

# New Notification-Only Process Pilot Program for Certain Small Non-Export Projects

On June 4, 2021, the California Public Utilities Commission issued Decision D.21-06-002, which, among other things, adopted a two-year pilot program that permits certain small non-export Generating Facilities<sup>[1]</sup> to interconnect and operate in parallel with PG&E's Distribution System under a Notification-Only Process in lieu of the standard interconnection application process.

Under the Notification-Only Process, pre-approved developers and prospective customers are permitted to submit to PG&E a Notification-Only Package to [eginotification-onlypilot@pge.com](mailto:eginotification-onlypilot@pge.com) no later than 15 business days after the project system passes final permit inspection and to receive Permission To Operate (PTO) upon submission of the Notification-Only Package.

## **Section 1: Applying for Pre-Approved Developer Status**

To become a pre-approved contractor eligible for participation in the Notification-Only Process, interested contractors are required to submit an eligibility request to PG&E that includes:

1. The contractor's name and contact information
2. A list of no less than 20 non-export projects in PG&E's service territory for which PTO was issued by PG&E. Each of the submitted projects must show how each project meets each of the eligibility criteria for the Notification-Only Process set forth below. Please be sure to address ***all*** of the eligibility criteria. For each project please list the following in [form 79-1214\(Notification-Only Developer Eligibility Application\)](#):
  - a. Unique project identifier (Notification #'s);
  - b. Confirmation from developer that the 20 projects meets the criteria; and
  - c. UL Certified PCS or approved non-export relay.
3. Submit an [attestation](#) stating:
  - a. the developer applying for Pre-Approved status understands where the networked secondary portions of PG&E's grid are located. The boundaries of PG&E's Secondary Network are located here ([please click here to view the map](#)); and
  - b. the developer will not use the Notification-Only Process for projects deployed on the networked secondary portions of PG&E's grid or located within a quarter mile distance from any networked secondary portion of PG&E's grid.

Interested contractors may begin submitting eligibility request on July 19, 2021. After a contractor is deemed eligible, pre-approved contractors may begin submitting Notification-Only Packages immediately upon receiving pre-approval status from PG&E, but no earlier than August 2, 2021<sup>[2]</sup> and no later than July 19, 2023.

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<sup>[1]</sup> Generating Facility is defined as all Generators, electrical wires, equipment, and other facilities, excluding Interconnection Facilities used for the purpose of producing electric power, including storage.

<sup>[2]</sup> August 2 is 20 days after the start of the program.

Please submit completed eligibility requests to:  
[eginotification-onlypilot@pge.com](mailto:eginotification-onlypilot@pge.com).

PG&E will provide a response within 10 business after receiving a complete eligibility request.

## **Section 2: Notification-Only Package and Application Process**

The Notification-Only Process is available only to Pre-Approved developers (Please see Section 1). A list of Pre-Approved Developers can be found at a website the three utilities are working on setting up.

Developers and customers interested in participating in the Notification-Only Interconnection Application pilot shall submit a Notification-Only Package via email at [eginotification-onlypilot@pge.com](mailto:eginotification-onlypilot@pge.com) to PG&E no later than 15 business days after the project system passes final permit inspection.

Please note that PG&E is working to improve this pilot program. These instructions will be updated as PG&E further updates and automates the process.

### **Step 1: Submit a completed Notification-Only Package**

Completed Notification-Only Package must be submitted via email to [eginotification-onlypilot@pge.com](mailto:eginotification-onlypilot@pge.com) and must include all of the following:

1. A completed/signed Interconnection Agreement (IA) and Agreement and Authorization form (AA)<sup>[3]</sup>; [\(Form 79-1213\)](#)
2. Customer's Certificate of Insurance
3. Electrical Release from the authority having jurisdiction
4. Developer and Customer Attestations to the following:
  - a. That the system meets all of the pilot project eligibility criteria:
    - i. Project size gross nameplate capacity is equal to or less than 30KVA. This can be one single non-export storage project with capacity is equal to or less than 30KVA, a new non-export generating facility consisting of solar and storage where the aggregate generating nameplate facility is less than or equal to 30KVA, or addition to an existing non-export project where the aggregate of new plus existing non-export is capacity is equal to or less than 30KVA.
    - ii. Uses a UL Certified Power Control System which has been pre-approved by PG&E for use in this pilot. A list of approve UL Certified Power Control Systems can be found at a website the three utilities are working on setting up.
    - iii. Uses an inverter that has been pre-approved by PG&E. A list of approved inverters can be found at a website the three utilities are working on setting up.
    - iv. Project is installed at a location with an PG&E service voltage of 120V or 240V that uses an PG&E self-contained meter<sup>2</sup>.

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<sup>[3]</sup> See Advice 6249-E being submitted concurrently with this advice letter.

- v. The project is located at minimum of ¼ mile away from PG&E's Secondary Network. A map of PG&E's Secondary Network boundaries can be found on [PG&E's website](#). (A guidebook for the ICA map is included there as well.)
  - vi. The charging of the storage will be such that it will not increase host customer's peak monthly peak demand.
  - vii. The developer has balanced, as practicable, the generation across the 120/240V secondary service.
  - viii. The developer submitting the notification-only package is in the list of Pre-Approved Developers.
- b. Both Developer and Customer each recognize and understand the auditing element of the Notification-Only interconnection application pilot program (see Section 4 below).

### **Step 2: Permission To Operate (PTO) and Invoice**

1. Upon receipt of the Notification-Only Package, PG&E will issue Permission to Operate (PTO) for the Notification-Only Generating Facility. Please note this is provisional, as PTO may be revoked in the event PG&E identifies deficiencies that are not resolved within 5 business days or if PG&E determines the project creates a safety and/or reliability concern.
2. PG&E will require the Draft Invoice to be sent along with the deficiency notice for the Interconnection Request Fee per Electric Rule 21 Table E.1 in the amount \$800.00 within 5 BD after being notified via the deficiency notice.

### **Step 3: Notification-Only Package Review and Curing of Any Deficiencies**

Within 15 business days from receipt of Notification-Only Package, PG&E will review the Notification-Only Package for completeness and accuracy and will notify the approved developer and customer of any missing requirements.

Developer must provide missing information to PG&E within 5 business days of PG&E's requesting the information. The project's PTO will be revoked if the identified deficiencies are not resolved within 5 business days or if PG&E determines that the Notification-Only projects creates safety and/or reliability concerns.

PG&E notes that connection to the line side of the customer main meter (Line-side tap) must be pre-approved by PG&E as part of its normal study process and therefore, projects that use line-side taps will not be permitted to participate in the Notification-Only Process. PG&E will revoke PTO for any projects which are submitted using line side taps and such projects must be submitted via normal interconnection process, which would include the review and approval of the line-side tap.