

THE EMPIRE DISTRICT ELECTRIC COMPANY

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A. Customer-Generator's Information

Name on Empire Electric Account: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Service/Street Address (if different from above): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-Mail: _____

Emergency Contact Phone: _____

Empire Account No. (from Utility Bill): _____

If account has multiple meters, provide the meter number to which generation will be connected: _____

B. Customer-Generator's System Information

Manufacturer Nameplate Power Rating: _____ kW AC DC (check box)

Voltage: _____ Volts

System Type: Wind Fuel Cell Solar Thermal Photovoltaic Hydroelectric Other (If other describe on line below)

Inverter/Interconnection Equipment Manufacturer: _____

Inverter/Interconnection Equipment Model No.: _____

Inverter/Interconnection Equipment Location (describe): _____

Outdoor Manual/Utility Accessible & Lockable Disconnect Switch Distance from Meter: _____

Describe the location of the disconnect switch: _____

Disconnect Switch Manufacturer: _____

Disconnect Switch Model: _____

Existing Electrical Service Capacity: _____ Amperes Voltage: _____ Volts

Service Character: Single Phase _____ Three Phase _____

Total capacity of existing Customer-Generator System (if applicable): _____ kW

System Plans, Specifications, and Wiring Diagram must be attached for a valid application.

C. Installation Information / Hardware and Installation Compliance

Company Installing System: _____

Contact Person of Company Installing System: _____ Phone Number: _____

Contractor's License No. (if applicable): _____

Approximate Installation Date: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-Mail: _____

Person or Agency Who Will Inspect/Certify Installation: _____

The Customer-Generator's proposed System hardware complies with all applicable National Electric Safety Code (NESC), National Electric Code (NEC), Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), Underwriters Laboratories (UL), requirements for electrical equipment and their installation. As applicable to System type, these requirements include, but are not limited to, UL 1741, and IEEE 1547. The proposed installation complies with all applicable local electrical codes and all reasonable safety requirements of Empire. The proposed System has a lockable, visible AC disconnect device, accessible at all times to Empire personnel. The System is only required to include one lockable, visible disconnect device, accessible to Empire. If the interconnection equipment is equipped with a visible, lockable, and accessible disconnect, no redundant device is needed to meet this requirement. The Customer-Generator's proposed System has functioning controls to prevent voltage flicker, DC injection, overvoltage, undervoltage, overfrequency, underfrequency, and overcurrent, and to provide for System synchronization to Empire's electrical system. The proposed System does have an anti-islanding function that prevents the generator from continuing to supply power when Empire's electrical system is not energized or operating normally. If the proposed System is

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designed to provide uninterruptible power to critical loads, either through energy storage or back-up generation, the proposed System includes a parallel blocking scheme for this backup source that prevents any backflow of power to Empire's electrical system when the electrical system is not energized or not operating normally.

Signed (Installer): _____ Date: _____
Name (Print): _____

D. Additional Terms and Conditions

In addition to abiding by Empire's other applicable rules and regulations, the Customer-Generator understands and agrees to the following specific terms and conditions:

1) Operation / Disconnection

If it appears to Empire, at any time, in the reasonable exercise of its judgment, that operation of the Customer-Generator 's System is adversely affecting safety, power quality or reliability of Empire's electrical system, Empire may immediately disconnect and lock-out the Customer-Generator's System from Empire's electrical system. The Customer-Generator shall permit Empire's employees and inspector's reasonable access to inspect, test, and examine the Customer-Generator's System.

2) Liability

Liability insurance is not required for Customer-Generators of ten kilowatts (10 kW) or less. For generators greater than ten kilowatts (10 kW), the Customer Generator agrees to carry no less than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) of liability insurance that provides for coverage of all risk of liability for personal injuries (including death) and damage to property arising out of or caused by the operation of the Customer-Generator's System. Insurance may be in the form of an existing policy or an endorsement on an existing policy. Customer-Generators, including those whose systems are ten kilowatts (10 kW) or less, may have legal liabilities not covered under their existing insurance policy in the event the Customer-Generator's negligence or other wrongful conduct causes personal injury (including death), damage to property, or other actions and claims.

3) Metering and Distribution Costs

A Customer-Generator's facility shall be equipped with sufficient metering equipment that can measure the net amount of electrical energy produced or consumed by the Customer-Generator. If the Customer-Generator's existing meter equipment does not meet these requirements or if it is necessary for Empire to install additional distribution equipment to accommodate the Customer-Generator's facility, the Customer-Generator shall reimburse Empire for the costs to purchase and install the necessary additional equipment. Any subsequent meter testing, maintenance, or meter equipment change necessitated by the Customer-Generator shall be paid for by the Customer-Generator.

4) Ownership of Renewable Energy Credits or Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs)

Except as otherwise provided hereafter, RECs created through the generation of electricity by the Customer-Owner are owned by the Customer-Generator until explicitly transferred to another entity. Nothing in this contract gives Empire any preferential entitlement to the RECs generated by the Customer-Generator's system. Application and receipt of solar rebate(s) in accordance with Sections H & I of this agreement will include the transfer of RECs to Empire.

5) Energy Pricing and Billing

The net electric energy delivered to the Customer-Generator shall be billed in accordance with Empire's Applicable Rate Schedules (Tariff Schedule NM). The value of the net electric energy delivered by the Customer-Generator to Empire shall be credited in accordance with the net metering rate schedule(s) (Tariff Schedule NM)

Net electrical energy measurement shall be calculated in the following manner:

- (a) For a Customer Generator, a retail electric supplier shall measure the net electrical energy produced or consumed during the billing period in accordance with normal metering practices for customers in the same rate class, either by employing a single, bidirectional meter that measures the amount of electrical energy produced and consumed, or by employing multiple meters that separately measure the Customer-Generator's consumption and production of electricity;

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9) Testing Requirement

IEEE 1547 requires periodic testing of all interconnection related protective functions. The Customer-Generator must, at least once every year, conduct a test to confirm that the Customer-Generator's net metering unit automatically ceases to energize the output (interconnection equipment output voltage goes to zero) within two (2) seconds of being disconnected from Empire's electrical system. Disconnecting the net metering unit from Empire's electrical system at the visible disconnect switch and measuring the time required for the unit to cease to energize the output shall satisfy this test. The Customer-Generator shall maintain a record of the results of these tests and, upon request by Empire, shall provide a copy of the test results to Empire. If the Customer-Generator is unable to provide a copy of the test results upon request, Empire shall notify the Customer-Generator by mail that Customer-Generator has thirty (30) days from the date the Customer-Generator receives the request to provide to Empire, the results of a test. If the Customer-Generator's equipment ever fails this test, the Customer-Generator shall immediately disconnect the Customer-Generator's System from Empire's system. If the Customer-Generator does not provide results of a test to Empire within thirty (30) days of receiving a request from Empire or the results of the test provided to Empire show that the Customer-Generator's net metering unit is not functioning correctly, Empire may immediately disconnect the Customer-Generator's System from Empire's system. The Customer-Generator's System shall not be reconnected to Empire's electrical system by the Customer-Generator until the Customer-Generator's System is repaired and operating in a normal and safe manner.

I have read, understand, and accept the provisions of Section D, subsections 1 through 9 of this Application/Agreement.

Signed (Customer-Generator): _____ Date: _____

E. Electrical Inspection

The Customer-Generator System referenced above satisfies all requirements noted in Section C.

Inspector Name (Print): _____

Inspector Certification: Licensed Engineer in Missouri _____ Licensed Electrician in Missouri _____

License No. _____ Issuing Authority _____

Signed (Inspector): _____ Date: _____

F. Customer-Generator Acknowledgement

I am aware if the Customer-Generator System installed on my premises and I have been given warranty information and/or an operational manual for that system. Also, I have been provided with a copy of Empire's parallel generation tariff or rate schedule (as applicable) and interconnection requirements. I am familiar with the operation of the Customer-Generator System.

I agree to abide by the terms of this Application/Agreement and I agree to operate and maintain the Customer-Generator System in accordance with the manufacturer's recommended practices as well as Empire's interconnection standards. If, at any time and for any reason, I believe that the Customer-Generator System is operating in an unusual manner that may result in any disturbances on Empire's electrical system, I shall disconnect the Customer-Generator System and not reconnect it to Empire's electrical system until the Customer-Generator System is operating normally after repair or inspection. Further, I agree to notify Empire no less than thirty (30) days prior to modification of the components or design of the Customer-Generator System that in any way may degrade or significantly alter that System's output characteristics. I acknowledge that any such modifications will require submission of a new Application/Agreement to Empire.

I agree not to operate the Customer-Generator System in parallel with Empire's electrical system until this Application/Agreement has been approved by Empire.

Signed (Customer-Generator): _____ Date: _____

G. Utility Application Approval (completed by The Empire District Electric Company)

Empire does not, by approval of this Application/Agreement, assume any responsibility or liability for damage to property or physical injury due to malfunction of the Customer-Generator's System or the Customer-Generator's negligence.

This Application is approved by Empire on this _____ day of _____ (month). _____ (year).

Empire Representative Name (Print): _____

Signed Empire Representative: _____

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MISSOURI SOLAR ELECTRIC REBATE APPLICATION

H. Solar Rebate (For Solar Installations only)

Solar Module Manufacturer: _____ Inverter Rating: _____ kW

Solar Module Model No: _____ Number of Modules/Panels: _____

Module Rating: _____ DC Watts System rating (sum of solar panels: _____ kW

Module Warranty: _____ years (circle on spec. sheet) Inverter Warranty: _____ years (circle on spec. sheet)

Location of modules: _____ Roof _____ Ground

Installation type: _____ Fixed _____ Ballast

System Installation Date: _____

Customer E-mail Address: _____

Customer Contact Phone Number: _____

Solar electric system must be permanently installed on the applicant's premises for a valid application.

Required documents to receive solar rebate (required to be attached for a valid application):

- Copies of detail receipts/invoices with purchase date circled
- Copies of detail spec. sheets on each component
- Copies of proof of warranty sheet (minimum of 10 year warranty)
- Photo(s) of completed system
- Completed Taxpayer Information Form (IRS Form W-9, Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification)

MUST BE MAILED TO EMPIRE VIA U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, FEDEX OR UPS

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I. Solar Rebate Declaration (For Solar Installations only)

I understand that the complete terms and conditions of the solar rebate program are included in the Company's Rider SR – Solar Rebate tariff.

I understand that this program has limited budget, and that application will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, while funds are available. It is possible that I may be notified that I have been placed on a waiting list for the next year's rebate program if funds run out for the current year. This program may be modified or discontinued at any time without notice from the Company.

I understand that the solar electric system must be permanently installed and remain in place on premises for the duration of its useful life – a minimum often (10) years, and the system shall be situated in a location where a minimum of eighty-five percent (85%) of the solar resource is available to the system.

I understand the equipment must be new when installed, commercially available, and carry a minimum ten (10) year warranty.

I understand a rebate may be available from the Company on expanded or new solar electric systems that become operational after 12/31/2009. The applicable rebate rate and additional details and requirements can be found in the Company's Rider SR – Solar Rebate.

I understand the DC wattage rating provided by the original manufacturer and as noted in Section H will be used to determine the rebate amount.

I understand if my rebate is six hundred dollars (\$600) or more I will receive a Form 1099. (Please consult your tax advisor with any questions.)

I understand that as a condition of receiving a solar rebate, I am transferring to Company all right, title and interest in and to the solar renewable energy credits (SRECs) associated with the new or expanded System that qualified for the solar rebate and that **the SRECs cannot be sold or promised for sale to any other party or used by customer for any environmental or "green" program for a period of ten (10) years** from the date the Company confirmed that that System was installed and operational.

(NOTE: Confirmation by the Company that the System was installed and operational does not constitute any warranty or guaranty of fitness for a particular use. The Empire District Electric Company expressly disclaims any and all warranties or conditions of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose in connection with the customer's solar electric system. The customer is solely responsible for determining the appropriateness of using a qualifying solar electric system, including but not limited to the risk of system operational errors, damage to or loss of property, and unavailability or interruption of System operations. The Empire District Electric Company will not be liable for any direct damages or for any special, incidental, or indirect damages or for any economic consequential damages. The Empire District Electric Company will not be liable for any damages claimed based on a third party claim.)

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The undersigned warrants, certifies, and represents that the information provided in this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge; and the installation meets all Missouri Net Metering and Solar Electric Rebate program requirements.

Print Name of Applicant

Print Installer's Name

Applicant's Signature

Installer's Signature

If Applicant is a Business, Print Title/Authority of Person Signing on behalf of Applicant

Date

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