

**Facilities Study Agreement**

Interconnection Customer Name:  
Facility Address:  
City, State, Zip:  
Mail Address:  
Mail City, State, Zip:  
Project Name:  
Project Level:

**RECITALS**

**WHEREAS**, the Interconnection Customer is proposing to develop a Distributed Energy Resource or generating capacity addition to an existing Distributed Energy Resource consistent with the Interconnection Application completed by the Interconnection Customer on \_\_\_\_\_; and

**WHEREAS**, the Interconnection Customer desires to interconnect the Distributed Energy Resource with [UTILITY NAME]'s Distribution System;

**WHEREAS**, the [UTILITY NAME] has completed Initial Review, Supplemental Review, and/or a system impact study and provided the results of said review to the Interconnection Customer, or determined none was required; and

**WHEREAS**, the Interconnection Customer has requested [UTILITY NAME] to perform a facilities study to specify, and estimate the cost of, the equipment, engineering, procurement and construction work needed to implement the conclusions of the above noted review in accordance with Good Utility Practice to physically and electrically connect the Distributed Energy Resource (DER) with [UTILITY NAME]'s Distribution System.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of and subject to the mutual covenants contained herein the Parties agreed as follows:

- 1.0 When used in this Facilities Study Agreement the terms specified shall have the meanings indicated or the meanings specified in the MI RULE 460.9620 (Rule 62) of the Michigan Administrative Rules for Interconnection and Distributed Generation Standards (MIXDG).
- 2.0 As set forth in MI RULE 460.9620(1)(d), the facilities study shall specify and estimate the cost of the equipment, engineering, procurement and construction work (including overheads) needed to interconnect the Customer's DER. The facilities study shall also identify an estimate of the time required to complete the construction and installation of such facilities.
- 3.0 As set forth in MI RULE 460.9620(1)(c), a deposit of the estimate of the facilities study costs shall be required from the Interconnection Customer and provided when the signed Facilities Study Agreement is provided to [UTILITY NAME]. Any study fees shall be based on [UTILITY NAME]'s actual costs and will be invoiced to the Interconnection Customer after the study is completed and delivered and will include a summary of professional time. The Interconnection Customer must pay any study costs that exceed the deposit on receipt of the invoice or resolution of any dispute. If the deposit exceeds the

invoiced fees, [UTILITY NAME] shall refund such excess of the invoice.

- 4.0 As set forth in MI RULE 460.9620(1)(g), within 10 business days of receiving a facilities study report from [UTILITY NAME], the Interconnection Customer shall select 1 option from the following options:
- (i) Request a facilities study review meeting with the electric utility.
  - (ii) Proceed to an interconnection agreement pursuant to MI RULE 460.964.
  - (iii) Withdraw the interconnection application.

If the Interconnection Customer fails to inform [UTILITY NAME] within 10 business days of its chosen course of action, [UTILITY NAME] may consider the application withdrawn.

Upon request by the Interconnection Customer pursuant to MI RULE 460.9620(1)(g)(i), [UTILITY NAME] and the Interconnection Customer shall schedule a facilities study review to be conducted in person or via telecommunications, MI RULE 460.9620(2)(f), to review the facilities study results and determine what further steps are needed to permit the DER to be connected safely and reliably to the distribution system. The facilities study review meeting must take place within 35 business days of [UTILITY NAME] receiving notification that the Interconnection Customer will attend a facilities study review meeting.

- 5.0 As set forth in MI RULE 460.9620(1)(i), at the facilities study review meeting, [UTILITY NAME] shall offer both of the following options:
- (i) Proceed to an interconnection agreement pursuant to R 460.964.
  - (ii) Withdraw the interconnection application.

- 6.0 As set forth in MI RULE 460.9620(1)(j), following the meeting under section 4.0 and 5.0 of this Facilities Study Agreement, the Interconnection Customer has no more than 20 business days to decide on a course of action and notify [UTILITY NAME] of this course of action. If the Interconnection Customer fails to notify [UTILITY NAME] within 20 business days, [UTILITY NAME] may withdraw the application.

- 7.0 The Interconnection Customer shall furnish a final site plan detailing the location of major equipment at the time this agreement is returned. The Point of Common Coupling (PCC) and Point of DER Connection (PoC) shall be clearly marked. The site plan shall depict any nearby roads and be labeled with the road name. Accurate dimensions shall be included on the site plan. The proper emergency (911) address, corresponding to the site, shall be labeled on the site plan.

- 8.0 The Interconnection Customer shall furnish a final one-line diagram detailing the electrical connections between major components. The one-line shall be returned with the signed Facilities Study Agreement.

- 9.0 Pursuant to MI RULE 460.9880, If an electric utility line extension is required to accommodate an interconnection, the electric utility is responsible for providing and obtaining easements or rights-of-way. The applicant is responsible for the cost of providing and obtaining easements or rights-of-way. For all other necessary easement, the Interconnection Customer shall secure any necessary easements from private land owners prior to signing the Facilities Study Agreement. Documentation of any such agreements shall

be provided to [UTILITY NAME].

- 10.0 In the event that [UTILITY NAME] determines a site survey is necessary in order to complete a Facilities Study, the Interconnection Customer shall make good faith efforts to complete the site survey in a timely manner.
- 11.0 The Facilities Study assumes all land use permits required for the interconnection will be approved by the proper authorities. Permits are submitted after the Interconnection Agreement is signed and may impact project costs (i.e. overhead to underground requirement.)
- 12.0 The Interconnection Customer and [UTILITY NAME] shall provide a single point of contact for design and construction related matters. The Interconnection Customer single point of contact shall respond in a timely manner to Area EPS Operator questions during the Facilities Study.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused this Facilities Study Agreement to be duly executed by their duly authorized officers or agents on the day and year first above written.

[UTILITY NAME]

[Interconnection Customer]

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name (Printed): \_\_\_\_\_ Name (Printed): \_\_\_\_\_

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Title \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_