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### **Attachment "A-3" Procedures, Terms & Conditions - Tier 3 Generating Facilities**

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#### **SCHEDULE 152 PROCEDURES, AND TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR INTERCONNECTING A CERTIFIED INVERTER-BASED GENERATING FACILITY ELIGIBLE FOR TIER 3 ("TIER 3 PROCESS")**

- 1.0 The Interconnection Customer with Tier 3 Generating Facilities may elect to submit an Application in the form of the Electronic Application Process described in Subsection 6.a.iv of Schedule 152. If the Interconnection Customer does not complete the Application electronically, the following requirements apply.
- 2.0 The Interconnection Customer completes the Application in the form of Attachment C to Schedule 152 and submits it to the Company with the non-refundable application fee.
- 3.0 Upon receipt, the Company stamps the Application with the date and time of receipt and within five Business Days the Company sends a notice of receipt to the Interconnection Customer.
- 4.0 The Company evaluates the Application for completeness and notifies the Interconnection Customer within 10 Business Days of receipt that the Application is or is not complete and, if not, advises what Information is missing.
- 4.01 The Interconnection Customer must submit all information required for a complete Application or request an extension of time within 30 Business Days after being notified by the Company that the Application is incomplete. The Company is not obligated to grant a request to extend time to complete the Application. If the Interconnection Customer does not provide the required information or request an extension of time that is granted by the Company within such 30-Business Day period, the Application expires.
- 5.0 The Company verifies that the Generating Facility can be Interconnected safely and reliably and is in compliance with the technical standards established in WAC 480-108-020 and the Codes and Standards. After the Application is complete, the Company has 30 calendar days to accept, accept with conditions, or reject the Application with written justification. Based on the complexity of the proposed Interconnection, the conditions of acceptance by the Company may include requirements for the completion of a feasibility study, a system impact study, and/or a facilities study prior to Interconnection. If delays result from unforeseen circumstances, Interconnection Customer variance requests, or other incentive program approval requirements, the Company shall promptly notify the Interconnection Customer.
- 5.01 Within five Business Days of notifying the Interconnection Customer that the Application has been accepted as complete and no additional study (ies) is required or within five Business Days of accepting the Application as complete after additional study (ies) (described in 4.0 above), the Company shall offer an executable Interconnection Agreement in the form of Attachment J to Schedule 152. The Company shall also provide any additional agreements, such as the Construction Agreement in the form attached to this Schedule 152 as Attachment G, that may be necessary along with a good faith estimate of the cost and time necessary to complete the Interconnection.

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- 5.02 If the Company, in its sole judgment, determines that additional studies are required to determine the feasibility of Interconnection, the Company must notify the Interconnection Customer within 10 Business Days of the notice of receipt of Application and provide the Interconnection Customer with a form agreement(s) that includes a description of what studies are required and a good faith estimate of the cost and time necessary to perform the studies. The forms of these study agreements are set forth in Attachments "D" through "F" to this Schedule 152.
- 5.03 The Interconnection Customer, within 30 Business Days of receiving the form agreement(s) and cost estimate indicating additional studies are required, may provide an alternative cost estimate from a qualified third party or return the completed agreement to the Company. After the Company and the Interconnection Customer agree on the estimated cost of the required study (ies), the Interconnection Customer must execute the agreements described in these studies and pay any applicable deposit to the Company. The deposit for each of the required studies shall not exceed the lesser of one thousand dollars or 50% of the estimated cost of the study. The Interconnection Customer shall pay the balance of the costs for each study following delivery by the Company of the results of each study. The Company will use its best effort to complete the required studies, consistent with time requirements for the studies and other service requests of a similar magnitude.
- 5.04 The Interconnection Customer is responsible for all reasonable costs incurred by the Company to study the proposed Interconnection and to design and construct any required Interconnection Facilities or upgrades of the Company's Electric System. The Interconnection Customer is responsible for reasonable ongoing operation and maintenance costs for facilities added to the Company's Electric System that are dedicated to that Interconnection Customer's use.
- 5.05 The Company will provide the Interconnection Customer with the results of the study (ies). If the study (ies) determines that Interconnection is not feasible, the Company will provide notice of rejection and reasons for rejection.
- 5.06 After all required studies are complete, if the studies determine that Interconnection is feasible without any upgrades or extension of the Company's Electric System, the Company will notify the Interconnection Customer and provide an executable Interconnection Agreement within five Business Days of such notification. If upgrades or extension of the Company's Electric System are required, the Company will provide an executable Interconnection Agreement within 15 Business Days of such notification. The Company will also provide any necessary additional agreements, such as construction agreements, and a good faith estimate of the cost and time necessary to complete the Interconnection. The Interconnection Customer must execute and return such agreements within 30 Business Days of receiving them and pay any deposit required by the Company within 30 Business Days of acceptance of the Application for Interconnection. The deposit shall not exceed 50% of the estimated costs to complete the Interconnection. The balance of the costs shall be paid within 15 Business Days after the Interconnection Customer is billed by the Company.
- 5.07 Based on the results of the required studies, the Company and the Interconnection Customer may agree to modify the previously complete Application for the proposed Interconnection without penalty to the Interconnection Customer. The Company is under no obligation to

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- agree to such modification; however, if the Company agrees to such modification, the modified Application shall be considered an accepted final Application.
- 5.08 Unless the Interconnection Customer has executed an Application in the form of the Electronic Application Process described in Schedule 150, it must execute and return the Interconnection Agreement (in the form of Attachment J to Schedule 152) within 30 Business Days of being notified that the Company has accepted the Application and prior to physical Interconnection.
- 5.09 If the Interconnection Customer fails to execute and return completed agreements and required deposits within time frames specified in this section 4, the Company may terminate the application process. The Interconnection Customer will need to reapply to begin the process if they intend to complete their Interconnection.
- 5.10 Other than modification described in 4.07 above, changes by the Interconnection Customer to an Application accepted by the Company will be considered a new Application and shall be accompanied by a new application fee. Rejected Applications expire on the date of rejection.
- 5.11 If the Company must upgrade or construct new electric facilities, the Interconnection Customer must meet the credit requirements of the Company prior to the start of construction, as provided in WAC 480-108-030(10)(e).
- 5.12 The Interconnection Customer must Interconnect and operate the Generating Facility within two (2) years from the date the Company accepts the Application, or the Application and the Interconnection Agreement expire, unless the Company, in its sole discretion, grants an extension in writing.
- 6.0 After installation, but prior to Interconnection, the Interconnection Customer completes and returns the Certificate of Completion to the Company. Prior to Parallel Operation, the Interconnection Customer is required to schedule a Commissioning and Witness test with the Company two weeks prior to the intended start of Parallel Operation. The Company may inspect the Generating Facility for compliance with standards, the inspection will include a witness test, and the Company may schedule appropriate metering replacement, if necessary.
- 7.0 The Company notifies the Interconnection Customer in writing that Interconnection of the Generating Facility is authorized once the Company has completed its inspection and a witness test (if required). If the witness test is not satisfactory, the Company has the right to disconnect the Generating Facility. The Interconnection Customer has no right to Operate in Parallel until a witness test has been performed, or previously waived on the Application. The Company may waive the requirement of a witness test by so indicating on the Application.