



## CENTRALIA CITY LIGHT

### INTERCONNECTION & NET METERING AGREEMENT

#### For Customer-Owned, Grid Connected Electric Generating Systems of 100kW or Less

This INTERCONNECTION & NET METERING AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is between \_\_\_\_\_ ("Customer") and Centralia City Light ("City Light"), a department of the City of Centralia (City). Customer and City Light may be referred to collectively herein as "Parties" and individually as "Party". "City" and "City Light" shall be used interchangeably throughout this document to reference a single municipal corporation. The Parties have entered into this Agreement in order to set forth the terms under which Customer can interconnect its electric generating system and receive net metering from City Light.

#### 1 CUSTOMER ELECTRIC GENERATING SYSTEM

- 1.1 Customer's Application for Net Metered Electrical Generation, including the location of the electrical generating system installation and details on the electrical generating unit(s), for Net Metered Electrical Generation is hereby incorporated into this Agreement as Appendix A.

System Location/Address:				
System Manufacturer:				
Model (Name and Number):				
Name Plate Electrical Capacity:				
Name Plate Data:	kW	Volts	Single	Three Phase
Energy Source:	Solar	Wind	Fuel Cell	Hydro Other

- 1.2 The City Light rates set forth the terms and conditions of the relationship of the Parties.
- 1.3 Customer has elected, in accordance with RCW 80.60 et seq., WAC 480-108 et seq., and City of Centralia Ordinance No. 2227 to operate, at their own expense, a net metering system, with a generating capacity of not more than one hundred kilowatts aggregated at the service interconnection point, in parallel with the City Light electrical system. This generating system is intended to offset either part or all of the Customer's electrical requirements.
- 1.4 A separate agreement shall be entered into for each electrical service location of Customer. A \$100 application fee will be charged for each Agreement.
- 1.5 The electrical generating system used by the Customer shall be located on the Customer's premises. It shall include all equipment necessary to meet applicable safety, power quality, and interconnection requirements.
- 1.6 City Light shall have the sole authority to determine which interconnection requirements set forth herein (including appendices) are applicable to Customer's proposed installation.
- 1.7 Any costs or expenses incurred by City Light due to modifications made to the City Light existing electric power system as a result of the introduction of Customer's generating system into the system shall be paid by the Customer.

#### 2 TERMS OF NET METERING BILLING AND ENERGY CREDITING



- 2.1 City Light shall determine the net electricity produced or consumed by the Customer and the amounts to be billed to Customer during each billing period in accordance with the City Light rates and metering practices, which may be amended from time to time.
- 2.2 If the electricity supplied by City Light exceeds the electricity generated by the Customer, then the Customer shall be billed for the net electricity supplied by City Light, at the rate and with the customer charge(s) paid by other customers of City Light in the same rate class as Customer.
- 2.3 If the electricity generated by the Customer exceeds consumption and is distributed back to City Light during the billing period, then the Customer shall be billed for the customer service charge(s) paid by other customers of City Light in the same rate class as Customer; and shall be credited for the net excess kilowatt-hours generated during the billing period, with this kilowatt-hour credit appearing on Customer's bill for the following billing period.
- 2.4 On April 30<sup>th</sup> of each calendar year, any remaining unused kilowatt-hour credit accumulated during the previous year shall be granted to City Light, without any compensation to the Customer-Generator (RCW 80.60.030).

### **3 INTERRUPTION OR REDUCTION OF DELIVERIES**

- 3.1 City Light may require Customer to interrupt or reduce deliveries as follows: (a) when necessary in order to construct, install, maintain, repair, replace, remove, investigate, or inspect any of its equipment or part of its system; or (b) if City Light determines in its sole judgment that curtailment, interruption, or reduction is necessary because of emergencies, or compliance with good electrical practices as determined by City Light.
- 3.2 To the extent reasonably practicable, City Light shall give Customer notice of possible interruption or reduction of deliveries.
- 3.3 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, if at any time City Light determines in its sole judgment that either (a) the electric generation system may endanger City Light personnel, or (b) the continued operation of Customer's electric generation system may endanger the integrity of the City Light electric system, City Light shall have the right to disconnect Customer's electric generation system from the City Light electric system. Customer's electric generation system shall remain disconnected until such time as City Light is satisfied that the condition(s) that caused the issues referenced in (a) or (b) of this section 3.3 have been corrected.

### **4 INTERCONNECTION**

- 4.1 Customer shall comply with City Light Interconnection Standards set forth in Appendix B and the Net Metering Application & Compliance Form set forth in Appendix A, and shall pay for designing, installing, inspecting, operating, and maintaining Customer's electric generating system in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations.
- 4.2 Customer shall deliver all excess energy to City Light at the Customer's premises. City Light will install and maintain a revenue meter capable of registering the bi-directional flow of electricity at the Customer's premises at a level of accuracy that meets all applicable standards, regulations and statutes or at the option of City Light, a separate meter may be installed to measure production of the renewable generation source.
- 4.3 Customer shall pay for any non-standard meter electrical hook-up requested by the Customer.
- 4.4 Customer shall not commence parallel operation of the generating system until inspection and written approval of the interconnection has been given by City Light. Such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. City Light shall have the right to have representatives present at the initial testing of Customers' protective apparatus, and the Customer shall notify City Light of its intent to test Customer's electric generating system not less than two (2) working days prior to any scheduled test.



- 4.5 Once in operation, Customer shall make no changes or modifications in the equipment, wiring, or the mode of operation of its electric generating system without the prior approval of City Light.

## **5 MAINTENANCE AND PERMITS**

Customer shall:

- 5.1 Obtain an electrical permit and pass electrical inspection before Customer's electric generating system can be connected or operated in parallel with City Light's electric system (WAC 480-108-050).
- 5.2 Provide to City Light written certification (Certificate of Completion) that Customer's electric generating system has been installed and inspected in compliance with the local building and/or electrical codes (WAC 480-108-050).
- 5.3 Maintain Customer's electric generating system and interconnection facilities in a safe and prudent manner and in conformance with all applicable laws and regulations including, but not limited to, City Light Interconnection Standards, Appendix B.
- 5.4 Obtain any governmental authorizations and permits required for the construction and operation of Customer's electric generating system and interconnection facilities, including electrical permit.
- 5.5 Reimburse City Light for any and all losses, damages, claims, penalties, or liability it incurs as a result of Customer's failure to obtain or maintain any governmental authorizations and permits required for construction and operation of Customer's electric generating system or failure to maintain Customer's electric generation system as required in this Section.

## **6 ACCESS TO PREMISES**

- 6.1 City Light may enter Customer's premises or property:
- 6.1.1 To inspect, with prior notice at all reasonable hours, Customer's protective devices and to read meter(s).
- 6.1.2 to disconnect the interconnection facilities at the City Light meter or transformer, without notice, if, in City Light's opinion, an unsafe or hazardous condition exists and such immediate action is necessary to protect persons, or City Light facilities, or property of others from damage or interference caused by Customer's electric generating facilities, or lack of properly operating protective devices or inability to inspect the same.

## **7 INDEMNITY AND LIABILITY**

- 7.1 The Customer assumes the risk of all damages, loss, cost and expense and agrees to indemnify the City of Centralia, its successors and assigns, and its respective directors, officers, employees and agents, from and against any and all claims, losses, costs, liabilities, damages and expenses including, but not limited to, reasonable attorney fees, resulting from or in connection with performance of the agreement or which may occur or be sustained by City Light on account of any claim or action brought against the City for any reason including by not limited to loss to the electrical system of the Customer caused by or arising out of an electrical disturbance.
- 7.2 Such indemnity, protection, and hold harmless includes any demand, claim, suit or judgment for damages, death or bodily injury to all persons, including officers, employees or agents, and subcontractors of either Party hereto including payment made under or in connection with any Worker's Compensation Law or under any plan for employees' disability and death benefits or property loss which may be caused or contributed to by the Interconnection, maintenance, operation, use, presence, or removal of Customer's equipment. The only exception will be liability occasioned by the sole negligence or willful misconduct of City Light or its employees acting within the scope of their employment and liability occasioned by a partial negligence of City Light or its employees acting within the scope of their employment to the extent that such partial liability is fixed by a court of competent jurisdiction.
- 7.3 The provisions of the Section 7 shall not be construed to relieve any insurer of its obligations to pay any insurance claims in accordance with the provisions of any insurance policy.



- 7.4 City Light and the City of Centralia shall have no liability, ownership interest, control or responsibility for the Customer's Electric Generating Facility or its Interconnection with City Light's electric system, regardless of what City Light knows or should know about the Customer's Electric Generating Facility or its Interconnection.
- 7.5 Customer recognizes that it is waiving immunity under Washington Industrial Insurance law, Title 51 RCW, and further agrees that this indemnification clause has been mutually negotiated. This indemnification shall extend to and include attorney's fees and the costs of establishing the right of indemnification hereunder in favor of the Utility.
- 7.6 For Generation greater than 100 kW, the Generator shall obtain, at its own expense, insurance for bodily injury and property damage with a combined single limit of \$1,000,000, with provisions acceptable to the City prior to the actual interconnected operation of the facility. Such insurance shall be maintained in full force and effect so long as the facility is interconnected to City Light's system. Failure to maintain such insurance shall constitute a breach of contract and shall be sufficient grounds for the City to terminate the Agreement.

## **8 FORCE MAJEURE**

- 8.1 **Suspension of Obligations.** Neither Party shall be liable to the other for, or be considered to be in breach of or default under this Agreement because of any failure or delay in performance by such Party under this Agreement to the extent such failure or delay is caused by or results from any such cause or condition which is beyond such Party's reasonable control, or which such Party is unable to prevent or overcome by exercise of reasonable diligence (any such cause or condition, a "Force Majeure"), including breach of contract or failure of performance by any person providing services to the City of Centralia.
- 8.2 **Notice; Required Efforts to Resume Performance.** Any Party claiming Force Majeure shall give the other Party maximum practicable advance notice of any failure or delay resulting from a Force Majeure, and shall use its reasonable best efforts to overcome the Force Majeure and to resume performance as soon as possible; provided however, that nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to require either Party to settle any labor dispute in which it may be involved.
- 8.3 **No Excuse of Payment Obligations.** Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, in no event shall a Force Majeure excuse a Party's failure or delay to pay any amounts due and owing to the other Party under or pursuant to this Agreement.

## **9 INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS**

The Parties hereto are independent contractors and shall not be deemed to be partners, employees, franchisees or franchisers, servants or agents of each other for any purpose whatsoever under or in connection with this Agreement.

## **10 ASSIGNMENT; BINDING AGREEMENT**

The Customer shall not assign its rights under this Agreement to any other Party without the express written consent of City Light. City Light may impose reasonable conditions on any such assignment to ensure that all of Customer's obligations under this Agreement are met and that none of Customer's obligations are transferred to City Light as a result of default, bankruptcy, or any other cause.

## **11 NO THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES**

Except as expressly set forth in this Agreement, none of the provisions of this Agreement shall inure to the benefit of or be enforceable by any third Party.

## **12 ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

This Agreement and the Exhibits attached hereto set forth the entire agreement of the Parties and supersede any and all prior agreements with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement. The rights and obligations of the Parties hereunder shall be subject to and governed by this Agreement.



**13 GOVERNING LAW; VENUE**

This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Washington (regardless of the laws that might otherwise govern under applicable principals of conflicts of law of such state). Venue for any action arising under or in connection with this Agreement shall be in the Superior Court for Lewis County, Washington.

**14 RULES OF CONSTRUCTION; STATUTORY REFERENCES**

Any inconsistencies between City Light rates and this agreement shall be governed by the terms and conditions of this Agreement. No provision of this Agreement shall be construed in favor of or against either of the Parties hereto by reason of the extent to which any such Party or its counsel participated in the drafting thereof or by reason of the extent to which such provision or any other provision or provisions of this Agreement is or are inconsistent with any prior draft thereof. Any reference to statutes or laws will include all amendments, modifications, or replacements of the specific sections and provisions concerned.

**15 AMENDMENT, MODIFICATIONS OR WAIVER**

Any amendments or modifications to this Agreement shall be in writing and agreed to by both Parties. The failure of any Party at any time or times to require performance of any provision hereof shall in no manner affect the right at a later time to enforce the same. No waiver by any Party of the breach of any term or covenant contained in this Agreement, whether by conduct or otherwise, shall be deemed to be construed as a further or continuing waiver of any such breach or waiver of the breach of any other term or covenant unless such waiver is in writing.

**16 NOTICES AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS**

Notice Methods and Addresses. All notices, requests, demands and other communications required or permitted to be given under this Agreement shall be given in writing:

16.1 by personal delivery

16.2 by United States postal service, postage prepaid, registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, or

All notices to either Party shall be made to the addresses set forth below. Any notice shall be deemed to have been given on the date delivered, if delivered personally, by overnight air courier service or by facsimile transmission; or, if mailed, shall be deemed to have been given on the date shown on the return receipt as the date of delivery or the date on which the United States postal service certified that it was unable to deliver, whichever is applicable.

Centralia City Light:  
City Clerk of the City of Centralia  
118 W. Maple  
P.O. Box 609  
Centralia, Washington 98531

Contact Person:  
Electrical Engineering Manager  
Centralia City Light  
1100 North Tower Avenue  
Centralia, Washington 98531  
Telephone: (360) 330-7512  
FAX: (360) 330-7516

**CUSTOMER:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

FAX: \_\_\_\_\_



**17 APPENDICES**

The Agreement includes the following Appendices attached and incorporated by reference:

**Appendix A:** Net Metering Application and Compliance Form

**Appendix B:** Centralia City Light's Interconnection Standards for Customer-Owned, Grid Connected Electric Generating Systems

**18 TERM OF AGREEMENT**

This Agreement shall be and remain in effect until terminated by either Party on thirty (30) days' prior written notice. The Customer's electric generating system may be disconnected from the City Light's electrical system at any time if, in City Light's sole judgment, the Customer's electric generating system is considered unsafe or having adverse impact on the existing customers.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized representatives.

CUSTOMER

CENTRALIA CITY LIGHT

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Signature

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Print Name

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