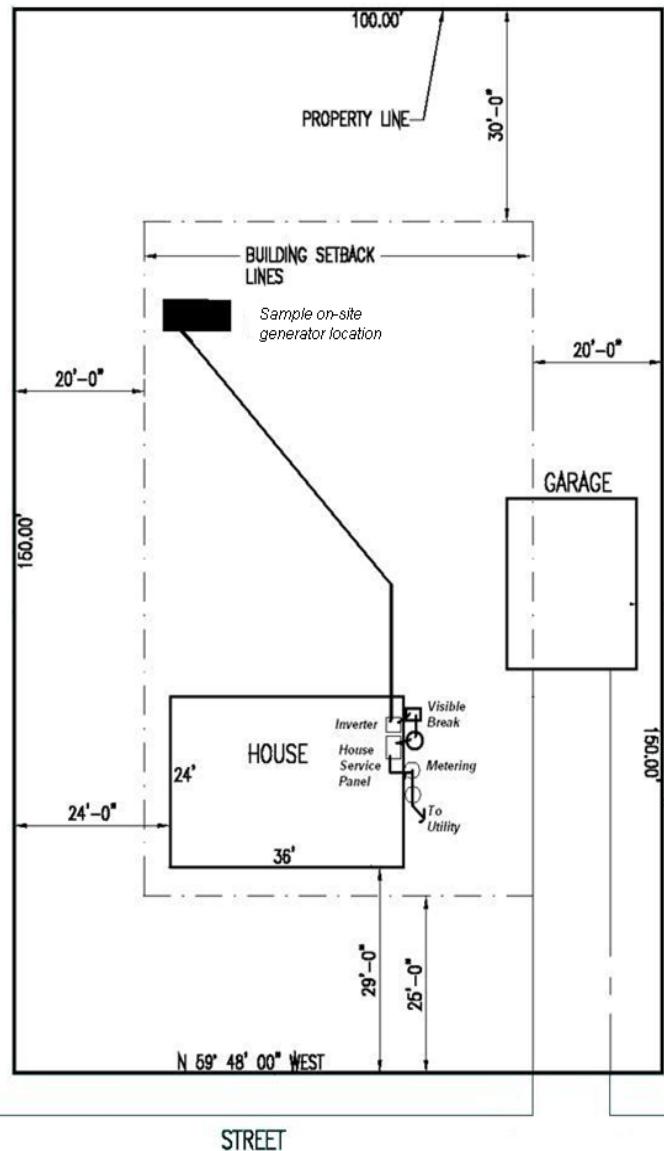
### Site Plan

#### SITE PLAN

APPLICANT

ADDRESS

CITY/TOWN SIGNATURE



## **Appendix E**

**The Following Sample One-Line Diagrams are Available upon Request:**

- 1. Sample One-Line Diagram for Synchronous Projects**
- 2. Sample One-Line Diagram for Induction Projects**
- 3. Sample One-Line Diagram for Non-Flow Back Projects**
- 4. Sample One-Line Diagram for Flow Back Projects**
- 5. Sample One-Line Diagram for Inverter Projects**

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