

DISTRIBUTED GENERATION CHECKLIST

If you have decided that you would like to install an Alternative Energy System, there are some next steps that must be taken before you can begin generating energy into the grid.

APPLY FOR INTERCONNECTION

- Read Northwestern REC's Alternative Energy Production Policy.
- Find a Contractor to install your system.
- Send Northwestern REC the plans for your new system. These plans will need to include a system one-line diagram and the specification sheets for the equipment that will be used.

SYSTEM APPROVAL

*Engineers at Northwestern REC will review the plans that you have submitted. An engineer will reach out if changes need to be made to the plans. Otherwise, you will be informed that your plans have been approved. **An Interconnection Agreement, REAP Agreement, and Interconnection Fee will be sent to you.***

- Sign Interconnection Agreement
- Sign REAP Agreement.
- Pay Interconnection Fee.
- Receive Northwestern REC's Approval for Construction
- Begin installing your system.
- The system and new meter socket will need to be inspected by a certified Electrical Inspector. The cut-in card for this inspection will need to be sent to Northwestern REC.

AFTER INSTALLATION

Northwestern REC requires a Certificate of Completion from the installer. Once we receive the inspection card from the inspector, Northwestern REC will install a solar meter in the meter socket and test the system. If it passes, the co-op will issue a Permit to Operate (PTO). The house meter will begin calculating forward and reverse readings.

Your account will become a Distributed Generation Account. At the end of the year, any accumulated Districted Generation Credits will be paid to you by Allegheny Electric Cooperative at the avoided cost rate.



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