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Requests for Additional Capacity under Caps with a Waiting List

Per Section 8(B)(v) of the System of Assurance for Net Metering Eligibility (Mass D.P.U. 23-20-C Attachment C, October 15, 2026), requests for additional capacity are permissible as long as there is available capacity under the applicable cap and no other Host Customer Entity is on the applicable Waiting List. Host Customers who request an increased Cap Allocation must submit the same Certifications required in Section 4 (G) with respect to the additional capacity.

What does this mean?

Each utility will have a listed Net Metering Cap, and each facility will have a listed Cap Allocation. Cap Allocations may not exceed the listed Cap Allocation. Any increase to the as-built size of a proposed facility jeopardizes the Cap Allocation.

If your proposed facility increased in size beyond the complete Application for Cap Allocation, and you did not seek and receive approval for the increase from the Administrator of the System of Assurance of Net Metering Eligibility, and there is no capacity available under the Net Metering Cap, you must do one of the following:

(1) Reduce the as-built capacity (KW DC-STC) to meet the capacity approved through the Application for Cap Allocation, or
(2) Elect to forgo Net Metering Services, and relinquish the Cap Allocation.

Per Section 8(A), Host Customers must report all project changes to the Administrator and the Distribution Company in a timely manner. Failure to do so jeopardizes the Cap Allocation.

Understanding Your Cap Allocation

Cap Allocations provided to proposed solar facilities authorize Net Metering Services ***up to the KW DC-STC capacity requested in an Application for Cap Allocation***. The ***Cap Allocation*** (or impact against the Cap) provided to solar facilities is calculated at 0.8 x KW DC-STC, per the Section 5(B) of the System of Assurance of Net Metering Eligibility, a value set by the Massachusetts Legislature.

- Cap Allocation: 0.8 x KW DC-STC
- Authorization To Build: KW DC-STC ($equal\ to \frac{Cap\ Allocation}{0.8}$).

Cap Allocations provided to proposed facilities utilizing qualified technologies other than solar authorize Net Metering Services ***up to the KW AC capacity requested in an Application for Cap Allocation***. A ***Cap Allocation*** for a non-solar net metering facility is tracked by its capacity (KW AC), per the Section 5(B) of the System of Assurance of Net Metering Eligibility, a value set by the Massachusetts Legislature.

- Cap Allocation: KW AC
- Authorization to Build: KW AC