

# Energy Storage Incentive

PROGRAMS HANDBOOK




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## OVERVIEW OF ENERGY STORAGE INCENTIVE PROGRAMS

The goal of the program is to promote market adoption of energy storage systems by providing monetary incentives. These systems are to benefit utility customers by reducing peak demand, by improving the reliability of the operation of the transmission and distribution grid, and by helping to defer utility investments in new generation, transmission, and distribution assets. This handbook outlines the requirements for receiving NV Energy incentives for installation of Energy Storage Device (ESD) systems:

Important information about the Energy Storage program:

- They were created by the Nevada State Legislature and are regulated by the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada, defined in Nevada Revised Statutes and Nevada Administrative Code Chapter 701B. The programs are subject to changes made by the Nevada State Legislature, the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada, and NV Energy.
- They are funded by NV Energy customers and administered by NV Energy.
- All program participants must qualify for, participate in and comply with all of the rules of Net Metering.
- Projects in construction prior to the issuance of a Reservation Notice or Conditional Reservation Notice are not eligible for incentive.
- NV Energy pays incentives as available per NRS 701B as long as there is available funding.
- NV Energy will install digital “smart meters” that may include bidirectional or generation meters for all program participants. The metering requirements will be defined based on the configuration, and installation of an energy storage device. Please refer to the metering standards in this document.
- NV Energy is not responsible for operation or maintenance, of energy storage systems installed through this program.
- NV Energy is not responsible for consumption changes or billing changes because of the customer’s decision to install an energy storage system.
- Installations must be permitted through the local building authority and energy storage interconnections must be performed by a Nevada licensed C-2 electrical contractor. If a contractor’s license is suspended, applications associated with the contractor are not eligible to receive a reservation notice or an incentive payment, unless the system was completed and inspected by the local building authority prior to the suspension date. Customers may select a different Installer in this scenario – refer to the Application Changes section in this handbook for more information.

## DEFINITIONS AND TERMS

**Alternating Current (AC):** The form in which electricity is delivered to residences and businesses. This is the type of electricity produced by the inverter and delivered to the home and the utility grid through the service panel.

**Applicant:** The party responsible for preparing the application and Incentive Claim Package in NV Energy's application portal.

**Back-up load Panel Meter:** A one directional meter that measures power being consumed by the back-up loads. This meter is unique to DC-Coupled ESD projects which utilize a backup load panel (NV Energy's RE-3 standard, Attachment 6). This meter is installed in conjunction with an Energy Storage Meter to measure battery performance in this specific equipment configuration.

**CEA AC Sizing:** Is the California Energy Commission rating standard for measuring the nominal output power of a PV module/cells to determine the system rating.

**Conditional Reservation Notice:** Once the available incentive funds have been reserved, all subsequently approved applications will receive a "Conditional Reservation Notice" in order of their application submission. If there are not enough funds remaining to cover an entire Reservation Notice, the remaining amount will be issued as a Conditional Reservation.

**Critical Infrastructure:** Facilities that support emergency services that are always available for public benefit such as hospitals or other medical facilities, airports, public safety facilities, public infrastructure facilities or dams, or others. NV Energy may review the facility type to determine if the facility is qualified as a Critical Infrastructure facility.

**Customer's Annual Requirements for Electricity:** The kilowatt-hours (kWh) consumed at the installation location in the consecutive 12 months using the highest energy usage during the two years prior to the application submittal.

**Designated Applicant:** An individual or entity who is designated by the NV Energy Host Customer to apply to NV Energy's incentive programs on the Host Customer's behalf.


**Direct Current (DC):** The electrical current produced by the generating system. Similar to the energy from a battery, this type of current is not typically used in the home but must be converted to AC electricity by the inverter before being used in the home or returned to the grid.

**Disconnects:** An AC or DC breaker in a distribution panel or a fusible switch. Both may be required. NV Energy personnel must have access to the disconnect breaker.

**Distribution Transformer:** A transformer that provides the final voltage transformation in the electric power distribution system, stepping down the voltage used in the distribution lines to the voltage used by the customer(s).

**Energy Capacity:** The maximum amount of electrical energy, in kilowatt-hours (kWh), that an Energy Storage System can store as rated by the manufacturer. For instance, if you have two batteries, each capable of storing 5kWh, your system's Energy Capacity would be 10 kWh.

**Equipment Costs:** Applicants indicate the completed system's Equipment Cost in NV Energy's application portal. Equipment costs include the materials that are necessary for the proper function of an ESD System.



These costs do not include labor.

**Energy Storage Device (ESD):** A commercially available technology that is capable of retaining energy or storing energy for a period of time and delivering the energy after storage, including, without limitation, by chemical, thermal or mechanical means. An ESD is also considered a generator for the purposes of this document.

**Energy Storage Meter:** A bi-directional meter that may be installed with an ESD.

**Generation Meter:** The meter provided and installed by NV Energy that measures the solar energy system's production of energy over time. This meter is required for renewable generation projects completed in the program and is installed in a meter socket provided by the Host Customer. Also, referred to as a Renewable Energy Credit (REC) meter.

**Grid:** the distribution network of NV Energy.

**Host Customer:** The NV Energy customer on record at the proposed installation location. The Host Customer name must exactly match the name on the NV Energy account. The Host Customer is responsible for making any changes to their NV Energy account prior to application. Persons listed as co-Applicants on the NV Energy account may apply as the Host Customer.

**Incentive:** Money paid for completing a qualifying energy storage system in the Residential Energy Storage and Commercial Energy Storage programs.

**Incentive Claim Package:** The collection of final documents submitted by an Applicant to claim an incentive.

**Installed System Costs:** Applicants indicate the completed system cost in the online application portal. Completed system cost includes the cost of the tangible materials and labor for the installed system. The cost of the local building authority permitting must also be listed. Other costs, including other equipment, and design and engineering may be listed as balance of cost of system. These costs are applicable only to Commercial Energy Storage Incentives.


**Installer:** The Nevada licensed electrical contractor who performs the installation and system interconnection.

**Inverter:** A device that converts DC current into AC current for use at the property where the system is located. Only grid-interactive inverters are eligible for participation in the Energy Storage programs. Please refer to NV Energy's RE-3 standard for detailed requirements. **Large Commercial/Industrial Customer:** Non-residential customers in rate classes GS-2, LGS-1 or larger.

**Meter Set:** The installation of the net meter and energy storage metering by NV Energy. This occurs after submission of complete supporting documentation, satisfactory net metering verification, and completion of utility safety inspection.

**Net Meter:** A revenue-quality, bi-directional, utility owned and operated interval meter that measures the electricity used by the customer from the grid and the amount of electricity that the customer's renewable energy and/or ESD sends back to the grid. **Net Metering:** Enables customers to offset the cost of their electrical consumption by measuring the difference between the electricity supplied by NV Energy and the electricity generated by the customer that is fed back to the utility over the billing period. This will be required for both solar and energy storage installations.

**Non-Profit Entity:** See Public and Other Property.



**One-Line Diagram:** Also known as a single-line diagram. A simplified document for representing an electrical power system. Typically, it is in the form of a block diagram portraying the paths for power flow within a system. Electrical components such as capacitors, conductors, circuit breakers, protection equipment, etc. can be depicted on such diagrams.

**Owned, Leased or Occupied:** Any real property, building or facilities which are Owned, Leased or Occupied under a deed, lease, contract, license, permit, grant, patent or any other type of legal authorization.

**Participant:** A person who has been selected to participate in the Small Residential Energy Storage and Commercial Energy Storage programs.

**Power Capacity:** Also referred to as the maximum continuous output Power Capacity. It is the amount of power, in kilowatts (kW), that an ESD can deliver to the grid as rated by the manufacturer. For ESDs measured in btu/hr, the conversion is 1 watt equals 3.41 btu/hr.

**Portfolio Energy Credit (PEC):** A measured unit that represents one kilowatt hour (kWh) of renewable energy.

**Premise:** All of the real property and apparatus of a residential or non-residential customer employed in a single integrated activity operating under one name in one or more buildings and /or locations on an integral parcel of land where: (a) such buildings and/or locations are situated on a single unit of property; or (b) such buildings and/or locations are situated on two or more units of property which are immediately adjoining or adjacent, and are not divided by intervening public highways, streets, alleys, railways or waterways.

**Program year:** July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020

**Public and Other Property:** Any real property, building or facilities which are owned, leased or occupied by:

- A public entity;
- A non-profit organization that is recognized as exempt from taxation pursuant to section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3), as amended; or
- A corporation for public benefit as defined in NRS 82.021.
- School Property: Any real property, building or facilities Owned, Leased or Occupied by:
  - A public school as defined in NRS 385.007;
  - A private school as defined in NRS 394.103; or
  - An institution of higher education.

The term includes, without limitation, any real property, building or facilities which are Owned, Leased or Occupied by:

- A church; or
- A benevolent, fraternal or charitable lodge, society or association.

**Public Entity:** A department, agency or instrumentality of the State or any of its political subdivisions.

**Public Property:** Any real property, building or facilities owned, leased or occupied by:

1. A department, agency or instrumentality of the State or any of its political subdivisions which is used for the transaction of public or quasi-public business; or
2. A nonprofit organization that is recognized as exempt from taxation pursuant to section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3), as amended, or a corporation for public benefit as defined in NRS 82.021.

**Reservation Notice:** The notice sent to Applicants for whom NV Energy has made an incentive reservation.

**Revenue Meter:** Also known as a billing meter, is the meter installed by NV Energy that measures the electricity used by the customer from the grid. Where there is a renewable system installed, the Revenue Meter also measures the amount of electricity that the customer's renewable energy system sends back to the grid. This meter could possibly be owned by NV Energy.

**Seller:** The party that sells or leases the renewable and/or ESD system to the host customer.

**Small Commercial Customer:** Non-residential customers in rate classes GS, GS-1 or smaller, including irrigation rate classes.

**Site Plan:** This is a top down visual layout of the installation site. It should show the location of all relevant system components including the solar system panels, the energy storage system, any and all inverters, disconnect switches, any and all meters, main service electrical panel, and any and all electrical sub panels. Any access issues should be indicated on the site plan. This could include, but is not limited to, walls, gates, or equipment installed buildings or structure that are not easily accessible.

**System Owner:** The owner of the r ESD when the incentive is paid. Systems that are on a leasing arrangement or a lease-to-own arrangement are owned by the leasing company therefore, those entities are considered the System Owner. The System Owner may be the NV Energy Host Customer or a third party as designated by the Host Customer.

**Utility:** NV Energy

**Utility Interconnection:** The physical connection between the NV Energy grid and the customer generation. An Interconnection Agreement is required for a customer to have on-site electric generation connected to the NV Energy grid.

**Watt:** The basic unit of measure of electric power. One-thousand Watts is equal to one kilowatt (kW). One million Watts is equal to one megawatt (MW). A kilowatt hour (kWh) is the unit by which residential and most business customers are billed for monthly electric usage. One kWh represents the use of one kilowatt of electricity for one hour.



## ELIGIBILITY

**APPLIES TO ENERGY STORAGE INCENTIVE FUNDING:** The host customer may be required to refund some or all of the incentives they receive if the measures do not remain installed for a period of five (5) years or the expected life of the measure, whichever is greater, or the facility where the measures are installed ceases to be a bundled, full requirement's customer of NV Energy during the said time period.

### *Energy Storage Incentives*

Installers must have an active C-2 or C-2g Nevada contractor's license. If a contractor's license is suspended, applications associated with the contractor are not eligible to receive a reservation notice or an incentive payment, unless the system was completed and inspected by the local building authority prior to the suspension date. Customers may select a different Installer – refer to the Application Changes section in this handbook for more information.

Applications are made in one of the following categories, as determined by the type of customer, facility, and system capacity rating:

#### **Customers:**

- Residential
- Non-Residential
  - Small Commercial
  - Large Commercial/Industrial

**System Capacity Ratings:** For the purposes of the energy storage incentive programs, NV Energy will reference both system Power Capacity, expressed in watts or kilowatts (W or kW) and system Energy Capacity, expressed in watt-hours or kilowatt-hours (Wh or kWh). Power capacity will be used to determine program eligibility of a system. For example, the maximum size system that can be installed in the energy storage incentive programs is 1,000 kW. Energy capacity will be used to calculate the incentive for most categories, as it is recognized to be the best metric for quantifying potential benefit of energy storage systems.

Installers must have an active C-2 Nevada contractor's license. If a contractor's license is suspended, applications associated with the contractor are not eligible to receive a reservation notice or an incentive payment, unless the system was completed and inspected by the local building authority prior to the suspension date. Customers may select a different Installer – refer to the Application Changes section in this handbook for more information.

**Equipment Eligibility:** Please refer to the "Siting & Equipment" section below for approved storage devices and equipment.

### **Billing Rate Classes**

**Residential:** All residential customers.

Non-residential billing rate customers are categorized in two rate classes:

**Small Commercial:** Non-residential customers in rate classes GS, GS-1 or smaller, including irrigation rate class.

**Large Commercial/Industrial:** Non-residential customers in rate classes GS-2, LGS-1 or larger.

### ***Residential Storage Program***

**Customers:**

The Residential Storage program is for customers who plan to install solar-integrated energy storage units from 4 kW up to 100 kW capacity and either already have or will install a renewable energy system, like rooftop solar. There are two incentive levels categorized on two different rates described below:

- **Time-of-Use (TOU) Rate:** A rate plan that lets customers who are willing to use less electricity during peak demand periods save money by shifting their usage to times with lower rates. Customers that are on a TOU rate plan receive a higher energy storage incentive amount.
- **Non-Time of Use (TOU) Rate:** A rate plan in which rates are at a flat rate despite the time of day, season and day type.

The maximum incentive rate is \$0.22 per watt-hour for customers on a TOU rate and \$0.11 per watt-hour for customers that are not on a TOU rate. The incentive payment is capped at \$3,000 per premise or 50% of the Equipment Cost, whichever is less.

<b>TOU Rate</b>		<b>Non-TOU Rate</b>	
(the lesser of)		(the lesser of)	
\$.22/Watt hour	50% of equipment costs up to \$3,000*	\$.11/Watt hour	50% of equipment costs up to \$3,000*

The residential energy storage incentive payment will not exceed the lesser of:

- The maximum amount listed on the Reservation Notice
- The calculated Incentive Payment
- 50% of the Equipment Costs; or
- \$3,000 per premise (i.e. for the total project cap)

#### **More Information on TOU Rates:**

For more information on TOU rates, please visit <https://www.nvenergy.com/account-services/energy-pricing-plans/time-of-use>.

**Capacity Thresholds:** Under the Residential Storage program, the minimum Energy Capacity for an energy storage system is 8 kilowatt-hours. The maximum Power Capacity is 1,000 kilowatts, but customers applying under the Residential Storage program will only be incentivized up until 100 kilowatts. The energy storage device must be capable of being charged by at least 75% by a renewable energy source (i.e., solar PV system).

## ***Commercial (Non-Residential) Energy Storage Program***

### **Customers/Facilities:**

The Commercial Storage incentive program is for small and large commercial and industrial customers who are going to install an energy storage system. In order to qualify for a storage incentive, a renewable energy system, like roof top solar, must already be installed or will be installed on the property.

There are two programs for non-residential energy storage incentives:

- Small Energy Storage Incentives program for systems with 4 kW up to less than 100 kW nameplate capacity
- Large Energy Storage Incentives program for systems with 100 kW to 1,000 kW nameplate capacity

The incentive is classified based on two conditions, 1) the customer eligibility for the Federal investment tax credit (ITC); and 2) Under the large energy storage program, whether the customer facility qualifies for a critical infrastructure designation.

1. In the commercial market, non-profits and governments are unable to benefit from the investment tax credit (ITC) or accelerated depreciation. Therefore, a higher incentive structure is available for non-profit and government customers. These types of customers would include: A department or agency of a federal, state or local government; or a public school district, an institute of higher education that is part of the Nevada System of Higher Education; an Indian tribe or tribal organization; or a corporation for public benefit as defined in NRS 82.021; or a company who is recognized as exempt from taxation pursuant to section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3), as amended.

The following customers may qualify for the critical infrastructure incentive:

- Hospitals
- Medical facilities
- Airports
- Public safety facilities
- Public infrastructure facilities
- Dams

All applications default to ITC eligible and non-critical infrastructure categories unless documentation is provided to prove eligibility in either one or both of the categories.

Applicants for critical infrastructure must provide evidence that the project supports emergency services always available for public benefit.

Applicants categorized as non-eligible for ITC must provide evidence that the company or entity is an agency of a federal, state or local government; or a public school district, an institute of higher education that is part of the Nevada System of Higher Education; an Indian tribe or tribal organization; or a corporation for public benefit as defined in NRS 82.021; or a company who is recognized as exempt from taxation pursuant to section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3), as amended.

## Non-Residential Small Energy Storage Incentives Program

For systems with 4kW up to less than 100kW nameplate capacity:

Eligible for ITC	Non-Eligible for ITC
\$0.25	\$0.35

The incentive payment will not exceed the lesser of:

- The maximum amount listed on the Reservation Notice
- The calculated Incentive Payment
- 50% of the installed system cost; or
- \$50,000 per premise (i.e. for the total project cap)

## Non-Residential Large Energy Storage Incentives Program

For systems with 100kW to 1,000kW nameplate capacity:

CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE		NON-CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE	
Eligible for ITC	Non-Eligible for ITC	Eligible for ITC	Non-Eligible for ITC
\$0.40	\$0.50	\$0.30	\$0.40

The incentive payment will not exceed the lesser of:

- The maximum amount listed on the Reservation Notice
- The calculated Incentive Payment
- 50% of the installed system cost; or
- \$300,000 per premise for non-Critical Infrastructure projects
- \$400,000 per premise for Critical Infrastructure projects.

**Capacity Rating Thresholds:** Under the Commercial Storage program, the minimum Power Capacity rating for an energy storage system is **100 kilowatts**. The maximum Power Capacity rating is **1,000 kilowatts**. The energy storage device must be capable of being charged by at least 75% by a renewable energy source (i.e., solar PV system).



## APPLICATION

Applications are submitted online through the online application portal that is accessed through the NV Energy website.

Applications are reviewed within ten (10) business days<sup>1</sup> to confirm that the Host Customer is eligible for the category and that all required documentation is provided. If defects are noted, the Utility and Applicant shall cooperate in a timely manner to establish a satisfactory Application. Applications are approved based on the order in which complete applications are submitted.<sup>2</sup>

Important communications are sent by email to program participants. Accurate email addresses are required for ALL program participants, including Host Customers.

Deficient applications will not be processed. Deficient applications that are not corrected within 20 days of the Applicant being notified of the deficiency are canceled and the application fee (explained in the Application Fee section) is forfeited.

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<sup>1</sup> Rule 15 Paragraph D.1.b

<sup>2</sup> NRS 701B.210.3

The chart below shows the documents required for the initial application:

Documents Required	Net Metering Solar + Energy Storage Incentive Application	Energy Storage Only Incentive Application
Copy of the installation contract or energy services agreement for the installation of the system	✓	✓
Site plan	✓	✓
Energy Storage Technical Specification  Includes: Data/Specification sheet with nameplate or Power Capacity listed	✓	✓
One line-diagram	✓	✓
Evidence of host customer category eligibility (Residential, Commercial, critical infrastructure, ITC eligible or non-eligible)	✓	✓

### **Contract or agreement must include:**

1. Names and signatures of the NV Energy Host Customer and the Installer. Host Customer name on the contract or agreement must match the name on the application. In the case of a landlord/tenant situation, the tenant as the customer on the Utility account can designate the property owner to act as the Host Customer as related to the Application. This can be done by completing and submitting the appropriate Landlord Designated Applicant form.
2. The physical address of the installation.
3. The Power Capacity, Energy Capacity of the energy storage system or other clear indication of the proposed system size.
4. Inverter specification information

### **Site Plan**

This is a top down visual layout of the installation site and must show where the Energy Storage Device is proposed to be installed. The metering configuration must comply with NV Energy's RE3 Net Metering Standard which can be found here:

[https://www.nvenergy.com/publish/content/dam/nvenergy/brochures\\_arch/account-services/building-and-new-construction/electric-service-standards-south/re/ESRNPC-RE003-REV10.pdf](https://www.nvenergy.com/publish/content/dam/nvenergy/brochures_arch/account-services/building-and-new-construction/electric-service-standards-south/re/ESRNPC-RE003-REV10.pdf).

The site plan should show the location of all relevant system components including any and all inverters, disconnect switches, any and all meters, main service electrical panel, and any electrical sub-panels. Any access issues should be indicated on the site plan. This could include, but is not limited to, walls, gates, or equipment installed inside buildings or structures that are not easily accessible.

### **Meter and Disconnect Switches**

All Utility meters and disconnect switches shall be located on the exterior of the building or in an electrical supply room that is easily accessible to NV Energy personnel. The appropriate number of meters and disconnect switches should be included in the site plan and technical diagrams depending on the systems and system configurations.

### **Inverter**

Any and all inverters should be clearly indicated on the site plan. For AC coupled solar and energy storage integrated systems, there should be at least two inverters included in the site plan.

### **Technical Diagrams**

The Application must also include technical diagrams, either single-line or three-line diagrams, that show the electrical connections for all relevant electrical systems on site. This would include any existing or previously installed renewable generation, distributed generation or energy storage equipment in addition to any ancillary components. Technical specification, including any telecommunications protocols or equipment, for all included electrical systems should also be provided. This includes inverters, energy storage systems (or battery modules), renewable energy systems, or others.



## Host Customer Category eligibility

Evidence of host customer category (i.e., residential or commercial) eligibility is verified against the current NV Energy account. All applications are considered non-critical infrastructure and ITC eligible unless documentation is provided to prove eligibility.

Applicants for critical infrastructure must provide evidence that the project supports emergency services always available for public benefit. Acceptable documentation includes:

- business license
- statement on company or public entity letter head of entity status and/or building use or
- Business brochure or business license.

Applicants for non-eligible ITC must demonstrate that the entity is unable to benefit from the investment tax credit (ITC) or accelerated depreciation. Acceptable documentation includes:

- The Employer Identification Number (EIN) to verify tax exempt status through an IRS webpage search: <https://apps.irs.gov/app/eos/>.
- Determination letter issued by the IRS.

Public entity applicants not subject to federal income tax must demonstrate that they are governmental entities and not subject to federal income tax and therefore unable to benefit from the ITC or accelerated depreciation. Acceptable documentation includes:

- A statement on public entity letterhead of entity status and building use
- IRS issued “governmental information letter” issued to government agencies by the IRS.





## APPLICATION FEES

A \$35 non-refundable fee is required for each energy storage incentive application submitted. The fee must be received by NV Energy before the application will be reviewed and approved. Applications are reviewed in the order that fees are received. No fee is required for solar net metering applications.

Since the fee may be paid by the customer or the solar company, customers should communicate with their solar company before submitting payment. If NV Energy receives duplicate fee payments for the same application, the first payment is posted and subsequent payments are returned.

The fee may be submitted by check or electronically through the NV Energy Western Union payment portal, SpeedPay. The link to SpeedPay is provided in the application. The application number, generated when the application is submitted, must be written on checks and provided in SpeedPay. Application fee checks are not accepted prior to submission of an application. Cash is not accepted. SpeedPay is only available when an NV Energy account number exists. Residential and commercial new construction will not yet have an NV Energy account number, so SpeedPay will not be available; therefore, payment must be made by check.

If the fee is not received within 30 days of submission of the application, the application will be cancelled.

Application fees may be mailed to:

NV Energy Renewable Energy Programs  
6100 Neil Road  
Reno, NV, 89511

If a complete incentive claim for the completed system is not submitted prior to the expiration date on the Reservation Notice the fee is forfeited.

## SYSTEM SIZING – ENERGY STORAGE

To qualify for an incentive, the minimum solar PV Power Capacity to energy storage system Power Capacity ratio must be **0.35**.

The solar PV system Power Capacity to energy storage system Power Capacity ratio is defined by the following equation.

$$\frac{\text{Solar PV System Power Capacity (CEC}_{ac} \text{ kW)}}{\text{Energy Storage System Power Capacity (kW}_{ac})}$$

If the minimum ratio requirement is not met, the customer must propose a system design that meets the requirement of the 0.35 ratio.

This method of sizing your proposed energy storage system is structured so that customers will be able to qualify for the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Investment Tax Credit (ITC) as result of meeting the aforementioned minimum ratio requirement. The IRS may choose to audit filings that claim this tax credit. Customers are required to demonstrate that their systems operate within the guidelines outlined by the IRS. For more information on the ITC, please consult your accountant.

Applicants must adhere to the following energy storage system sizing requirements:

- The energy storage device must be charged by at least 75% by a renewable energy source (i.e. Solar PV system).
- Applicants of the Residential Energy Storage Program must install an energy storage system with an Energy Capacity of at least 8 kilowatt-hours to qualify for an incentive.
- Applicants of the Commercial Energy Storage Program must install an energy storage system with a Power Capacity of at least 100 kilowatts.
- Under both the Commercial and Residential Energy Storage Programs, the Power Capacity of the system must not exceed 1,000 kilowatts.

### System Additions

Host Customers may interconnect additional capacity at a premise with existing Energy Storage capacities. System addition applications are subject to special terms that require review and approval by NV Energy. The list below addresses some of the considerations for system additions. **Ask before you add!**

## EQUIPMENT AND UTILITY INSTALLATION STANDARDS

Meter requirement: All solar PV and ESD installations must meet NV Energy's metering requirements as outlined in NV Energy's Rules and Standards. A comprehensive list of these Rules and Standards can be found at [www.nvenergy.com](http://www.nvenergy.com). One of the standards that is relevant to solar and energy storage installations is the **RE-3 Standard**. This standard includes the approved installation configurations document in One-line Diagrams and can be found at:

[https://www.nvenergy.com/publish/content/dam/nvenergy/brochures\\_arch/account-services/building-and-new-construction/electric-service-standards-south/re/ESRNPC-RE003-REV11.pdf](https://www.nvenergy.com/publish/content/dam/nvenergy/brochures_arch/account-services/building-and-new-construction/electric-service-standards-south/re/ESRNPC-RE003-REV11.pdf)

Engineering

Requirement Standards

The following documents will provide information on engineering requirements and standards associated with ESDs.

### ***Generator Device***

The following link to the document below will discuss the Utility's planning and design requirements for generators connected to and operating in parallel with electrical systems to ensure the safety of the people and property as well as the integrity of the electrical system. This is known as the **RE-1 Standard**.

[https://www.nvenergy.com/publish/content/dam/nvenergy/brochures\\_arch/account-services/building-and-new-construction/electric-service-standards-south/re/ESRNPC-RE001-REV02.pdf](https://www.nvenergy.com/publish/content/dam/nvenergy/brochures_arch/account-services/building-and-new-construction/electric-service-standards-south/re/ESRNPC-RE001-REV02.pdf)

Additionally, the National Fire Protection Association has established the criteria for minimizing the hazards associated with energy storage systems with the **NFPA 855 Standard**. This standard for the installation of stationary energy systems can be found in the link below.

<https://www.nfpa.org/codes-and-standards/all-codes-and-standards/list-of-codes-and-standards/detail?code=855>

### ***Net Metering System***

The following link to the document below will discuss the Utility's design requirements for Net Metering systems to operate in parallel with the Utility's electric system to ensure the safety of people and property and the integrity of the electrical system. ESDs that are paired with a Net Metering System are included in this standard. This is known as the **RE-3 Standard**.

[https://www.nvenergy.com/publish/content/dam/nvenergy/brochures\\_arch/account-services/building-and-new-construction/electric-service-standards-south/re/ESRNPC-RE003-REV11.pdf](https://www.nvenergy.com/publish/content/dam/nvenergy/brochures_arch/account-services/building-and-new-construction/electric-service-standards-south/re/ESRNPC-RE003-REV11.pdf)

### ***Metering Equipment Requirements***

The following documents will provide information on metering equipment requirements and standards associated with a Net Metering system.

## ***Material Requirements***

The following link to the document below will discuss the minimum manufacturing requirements for utility metering and service equipment that is rated 0-600V. These requirements are based on practices that are necessary to supply uniform satisfactory and safe service. This is known as the **RPM-G Standard**.

[https://www.nvenergy.com/publish/content/dam/nvenergy/brochures\\_arch/account-services/building-and-new-construction/electric-service-standards-south/rpm/ESRNPC-RPM00G-REV08.pdf](https://www.nvenergy.com/publish/content/dam/nvenergy/brochures_arch/account-services/building-and-new-construction/electric-service-standards-south/rpm/ESRNPC-RPM00G-REV08.pdf)

## ***Installation Requirements***

The guidelines within the following link to the document below are based on NV Energy (NVE) practices that are deemed necessary to supply uniform satisfactory and safety service. This is known as the **RPI-G Standard**.

[https://www.nvenergy.com/publish/content/dam/nvenergy/brochures\\_arch/account-services/building-and-new-construction/electric-service-standards-south/rpi/ESRNPC-RPI00G-REV05.pdf](https://www.nvenergy.com/publish/content/dam/nvenergy/brochures_arch/account-services/building-and-new-construction/electric-service-standards-south/rpi/ESRNPC-RPI00G-REV05.pdf)

## ***Generating Facility Interconnections Requirements***

The following link to the document below discusses **Rule 15**, which describes the interconnection, operating and Metering requirements for Generating Facilities intended to be connected to the Utility's electric distribution system over which the Public Utility Commission has jurisdiction. This document applies only to Generating Facilities with a net Power Capacity of **20,000 kilowatts** or less unless otherwise required in federal or state law.

[https://www.nvenergy.com/publish/content/dam/nvenergy/brochures\\_arch/about-nvenergy/rates-regulatory/electric-rules-south/Rule\\_15\\_South.pdf](https://www.nvenergy.com/publish/content/dam/nvenergy/brochures_arch/about-nvenergy/rates-regulatory/electric-rules-south/Rule_15_South.pdf)

## ***Electric Service Standards***

The following links will provide information regarding electric service standards for Southern and Northern Nevada. Each link contains documentation on general information, guidelines, staking & trenching, conduits, boxes & vaults, etc. for each the two aforementioned territories.

### ***General Standard Southern Nevada***

<https://www.nvenergy.com/account-services/building-and-new-construction/electric-service-standards-south>

### ***General Standard Northern Nevada***

<https://www.nvenergy.com/account-services/building-and-new-construction/electric-service-standards-north>

## ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM SITING AND EQUIPMENT

All completed energy storage systems must adhere to the following siting requirements:


- Completed systems will be reviewed and may be inspected following submission of the Incentive Claim Package to confirm compliance with program rules. (See Inspection section for more details)
- Energy storage equipment must be new and must have the following warranties:
  - ESD – 10 years (product)
  - Inverters – 7 years (product)
  - Labor and Workmanship – 2 years

### ***Residential Equipment and Configuration Requirements***

- Chemical, mechanical or thermal type systems
- Commercially available
  - This means that the principal components of the system must be available for purchase to the general development community through conventional purchase channels.
- New and never previously installed
- Permanently installed
- UL listed
- Connected to a net metered solar system on the customer's service
- Operated in parallel to the grid
- 1,000 kW Maximum Power Capacity
- Rated to a minimum 85% round trip efficiency
- Metered in accordance with energy storage interconnection standards
- Capable of being used for future demand response programs
- Energy Capacity of at least 8 kWh or equivalent
  - Thermal energy storage system ratings to be calculated according to Appendix D of the current version of the California Self Generation Incentive Program Handbook. (<https://www.selfgenca.com/documents/handbook/2017>)
  - Mechanical energy storage system capacity calculations are subject to review and approval by the Program.

### ***Commercial Equipment and Configuration Requirements***

- Chemical, mechanical or thermal type systems
- Commercially available

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- This means that the principal components of the system must be available for purchase to the general development community through conventional purchase channels.
  - New and never previously installed
  - Permanently installed
  - UL listed
  - Connected to a net metered solar system on the customer's service
  - Operated in parallel to the grid
  - 1,000 kW Maximum Power Capacity
  - Rated to a minimum 85% round trip efficiency
  - Metered in accordance with energy storage interconnection standards
  - Power capacity of at least 100 kW or equivalent
    - Thermal energy storage system ratings to be calculated per Appendix D of the current version of the California Self Generation Incentive Program Handbook. (<https://www.selfgenca.com/documents/handbook/2017>)
    - Mechanical energy storage system capacity calculations are subject to review and approval by the Program.

Capable of being used for future demand response programs.

## INCENTIVE CALCULATION

### ***Residential Energy Storage***

The maximum eligible incentive for an application is calculated and reserved during the initial application process and is listed on the Reservation Notice. The method for incentive calculation and incentive payment are determined by the Energy Capacity of the proposed ESD as well as the billing rate category of the customer. Incentives will be based on a dollar per watt-hour (\$/Wh) rate for this Program Year at levels stated below.

#### **Incentive Calculation**

The calculation of the incentive payment is listed below.

$$\text{Incentive Payment} = \text{Energy Capacity (Wh)} \times \text{Incentive Level (\$/Wh)}$$

Where,

*Energy Capacity* - The maximum amount of energy an ESD can retain measured in watt-hours (Wh).

*Incentive Level* - The incentive rate that applies to the Time of Use or Non-Time of Use Customer.

*Incentive Payment* - The total incentive to be paid to the customer.

### ***Incentive Cap***

The energy storage incentive payment will not exceed the lesser of:

- The maximum amount listed on the Reservation Notice
- The calculated Incentive Payment
- 50% of the Equipment Costs (See Incentive Claim for details); or
- \$3,000 (i.e. for the total project cap) per premise

**Example 1:** You are a residential TOU customer installing an energy storage device that has an Energy Capacity of 18,000 Wh. The costs of the project are \$7,800 for equipment and \$8,000 for installation. The initial incentive calculation is equal to an incentive of \$3,960 (18,000 Wh x \$0.22/Wh) or 50% of the equipment costs (\$7,800 X .50 = \$3,900). However, the initial incentive calculation exceeds the project cap per premise of \$3,000, so the incentive will be capped at \$3,000.

**Example 2:** You are a residential TOU customer installing an energy storage device that has an Energy Capacity of 13,500 Wh and Equipment Costs of \$4,000. The initial incentive calculation is equal to an incentive of \$2,970 (13,500 Wh x \$0.22/Wh). However, the initial incentive calculation exceeds 50% of the Equipment Cost, which is \$2,000 (50% of \$4,000). Therefore, the final incentive calculated will be capped at \$2,000.

### ***Commercial (Non-Residential) Energy Storage Program***

#### **Small Energy Storage Incentives Program 4kW – 100kW**

The maximum eligible incentive for an application is calculated and reserved during the initial application process and is listed on the Reservation Notice. The method for incentive calculation and incentive payment are determined by the Energy Capacity of the proposed ESD as well as the customer type. Incentives will be based on a dollar per watt-hour (\$/Wh) rate for this Program Year at levels stated below.

### **Incentive Calculation**

The calculation of the one-time incentive payment is listed below.

$$\text{Incentive Payment} = \text{Energy Capacity (Wh)} \times \text{Incentive Level (\$/Wh)}$$

Where,

*Energy Capacity* - The maximum amount of energy an ESD can retain measured in watt-hours (Wh).

*Incentive Level* - The incentive rate that applies to the ITC eligible or non-ITC eligible Customer.

*Incentive Payment* - The total incentive to be paid to the customer.

**Note:** Incentives will be available on a first-come, first-served basis until funds are exhausted. The incentives displayed are under review and subject to change.

### ***Incentive Cap***

The incentive payment will not exceed the lesser of:

- The maximum amount listed on the Reservation Notice
- The calculated Incentive Payment
- 50% of the installed system cost; or
- \$50,000 per premise (i.e. for the total project cap)

### **Large Energy Storage Incentives Program 100kW-1000kW**

Differing incentive rates are available for critical and non-critical infrastructure customers planning to install energy storage systems. Commercial facilities that are deemed to be Critical Infrastructure are prioritized and are eligible to receive a higher incentive amount.

The following customers may qualify for the critical infrastructure incentive:

- Hospitals
- Medical facilities
- Airports
- Public safety facilities
- Public infrastructure facilities
- Dams

Applicants for critical infrastructure must provide evidence that the project supports emergency services always available for public benefit.



For systems with 100kW to 1,000kW nameplate capacity:

CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE		NON-CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE	
Eligible for ITC	Non-Eligible for ITC	Eligible for ITC	Non-Eligible for ITC
\$0.40	\$0.50	\$0.30	\$0.40

### Incentive Calculation

The calculation of the one-time incentive payment is listed below.

$$\text{Incentive Payment} = \text{Energy Capacity (Wh)} \times \text{Incentive Level} (\$/\text{Wh})$$

Where,

*Energy Capacity* - The maximum amount of energy an ESD can retain measured in watt-hours (Wh).

*Incentive Level* - The incentive rate that applies to the Time of Use or Non-Time of Use Customer.

*Incentive Payment* - The total incentive to be paid to the customer.

### ***Incentive Cap***

The incentive payment will not exceed the lesser of:

- The maximum amount listed on the Reservation Notice
- The calculated Incentive Payment
- 50% of the installed system cost; or
- \$300,000 per premise for non-Critical Infrastructure projects
- \$400,000 per premise for Critical Infrastructure projects.

**Example 1:** You are a customer installing an energy storage device that has an Energy Capacity of 800,000 Wh on a premise that is deemed as Critical Infrastructure. The initial incentive calculation is equal to an incentive of \$320,000 (800,000 Wh x \$0.40/Wh). However, the initial incentive calculation exceeds the Critical Infrastructure project cap per premise of \$300,000, so the incentive will be capped at \$300,000.

**Example 2:** You are a customer installing an energy storage device that has an Energy Capacity of 750,000 Wh on a premise that is deemed as Critical Infrastructure. The total installed system cost for the project is \$500,000. The initial incentive calculation is equal to an incentive of \$300,000 (750,000 Wh x \$0.40/Wh). However, the initial incentive calculation exceeds 50% of the installed system cost which is \$250,000 (50% of \$500,000). Therefore, the final incentive will be \$250,000.

**Note:** Incentives will be available on a first-come, first served basis until funds are exhausted. The incentives displayed are under review and subject to change.



## **RESERVATION NOTICE**

Once an application has been reviewed and approved, the Applicant, Host Customer, Installer and System Owner are sent a Reservation Notice by email that indicates that incentive funds have been reserved for the project. The notice lists the approved size of the energy storage system and the calculated incentive amount. The Host Customer has sole rights to the Reservation Notice.

A system that is less than 100kW has a reservation that expires one year from the date the Reservation Notice email is sent from NV Energy's application portal. An Applicant for a system that is less than 100kW in capacity may seek up to two 6-month extensions for the Reservation Notice by submitting written notice to NV Energy prior to the expiration of the original Reservation Notice.

A system that is between 100kW and 1,000kW has a reservation that expires 18 months from the date the Reservation Notice email is sent from NV Energy's application portal. An Applicant for a system that is between 100kW and 1,000kW in capacity may seek up to three 6-month extensions for the Reservation Notice by submitting written notice to NV Energy prior to the expiration of the original Reservation Notice.

If an Applicant is seeking an extension to the Reservation Notice, they must provide proof or progress and intent to complete the system installation. Proof of progress is subject to review and approval by NV Energy and may include, without limitation evidence that substantial percentage of project construction has been completed, evidence of that the principal components of the system have been purchased and delivered to the installation location, or evidence of substantial non-refundable payments of installation costs. Applicants must also provide an attestation, signed by the Host Customer, Installer and System Owner, of intent to complete the system and acknowledgment that project will not be eligible for incentive if not completed by the extended expiration date.

Applicants may check the status of their application by signing into NV Energy's application portal. "Active" status indicates that a Reservation Notice has been issued.

If the project construction begins prior to the Reservation Notice being issued, the Applicant will then forfeit their incentive. Applicants will also forfeit their eligibility for the incentive if the Applicant withdraws from participation in the Residential or Commercial Energy Storage Program. Lastly, the Applicant will forfeit their incentive if the installation of the ESD is not complete within 12 months after the date on which the Applicant is selected for participation in the Residential or Commercial Energy Storage Program.



## APPLICATION CHANGES

### ***Installation Location***

Applicants and Host Customers may change the installation address of a reservation to another address with the same Host Customer. Changes must be requested in writing to NV Energy and are subject to system sizing rules. The new installation location is recorded in NV Energy's application portal, but the Reservation Notice is not revised. The terms of the original Reservation Notice apply to the new installation location.

### ***Applicant or Installer***

Host Customers may change or rescind affiliation with any of the parties of the original application with written notice to NV Energy. The Installer may be changed by either the Applicant, System Owner or the Host Customer with written notice to NV Energy.

### ***Host Customer***

The Host Customer name for an application may be changed before project completion and interconnection by the original Host Customer with written request to NV Energy. A copy of a recent utility bill in the name of the new Host Customer must be provided with the change request.

### ***Reservation Notices***

Reserved incentives listed on the Reservation Notice cannot be changed. An Applicant can choose to withdraw their Application and reapply if construction on the ESD has not been started. New applications are subject to incentive levels and the availability of incentive funds at the time of the new application. New Applications require a new non-refundable \$35 application fee, and a new Reservation Notice will be sent.

## INCENTIVE CLAIM

The Applicant requests interconnection of the system and payment of the incentive for a completed project by submitting the incentive claim prior to the expiration date listed on the Reservation Notice.


**Completed:** The energy storage system is considered completed when it is completely installed, the building permit is satisfied, the system is capable of operating in the way it was designed and in the amounts for which it was designed, and the incentive has been paid. The system must be interconnected before an incentive payment may be issued.

The incentive claim is submitted online through NV Energy’s application portal, similar to submitting the original application.

If an Incentive Claim Package is incomplete and suspended, the Applicant has 60 days to make corrections. If the correction is not received within 30 days, NV Energy will send a final notice indicating that the Applicant has 30 days to correct or their application will be canceled. In the case that an incentive application is canceled the system may still be connected but the reserved incentive funds and the application fee is forfeited.

The incentive claim must include the following:

Documents Required	Net metering Solar PV and Energy Storage Incentive Application	Energy Storage only
Signed Interconnection Agreement	✓	✓
Signed Incentive Claim Form	✓	✓
A copy of the satisfied building permit	✓	✓
Equipment and Labor Invoice	✓	✓
Photos (PDF) of Installed System	✓	✓



**Satisfied Building Permit:** Must come from the local jurisdiction indicating the date of satisfactory final solar system inspection. (In the case of jurisdictions that do not have a building official, verification by a Nevada licensed professional engineer is required attesting to compliance with all applicable state, county, and federal codes and ordinances.)

**Equipment Costs:** Applicants indicate the completed system's Equipment Cost in the online application portal. Equipment costs include the materials that are necessary for the proper function of an ESD system. These costs do not include labor.

**Installed System Costs:** Applicants indicate the completed system cost in the online application portal. System cost includes the cost of the tangible materials and labor for the installed system. The cost of the local building authority permitting must also be listed. Other costs, including other equipment, and design and engineering may be listed as balance of cost of system. These costs are applicable only to Commercial Energy Storage Incentives.

**Cost of Tangible Materials and Labor:** The reasonable cost of materials and labor for permitting, panels, battery, inverters, the balance of system components and any other costs that are directly related to and required for the operation of a solar energy or energy storage system. The term does not include such costs for improvements to a building or site which are not necessary to accommodate a solar energy or energy storage system. Such improvements include but are not limited to carports or shade structures, fencing, roof coverings, parking lot surfaces, lighting and components for battery back-up systems.

## INSPECTIONS

### ***Energy Storage***

#### **Program Post Inspection**

The Program Post Inspection may be conducted for any project. The program post inspection verifies the information contained in the incentive claim, including:

- Installed energy storage equipment
- Installation location and siting

#### **Interconnection Safety Verification**

The Interconnection Safety Verification is an inspection to confirm the system's compliance with NV Energy standards and is performed by the NV Energy Meter Operations department.

If the system passes the safety verification, the appropriate meters are installed and the system may be operated.

If the system does not satisfy the requirements of either the program post inspection or interconnection safety verification, NV Energy will contact the Installer and/or Host Customer to inform them of the issue. Re-inspection may be necessary after corrections are made.

NOTE: Systems may not be energized prior to successful final verification by NV Energy. The customer will not receive kWh credit for energy put back into the grid until the NV Energy meter(s) is set.

All projects must comply with applicable NV Energy construction standards which can be found at [www.nvenergy.com](http://www.nvenergy.com).

The use of a battery backup system on a grid connected system requires advance review and approval by NV Energy in order to ensure safe interconnection and that all energy produced by the system is recorded on the generation meter.

Modifications to customer-owned electrical service equipment may compromise the original equipment listing. All modifications shall be approved in writing by the authority having jurisdiction, the manufacturer, or a nationally recognized testing laboratory.

All Generating Facility Interconnections are subject to the provisions outlined in Rule 15: Nevada Power Company provisions can be found at:

[https://www.nvenergy.com/company/rates/snv/rules/images/Rule\\_15\\_South.pdf](https://www.nvenergy.com/company/rates/snv/rules/images/Rule_15_South.pdf)

Sierra Pacific Power Company provisions can be found at:

[https://www.nvenergy.com/publish/content/dam/nvenergy/brochures\\_arch/about-nvenergy/rates-regulatory/electric-rules-north/Rule\\_15\\_Electric\\_North.pdf](https://www.nvenergy.com/publish/content/dam/nvenergy/brochures_arch/about-nvenergy/rates-regulatory/electric-rules-north/Rule_15_Electric_North.pdf)



## PAYMENTS

Incentive payments are processed only after satisfaction of required inspections and the installation of the appropriate meters. Completed systems must be storing energy before incentive payments may be issued.

Payments are issued to the Payee as indicated on the Incentive Claim Form. Payees must provide NV Energy with a W-9 Form in the same name as the payee on the Application. NV Energy will issue an Internal Revenue Service 1099-MISC to all Payees at the end of each year in which incentives are paid. To protect Payee privacy, W-9 forms are not submitted in the NV Energy application portal but are submitted directly to NV Energy. Incentive payments are not made until the W-9 is provided. A one-time payment issued as a bank check will be administered for both Commercial and Residential Energy Storage projects.



## CANCELLATION, WITHDRAWAL, AND FORFEITURE

An application that has not yet been approved and issued a Reservation Notice may be cancelled by written or verbal request from the Applicant, Installer, System Owner or Host Customer.

An application that has been issued a Reservation Notice may be withdrawn from the program by written request directly from the Host Customer to NV Energy. A Withdrawal Form is also available in the online application portal.

An application is forfeited if the complete Incentive Claim Form is not submitted by the expiration date listed on the Reservation Notice.

Reserved incentive funds for withdrawn and forfeited applications are returned to the program and these applications are no longer eligible for payment. Host Customers may reapply to the program, but subsequent applications are subject to the program rules in place at the time of the new application.





## FOR MORE INFORMATION

### **Net metering renewable energy and Energy Storage Incentives programs:**

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