

# MassACA.org Interconnection Service Agreements

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## Meeting Requirement 4(B)(i): an Executed Interconnection Service Agreement

The Interconnection Service Agreement is the agreement for interconnection service entered into between the interconnecting Customer and a Distribution Company, as defined and provided in each Distribution Company's standards for interconnection of distributed generation.

The System of Assurance of Net Metering Eligibility accepts Traditional, Simplified, and Early Interconnection Service Agreements (ISAs) as part of Applications for Cap Allocation (ACA) to satisfy the requirement for an executed Interconnection Service Agreement outlined in Section(4)(B)(i) of Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities (D.P.U.) 11-11-A Appendix A (October 25, 2012). Detailed guidance on the requirements for each ISA document as well as accompanying documentation that must be submitted alongside the ISA as part of the Application for Cap Allocation is included below.

### Traditional Interconnection Service Agreement

Traditional ISAs issued to the interconnecting customer after the Distribution Company completed both an impact and, if necessary, a detailed study satisfy the requirement of the System of Assurance of Net Metering Eligibility Section 4(B)(i).

- The Traditional ISAs must be fully executed, or signed by both the interconnecting Distribution Company and the interconnecting customer (or party representing the interconnecting customer). The ISA must also be effective at the time the ACA is submitted to the Administrator for review.

### Simplified Interconnection Service Agreement

Simplified ISAs issued to the interconnecting customer's seeking net metering services for facilities with a capacity of 15 KW or less satisfy the requirement of the System of Assurance of Net Metering Eligibility Section 4(B)(i). Simplified ISAs, however, often include multiple documents which provide technical details of the proposed facility and confirm the ISA's executed status. All such documents which contribute to a Simplified ISA must be included as part of the ACA at the time the ACA is submitted to the Administrator for review. Documents which confirm a Simplified ISA is executed are summarized below, by utility.

#### National Grid Massachusetts Electric Company, National Grid Nantucket Electric Company

- Signed Terms and Conditions
- Signed and Countersigned Exhibit A (Simplified Interconnection Application)

#### NSTAR

- Completed Simplified Form
- Signed Terms and Conditions
- Letter/Email of Approval to Install from Utility Representative

#### Western Massachusetts Electric Company

- Completed, Signed, and Countersigned Exhibit A (Simplified Process Interconnection Application)
  - Includes Terms and Conditions and Simplified Interconnection Application and Service Agreement (Attachment 1)

#### Unitil

- Complete, Signed, and Countersigned Exhibit A (Simplified Process Interconnection Application). Includes:
  - Service Agreement (Attachment 1)
  - Terms and Conditions
  - DOES NOT NEED TO INCLUDE Attachment 2 (Certificate of Completion)

### Early Interconnection Service Agreement

Early ISAs may be issued by the interconnecting Distribution Company for proposed facilities after the completion of an Impact Study. Per D.P.U., the System of Assurance of Net Metering Eligibility will begin to accept Early ISAs to satisfy the requirement outlined in Section 4(B)(i) beginning on October 30, 2013 with additional supporting documentation, as described below, and on January 1, 2014 without additional documentation.

### **Applications for Cap Allocation Submitted for Review between October 30, 2013 – December 31, 2013**

**Beginning October 30, 2013**, Early ISAs submitted as part of an ACA that include an attestation that the Distribution Company has provided written notice that the Detailed Study for the proposed facility is complete will satisfy the requirement of the System of Assurance of Net Metering Eligibility Section 4(B)(i).

- The Early ISA must be fully executed, or signed by both the interconnecting Distribution Company and the interconnecting customer (or party representing the interconnecting customer). The ISA must also be effective at the time the ACA is submitted to the Administrator for review.
- An Attestation that the customer has received written notice from the Distribution Company that the Detailed Study is Complete, or the original written notice from the Distribution Company. The Attestation or written notice must be included as part of the ACA at the time the ACA is submitted to the Administrator for review. The Attestation should be signed by the same parties included in the Early ISA, but not the interconnecting Distribution Company.

### **Applications for Cap Allocation Submitted for Review January 1, 2014 and after**

**Beginning January 1, 2014**, Early ISAs submitted as part of an ACA will satisfy the requirement of the System of Assurance of Net Metering Eligibility Section 4(B)(i).

- The Early ISA must be fully executed, or signed by both the interconnecting Distribution Company and the interconnecting customer (or party representing the interconnecting customer). The ISA must also be effective at the time the ACA is submitted to the Administrator for review.