***PV TOOLKIT DOCUMENT #4***

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**Solar PV Standard Plan — Simplified Microinverter and ACM Systems for One- and Two-Family Dwellings**

SCOPE: Use this plan ONLY for systems using utility-interactive Microinverters or AC Modules (ACM) not exceeding a combined system AC inverter output rating of 10 kW, with a maximum of 3 branch circuits, one PV module per inverter and with PV module ISC maximum of 10-A DC, installed on a roof of a one- or two-family dwelling or accessory structure. The photovoltaic system must interconnect to a single-phase AC service panel of 120/240 Vac with service panel bus bar rating of 225 A or less. This plan is not intended for bipolar systems, hybrid systems or systems that utilize storage batteries, charge controllers or trackers. Systems must be in compliance with current California Building Standards Codes and local amendments of the authority having jurisdiction (AHJ). Other articles of the California Electrical Code (CEC) shall apply as specified in section 690.3.

MANUFACTURER’S SPECIFICATION SHEETS MUST BE PROVIDED for proposed inverters, modules, combiner/junction boxes and racking systems. Installation instructions for bonding and grounding equipment shall be provided and local AHJs may require additional details. Listed and labeled equipment shall be installed and used in accordance with any instructions included in the listing or labeling (CEC

110.3). Equipment intended for use with PV system shall be identified and listed for the application CEC 690.4(D).

**Applicant and Site Information**

Job Address: \_\_\_ Permit #: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Contractor/Engineer Name: License # and Class: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Signature: Date: Phone Number:

**1. General Requirements and System Information**

Microinverter AC Module (ACM)

Number of PV modules installed: Number of Microinverters installed:

Number of ACMs installed:

*Note: Listed Alternating-Current Module (ACM) is defined in* ***CEC 690.2*** *and installed per* ***CEC 690.6***



1.1 Number of Branch Circuits, 1, 2 or 3:

1.2 Actual number of Microinverters or ACMs per branch circuit: 1 2. 3.

1.3 Total AC system power rating = (Total Number of Microinverters or ACMs) \* (AC inverter power output)

= Watts

1.4 Lowest expected ambient temperature for this plan in Table 1: For -1° to -5° C use 1.12 or for -6° to -10° C use 1.14 correction factors.

1.5 Average ambient high temperature for this plan: = +47° C

Note: For lower expected ambient or higher average ambient high temperatures, use Comprehensive Standard Plan.

**2. Microinverter or ACM Information and Ratings**

Microinverters with ungrounded DC inputs shall be installed in accordance with CEC 690.35. Microinverter or ACM Manufacturer:

Model:

2.1 Rated (continuous) AC output power: Watts

2.2 Nominal AC voltage rating: Volts

2.3 Rated (continuous) AC output current: Amps

***If installing ACMs, skip [STEPS 2.4]***

2.4 Maximum DC input voltage rating: Volts (limited to 79 V, otherwise use the Comprehensive

Standard Plan)

2.5 Maximum AC output overcurrent protection device (OCPD) Amps

2.6 Maximum number of microinverters or ACMs per branch circuit:

**3. PV Module Information**

***(If installing ACMs, skip to [STEP 4])***

PV Module Manufacturer: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Model: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Module DC output power under standard test conditions (STC) = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Watts

3.1 Module VOC at STC (from module nameplate): Volts

3.2 Module ISC at STC (from module nameplate): Amps

3.3 Adjusted PV Module DC voltage at minimum temperature = [Table 1] [cannot exceed Step 2.4]

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| Table 1. Module VOC at STC Based on Inverter Maximum DC Input Voltage Derived from CEC 690.7 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Microinverter Max. DC Input  [STEP 2.4] (Volts) | 34 | 37 | 40 | 43 | 46 | 49 | 52 | 55 | 58 | 61 | 64 | 67 | 70 | 73 | 76 | 79 |
| Max. Module VOC @ STC,  1.12 (-1° to -5° C) Correction  Factor (Volts) | 30.4 | 33.0 | 35.7 | 38.4 | 41.1 | 43.8 | 46.4 | 49.1 | 51.8 | 54.5 | 57.1 | 59.8 | 62.5 | 65.2 | 67.9 | 70.5 |
| Max. Module VOC @ STC,  1.14 (-6° to -10° C) Correction  Factor (Volts) | 29.8 | 32.5 | 35.1 | 37.7 | 40.4 | 43.0 | 45.6 | 48.2 | 50.9 | 53.5 | 56.1 | 58.8 | 61.4 | 64.0 | 66.7 | 69.3 |

**4. Branch Circuit Output Information**

Fill in [Table 3] to describe the branch circuit inverter output conductor and OCPD size. Use [Table 2] for determining the OCPD and Minimum Conductor size.

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| Table 2. Branch Circuit OCPD and Minimum Conductor Size\* | | | | |
| Circuit Current (Amps) | Circuit Power (Watts) | OCPD (Amps) | Minimum Conductor Size  (AWG) | Minimum Metal Conduit Size for 6 Current Carrying Conductors |
| 12 | 2880 | 15 | 12 | ¾” |
| 16 | 3840 | 20 | 10 | ¾” |
| 20 | 4800 | 25 | 8 | 1” |
| 24 | 5760 | 30 | 8 | 1” |

\*CEC 690.8 and 210.19 (A)(1) factored in Table 2, conductors are copper, insulation must be 90° C wet-rated. Table 2 values are based on maximum ambient temperature of 69° C, which includes 22° C adder, exposed to direct sunlight, mounted > 0.5 inches above rooftop, ≤ 6 current carrying conductors (3 circuits) in a circular raceway. Otherwise use Comprehensive Standard Plan.

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| Table 3. PV Array Configuration Summary | | | |
|  | Branch 1 | Branch 2 | Branch 3 |
| Number of Microinverters or ACMs [Step 1] |  |  |  |
| Selected Conductor Size [Table 2] (AWG) |  |  |  |
| Selected Branch and Inverter Output OCPD [Table 2] |  |  |  |

**5. Solar Load Center (if used)**

5.1 Solar Load Center is to have a bus bar rating not less than 100 Amps. Otherwise use Comprehensive

Standard Plan.

5.2 Circuit Power see [STEP 1] = Watts

5.3 Circuit Current = (Circuit Power) / (AC voltage) = Amps

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| Table 4. Solar Load Center and Total Inverter Output OCPD and Conductor Size\*\* | | | | |
| Circuit Current (Amps) | Circuit Power (Watts) | OCPD (Amps) | Minimum Conductor Size  (AWG) | Minimum Metal Conduit  Size |
| 24 | 5760 | 30 | 10 | ½” |
| 28 | 6720 | 35 | 8 | ¾” |
| 32 | 7680 | 40 | 8 | ¾” |
| 36 | 8640 | 45 | 8 | ¾” |
| 40 | 9600 | 50 | 8 | ¾” |
| 41.6 | ≤ 10000 | 60 | 6 | ¾” |

\*\*CEC 690.8 and 210.19 (A)(1) factored in Table 4, conductors are copper, insulation must be 90° C wet-rated. Table 4 values are based on maximum ambient temperature of 47° C (no rooftop temperature adder in this calculation), ≤ 3 current carrying conductors in a circular raceway. Otherwise use Comprehensive Standard Plan.

**6. Point of Connection to Utility:**

6.1 Load Side Connection only! Otherwise use the Comprehensive Standard Plan.

6.2 Is the PV OCPD positioned at the opposite end from input feeder location or main OCPD location?

Yes No (If No, then use 100% row in Table 5)

6.3 Per 705.12(D)(2): (Combined inverter output OCPD size + Main OCPD size) ≤ [bus bar size × (100% or

120%)]

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| Table 5. Maximum Combined Inverter Output CIrcuit OCPD | | | | | | | | | |
| Bus Bar Size (Amps) | 100 | 125 | 125 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 225 | 225 | 225 |
| Main OCPD (Amps) | 100 | 100 | 125 | 150 | 175 | 200 | 175 | 200 | 225 |
| Maximum Combined Inverter OCPD with 120% of bus bar rating (Amps) | 20 | 50 | 25 | 60† | 60† | 40 | 60† | 60† | 45 |
| Maximum Combined Inverter OCPD with 100% of bus bar rating (Amps) | 0 | 25 | 0 | 50 | 25 | 0 | 50 | 25 | 0 |

†This plan limits the maximum system size to less than 10 kW, therefore the OCPD size is limited to 60 A. Reduction of Main Breaker is not permitted with this plan.

**7. Grounding and Bonding**

Check one of the boxes for whether system is grounded or ungrounded: Grounded Ungrounded

For Microinverters with a grounded DC input, systems must follow the requirements of GEC (CEC 690.47) and

EGC (CEC 690.43).

For ACM systems and Microinverters with ungrounded a DC input follow the EGC requirements of (CEC 690.43).

**8. Markings**

Informational note: ANSI Z535.4 provides guidelines for the design of safety signs and labels for application to products. A phenolic plaque with contrasting colors between the text and background would meet the intent of the code for permanency. No type size is specified, but 20 point (3/8”) should be considered the minimum.



**Solar PV Standard Plan — Simplified**

**Central/String Inverter Systems for One- and Two-Family Dwellings**

**9. Single-Inverter Line Diagram**

**Single-Line Diagram for Microinverters or ACMs**

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| **Equipment Schedule** | |
| TAG | DESCRIPTION: (Provide model # if provided) |
| 1 | Solar PV Module or ACM: |
| 2 | Microinverter (if not ACM): |
| 3 | Junction Box (es): |
| 4 | Solar Load Center, Yes / No: |
| 5 | Performance Meter Yes / No: |
| 6 | \*Utility External Disconnect Switch Yes / No: |
| 7 | Main Electrical Service Panel |

Check a box for dc system grounding: □ Grounded, □ Ungrounded

For ungrounded dc power systems, EGC is required

For grounded dc power systems, GEC & EGC are required

Refer to CEC 250.120 for EGC installation & Table 250.122 for sizing

**1 2 3**

\* Consult with your local AHJ and /or Utility

M

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PV DC -> AC M

PV DC -> AC G

PV DC -> AC

DC GEC,

**Branch Circuit OCPDs**

**(Table 3)**

Branch 1 OCPD size Branch 2 OCPD size

**B**

**Main Service Panel OCPDs**

When Required **A**

Branch 3 OCPD size

Solar Load Center

Busbar(Section 5)

Main OCPD size: (table 5) Combined Inverter Output OCPD: (Table 4) Main Service Panel Busbar: (Table 5)

**Conductor, Cable and Conduit Schedule**

TAG

Description and Conductor Type: (Table 3)

mmb

Conductor

Size

Number of

Conductors

Conduit/ Conductor/ Cable Type

Conduit Size

Current-Carrying Conductors: (for each branch circuit)



A EGC:

GEC (when required):

Current-Carrying Conductors:

B EGC:

GEC (when required):

**SOLAR PV STANDARD PLAN - SIMPLIFIED**

**Microinverter and ACM Systems for One- and Two-Family Dwellings**

**ROOF LAYOUT PLAN**

**Items required: roof layout of all panels, modules, clear access pathways and approximate locations of electrical disconnecting means and roof access points.**