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## INTERCONNECTION AND POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT

THIS INTERCONNECTION AND POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT (“Agreement”) is made and entered into this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_ (“Effective Date”), by and among Somerset Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. (“Cooperative”), \_\_\_\_\_ (the “Generator”), and Allegheny Electric Cooperative (“Allegheny”) (each individually a “Party” and collectively the “Parties).

### W I T N E S S E T H

WHEREAS, the Generator is a member in good standing of Cooperative and has indicated a desire to install and/or operate electric generating facilities described on the attached Schedule A on the property located at the address set forth in Schedule A within the service territory of Cooperative;

WHEREAS, the subject generating facilities will meet the qualification standards for (1) Qualifying Facilities (“QF”) under the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, as may be amended (“PURPA”), and the regulations established by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“FERC”) at 18 C.F.R. Part 292, as may be amended; or (2) Alternative Energy Systems (“AES”) established by the Pennsylvania Alternative Energy Portfolio Standards Act of 2004, as may be amended (QF and AES collectively referred to herein as “AES/QF”);

WHEREAS, Allegheny is required to purchase power from QFs that interconnect with the Cooperative, subject to certain waivers obtained from FERC;

WHEREAS, Allegheny is permitted, but not required, to take actions, including purchasing power, with respect to electric generating facilities that do not constitute QFs under PURPA or that are QFs but fall within the class of QFs for which FERC has granted Allegheny waivers;

WHEREAS, Allegheny is willing to purchase, and the Generator wishes to sell, as applicable, some or all of the electric energy generated by the AES/QF; and

WHEREAS, Cooperative and Allegheny, consistent with their policies of encouraging innovation in the energy field, are willing to interconnect and operate in parallel with the said AES/QF and, if required, to furnish parallel electric service to the Generator for the operation of its AES/QF and/or other uses;

NOW THEREFORE, Cooperative, Allegheny, and the Generator agree as follows:

1. Incorporation of Recitals and Attachments. The recitals above, schedules, exhibits, addenda, and attachments to this Agreement are hereby incorporated into this Agreement and made a part hereof.
2. Interconnection and Power Purchase Rules and Policies. The respective rules, policies, procedures, technical requirements, and rate schedules established by Cooperative and Allegheny (collectively, the “Interconnection/Purchase Rules”) shall govern the interconnection and operation of the AES/QF and the purchase of excess energy from the AES/QF. The Parties agree that Cooperative and

Allegheny shall have the right to amend, change, modify, supplement, or replace such Interconnection/Purchase Rules from time to time in the course of each of their respective operations and in each's sole discretion. The Interconnection/Purchase Rules, including any future amendments, changes, modifications, supplements, and/or replacements, are incorporated herein and made a part of this Agreement by this reference. The Generator acknowledges it has received a copy of the current version of Interconnection/Purchase Rules and agrees to comply with and be bound by the terms of the Interconnection/Purchase Rules, including any subsequent amendments, changes, modifications, supplements, and/or replacements. Cooperative shall provide the Generator with prompt notice of any subsequent amendments, changes, modifications, supplements, or replacements of the Interconnection/Purchase Rules that are material in nature.

3. Retail Electric Service. Cooperative shall furnish electric service and supply the energy requirements of the Generator and the AES/QF in accordance with the rules and rate schedules applicable to the Generator's class of service as a member of Cooperative, as may be modified or revised from time to time by Cooperative in its sole discretion.

4. Self-Supply of Retail Power.

A. If permitted by Cooperative and subject to its Interconnection/Purchase Rules, the Generator may elect that Cooperative credit the Generator for each kilowatt-hour produced by an AES/QF installed on the Generator's side of the electric meter not to exceed the retail load requirements of the Generator. For purposes of this Agreement, "retail load requirements" shall mean the Generator's load to be served by the Cooperative including that of the AES/QF.

B. If permitted by Cooperative and subject to its Interconnection/Purchase Rules, the Generator may elect that Cooperative implement virtual meter aggregation or virtual billing aggregation.

C. The provisions, terms, and conditions of this Section 4 are subject to availability as determined by the Cooperative, which availability is not guaranteed, and the Generator understands that Cooperative may modify or discontinue its alternative energy program at any time.

5. Purchase of Power and Energy by Allegheny.

A. Allegheny shall purchase, and Generator shall sell, electric energy generated by the AES/QF made available for purchase as set forth below. All purchases and sales under this Section 5 shall be made pursuant to the rates, terms, and conditions set forth in Allegheny's Interconnection/Purchase Rules. For purposes of this Agreement, the energy to be purchased by Allegheny shall be defined by Cooperative's Interconnection/Purchase Rules.

i. If the Generator has elected to generate electric energy for self-supply pursuant to Section 4, Allegheny shall purchase, and the Generator shall sell, all energy generated by the AES/QF and delivered into Cooperative's electric system by the Generator in excess of the Generator's retail load requirements (and, if applicable, any such energy that may be credited by Cooperative for virtual meter or billing aggregation).

ii. Otherwise, Allegheny shall purchase, and the Generator shall sell, all

energy generated by the AES/QF and delivered into Cooperative's electric system by the Generator that Generator makes available for purchase.

B. Purchases of energy and capacity by Allegheny shall be subject to the orders issued May 20, 2022 by FERC at Docket Nos. EL22-49-000 and QM22-9-000, relieving Allegheny of the obligation to purchase electric energy or capacity from facilities that are either a small power production QF with a net capacity greater than 5 megawatts ("MW") or a cogeneration QF with a net capacity greater than 20 MW. Purchases by Allegheny from an AES/QF for which Allegheny has no obligation to purchase energy or capacity, if any, shall be subject to Allegheny's discretion and subject to negotiation between Allegheny and the Generator and would be memorialized in a separate agreement.

C. The Generator shall receive payment for all energy purchased by Allegheny. Payment for purchases shall be coordinated by and between Cooperative and Allegheny and made in accordance with the Interconnection/Purchase Rules of Cooperative and Allegheny.

6. Installation, Operation, and Maintenance of AES/QF. The Generator shall install, operate, maintain, and repair the AES/QF in accordance with this Agreement; the Interconnection/Purchase Rules; all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, ordinances, and codes; all applicable requirements and limitations of any adjoining utility(ies) or regional transmission organization(s) (each such utility or regional transmission organization, including but not limited to Allegheny and PJM Interconnection, LLC, an "Adjoining Utility"); and all applicable safety and electrical codes, including but not limited to the National Electrical Safety Code. All maintenance shall be performed in accordance with the applicable manufacturers' recommended maintenance schedules and Good Utility Practice.

7. Facility Design, Plans, and Studies; System Work.

A. Prior to the installation of the AES/QF, the Generator shall submit its plans and specifications for the AES/QF to Cooperative for review to assure compliance with Cooperative's and Allegheny's respective Interconnection/Purchase Rules and the standards identified in Section 6 above. Such review shall not be construed as permission to operate the facilities without written authorization from Cooperative after inspection of the completed facilities as hereinafter provided.

B. Before interconnecting (directly or indirectly) the AES/QF to Cooperative's and/or any Adjoining Utility's systems, there may be additions, modifications, alterations, studies, or other work necessary (collectively "System Work") to Cooperative's system, equipment, facilities, or infrastructure, and/or the system, equipment, facilities, or infrastructure of any Adjoining Utility. Cooperative, in its sole discretion and, if applicable, in consultation with Allegheny and any Adjoining Utility(ies), shall identify and determine the System Work needed to interconnect the AES/QF and prepare a timeline for completion of the System Work. Cooperative and Allegheny shall have no liability or responsibility for any delay in the estimated timeline regardless of cause. System Work on any system, equipment, facilities or infrastructure of an Adjoining Utility is not the responsibility or within the control of Cooperative or Allegheny, and any Adjoining Utility is not a party to this Agreement.

C. The Generator shall promptly notify Cooperative of any proposed alteration, modification, or addition to the design of the AES/QF and provide all information required by Cooperative

to review such proposal, including any change in generation capacity of the AES/QF and any alterations applicable to interconnection equipment. Cooperative reserves the right to require a new application for interconnection, additional studies, and/or additional System Work, all at the sole cost and expense of the Generator, to accommodate any such alterations, modifications, or additions. The Generator shall not alter, modify, or add to the AES/QF without receiving prior written consent of Cooperative.

D. Interconnection of the AES/QF shall be subject to, and the Generator agrees to abide by, all applicable requirements and limitations established by any Adjoining Utility(ies), including but not limited to the performance and completion of all required studies or analyses. Study and analysis times are not the responsibility or within the control of Cooperative or Allegheny.

8. Metering. The metering equipment and requirements used to meter and record electrical energy delivered from the AES/QF shall be in accordance with the Interconnection/Purchase Rules. Cooperative personnel shall have the right to enter upon the Generator's property for the purpose of installing and testing the necessary metering and communications devices to effectuate this Agreement.

9. Inspection. Prior to interconnection of the AES/QF, Cooperative shall inspect the facilities for compliance with Interconnection/Purchase Rules, Cooperative's bylaws and other governing documents, and the standards identified in Section 6 above. Cooperative may inspect and test the operation of the AES/QF to assure the safety of Cooperative's personnel, as well as the satisfactory operation of the AES/QF in parallel with Cooperative's system, before authorizing the operation of the AES/QF. Such inspection by Cooperative shall not relieve the Generator from its responsibility to install, operate, maintain, and repair the AES/QF in a safe and satisfactory manner. The above-described inspection does not impose any obligation upon Cooperative or Allegheny to warrant or ensure in any manner the AES/QF's safety or compliance with this Agreement. Further, Cooperative and Allegheny make no representations concerning, and expressly disclaim any expertise or specialized knowledge relating to, the particular type of generation employed by the Generator or the equipment associated with such generation.

10. Costs. The Generator shall be responsible for and pay (or, if applicable, reimburse Cooperative, Allegheny, and any Adjoining Utility(ies) for) all costs associated with the AES/QF, including all costs of design, installation, operation, maintenance, repair, and inspection. For any System Work required, Cooperative shall provide the Generator with a written estimate of costs and expenses. Payment shall be due within thirty (30) days of receipt of such estimate from Cooperative, Allegheny, and/or any Adjoining Utility(ies). Said payment shall be received prior to physical interconnection of the AES/QF with Cooperative's facilities. Cooperative and/or Allegheny may refuse or delay physical interconnection and/or commencement of System Work until such payment is received in full. Within one hundred twenty (120) days following completion of such physical interconnection work and/or System Work, Cooperative shall provide to the Generator a true-up of estimated costs to account for actual costs. If the estimated costs paid by the Generator exceed the actual costs identified in the true-up, the true-up will be accompanied by a refund for the excess. If the actual costs exceed the funds paid by the Generator, the true-up will be accompanied by an invoice for the excess, which the Generator shall pay within thirty

(30) days of receipt.

11. Safety and Operational Modifications. Cooperative or Allegheny may at any time install or modify its equipment as it deems necessary to ensure the safety of its personnel, the satisfactory operation of its system, and/or the accuracy of its meter(s) as a result of the operation of the AES/QF. The Generator shall reimburse Cooperative or Allegheny for the total cost of such installation or modification within 30 days of receipt of a statement thereof from Cooperative or Allegheny.

12. Right of Access. Cooperative or Allegheny personnel shall have the right to enter upon the Generator's property at any time for the purpose of inspecting the AES/QF and making additional tests to ensure the continued safe operation of the AES/QF and the accuracy of the meter. Such inspections shall not relieve the Generator from its obligation to install, operate, maintain, and repair the AES/QF in a safe and satisfactory manner.

13. Disconnection.

A. The Generator shall disconnect the AES/QF, at its sole cost, upon the effective date of termination of this Agreement, as described in Section 18 below. If the Generator refuses to disconnect the AES/QF, Cooperative or Allegheny may enter the premises of the Generator for the purpose of disconnecting the AES/QF, with such disconnection to be performed at the sole expense of the Generator.

B. If, in the judgment of Cooperative or Allegheny, the Generator has failed to maintain the AES/QF in satisfactory operating condition, Cooperative or Allegheny may direct the Generator to disconnect the AES/QF, at the Generator's sole cost, from Cooperative's system. If the Generator fails to immediately comply with such directive, Cooperative may discontinue service to the Generator until the AES/QF is disconnected or restored to a satisfactory operating condition.

C. Cooperative and/or Allegheny, as applicable, may interrupt interconnection service, curtail output of the AES/QF, or temporarily disconnect service from Cooperative's or, if applicable, an Adjoining Utility's system when necessary for maintenance, repair, inspection, or construction on such system. Cooperative and/or Allegheny shall use reasonable efforts to provide reasonable prior written notice and coordination related to any such interruption, curtailment, or disconnection of the AES/QF.

14. Safety/Protection of Facility. The Generator shall have the sole responsibility for the safety and electrical protection of its AES/QF, without regard to the condition of Cooperative's or Allegheny's facilities.

15. Limitations of Liability. Neither Cooperative nor Allegheny shall be liable to the Generator for any punitive, incidental, indirect, special, or consequential damages, including for loss of business opportunity or profits, resulting from or arising from Cooperative's or Allegheny's performance or non-performance of its obligations under this Agreement. In addition, notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, Cooperative's liability to the Generator under this Agreement shall be further limited as set forth in Cooperative's bylaws and governing documents, policies, rules, rate schedules, and terms and conditions for electric service, which limitations are incorporated herein by this reference.

16. Indemnification. The Generator shall indemnify and hold harmless Cooperative and Allegheny, and their respective directors, officers, employees, members, owners, subsidiaries, successors, and assigns, from and against any and all claims, demands, damages, losses, causes of action, liability, personal injuries (including death), costs, and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees and court costs) of any kind, type, or nature (collectively, "Claims") that arise out of or result from (i) the existence, construction, maintenance, or operation of the Generator's AES/QF, or (ii) the Generator's breach, default, performance, or non-performance of its obligations under this Agreement. The Generator's obligations to indemnify and hold harmless shall apply regardless of whether the Claims arise or occur on Cooperative's, Allegheny's, and/or the Generator's side of the interconnection point, and regardless of whether such Claims are known or unknown or foreseen or unforeseen.

17. Insurance. For residential rate class consumer-members, the Generator shall procure and maintain the following liability insurance in the amounts stated: (i) bodily injury in the amount of \$1,000,000 or greater per occurrence. All other classes of consumer-members shall procure and maintain the following liability insurance in the amounts stated: (i) bodily injury in the amount of \$1,000,000 or greater per occurrence; and (ii) property damage in the amount of \$1,000,000 or greater per occurrence. All insurance shall be written on an "occurrence" basis and not a "claims-made" basis and shall be maintained for a minimum period of two (2) years after the termination of this Agreement. Cooperative and Allegheny shall be listed as additional named insureds on the policy, and all insurance coverage must respond at the time of loss as primary and non-contributory. The Generator shall furnish certificate(s) of insurance to Cooperative and Allegheny at least twenty (20) days before work on the construction and interconnection of the AES/QF commences, and annually thereafter. Cooperative and Allegheny shall be given a minimum of twenty (20) days advance notice of cancellation or non-renewal of the policy.

18. Termination. This Agreement shall become effective immediately upon the Effective Date and shall continue in effect until terminated as set forth below. Termination shall require permanent disconnection of the AES/QF.

A. Any Party may terminate this Agreement at any time upon sixty (60) days' written notice to the other Parties.

B. Cooperative or Allegheny may terminate this Agreement immediately upon written notice in the event of a breach or default by Generator of any of the terms and conditions of this Agreement or the respective Interconnection/Purchase Rules of Cooperative and Allegheny.

C. Cooperative may terminate this Agreement upon thirty (30) days' written notice if the Generator for any reason ceases to be a member in good standing with Cooperative, so long as the notice explains what is necessary for the Generator to return to good standing and the Generator has not returned itself to status of a member in good standing within thirty (30) days of being so notified.

D. Cooperative or Allegheny may terminate this Agreement immediately without notice if the Generator ceases to be a member of Cooperative; dies; is liquidated or otherwise ceases to exist; or sells, transfers, or otherwise ceases to own the property at which the AES/QF is located.

19. Default; Remedies. The Generator shall be in default under this Agreement if the

Generator fails to comply with, observe, or perform, or defaults in performance of, any covenant or obligation under this Agreement and fails to cure the default within thirty (30) days' after receipt of written notice from Cooperative or Allegheny identifying the basis of the default. In such case, Cooperative or Allegheny shall have the right to terminate this Agreement pursuant to Section 18.B. above, effecting an automatic disconnection pursuant to Section 13.A. above. Cooperative and Allegheny shall be relieved of any further obligations under this Agreement and shall be entitled to pursue all other damages and remedies available under this Agreement or at law or in equity.

20. Notices. All notices under this Agreement are deemed to be duly delivered if hand delivered, sent by U.S. certified mail, return receipt request, postage prepaid, or sent by email, to:

If to Generator: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

If to Cooperative: Somerset Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
Attention: General Manager  
223 Industrial Park Road  
Somerset, PA 15501

If to Allegheny: Allegheny Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
Attention: Manager – Power Supply  
212 Locust Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17101  
Email: [Power\\_Purchases@ccsenergy.com](mailto:Power_Purchases@ccsenergy.com)  
with a copy to: [interconnections@ccsenergy.com](mailto:interconnections@ccsenergy.com)

21. No Wavier. The failure of a Party to insist, on any occasion, upon strict performance of any provision of this Agreement shall not be considered to waive the obligations, rights, or duties imposed upon the Parties.

22. Assignment. The Generator shall not assign, transfer, or pledge this Agreement or any of its rights or obligations hereunder without the prior express written consent of Cooperative and Allegheny.

23. Severability. If any provision of this Agreement, in whole or part, is declared invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, such provision shall be deemed separate and independent, and the remainder of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

24. Entire Agreement. This Agreement, including the Interconnection/Purchase Rules and all schedules, exhibits, addenda, and attachments hereto (which are expressly made a part hereof for all purposes), constitutes the entire agreement and understanding between the Parties concerning the subject matter of this Agreement. The Parties are not bound by or liable for any statement, representation, promise, understanding, or undertaking of any kind or nature, whether written or oral, concerning the subject matter hereof which is not set forth or provided for herein. It is expressly acknowledged that the

Parties may have other agreements covering other services not expressly provided for in this Agreement, which agreements are unaffected by this Agreement.

25. Amendment. Except as specifically provided in this Agreement, this Agreement may be amended only upon mutual agreement of the Parties, which amendment shall not be effective until reduced to writing and executed by the Parties. The respective Interconnection/Purchase Rules of Cooperative and Allegheny, which may be amended, changed, modified, supplemented, or replaced from time to time in the course of Cooperative's and Allegheny's respective operations and in each's sole discretion, as more fully described in Section 2 of this Agreement, are all excepted from this Section 25 and do not require a written amendment to this Agreement.

26. Governing Law. This Agreement and the rights and obligations of the Parties hereunder shall be construed in accordance with and shall be governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania without giving effect to conflict of law principles.

27. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in any number of identical counterparts with the same binding effect as if the signatures were on one instrument. Original, electronic, or faxed signatures are binding.

*[Signature page follows]*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused this Agreement to be duly executed as of the day and year first above written.

COOPERATIVE

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ By: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

GENERATOR

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ By: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

ALLEGHENY

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ By: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

*[Signature Page to Agreement]*

**SCHEDULE A.**

**Interconnection and Power Purchase Agreement  
(Description of Installed Electric Generating Facilities)**

The \_\_\_\_\_ (name of project) consists of a \_\_\_\_\_ kW, \_\_\_\_\_(inverter or generator; if generator please denote whether it is an induction or synchronous generator) utilizing \_\_\_\_\_(type of technology\*) technology and fueled by \_\_\_\_\_(type or source of fuel\*\*). The \_\_\_\_\_ (inverter or generator) \_\_\_\_\_ is installed at \_\_\_\_\_ (physical location of inverter/generator on property) and has an output of \_\_\_\_\_ volts, which is stepped up/stepped down to \_\_\_\_\_ volts by a \_\_\_\_\_ (type/size) transformer and fed into the Generator's service panel. The control panel was designed and built by \_\_\_\_\_ (brand). The design drawings are as follows: (1) one line drawing \_\_\_\_\_ (reference number) and; (2) control panel detail \_\_\_\_\_ (reference number), issued \_\_\_\_\_ (date). These drawings are included with the attached Interconnection and Power Purchase Agreement.

Will the interconnected system include batteries? YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_ (check one). If YES, size of battery: \_\_\_ kW, and describe under what conditions the batteries will be used, including how and when the batteries are expected to be discharged on Cooperative's system and/or the member's residential electric service: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

The AES/QF site is located in \_\_\_\_\_ Township, \_\_\_\_\_ County, at Cooperative's customer map location number \_\_\_\_\_. The mailing address and telephone number for the member/owner and operator of the generation facility is:

**Member Owner Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Street Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**P.O. Box:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**City/State/Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Telephone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Operator Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

P.O. Box: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_ (*name/title of cooperative staff*) witnessed  
the final acceptance tests of the generation system on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ (*date*).  
\_\_\_\_\_ (*Cooperative's name*) will have access to the generation site at all times.

\* Types of Technology: solar/photovoltaic, hydroelectric, wind, fuel cell, anaerobic digestion or other.

\*\* Types of Fuels: Solar, wind, water, natural gas, bio-gas, methane, propane, waste coal or other.

**ALLEGHENY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.**  
**EXHIBIT C – Small Power and Qualifying Facilities Purchases– Rate Schedule SPP**  
**Effective - January 1, 2023**

**AVAILABILITY:**

Available to any and all Alternative Energy Systems (AES) as defined by the Pennsylvania Alternative Energy Portfolio Standards Act, (Act 213 of 2004, as amended), qualifying small power providing facilities under the New Jersey Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act (PL 1999, C.23) and Qualifying Facilities (QF) as defined under Section 201 and Small Power Production (SPP) facilities as defined under Section 204 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, as amended (PURPA), which receive electric service under existing retail tariffs from any of Allegheny Electric Cooperative, Inc.'s (Allegheny) 14 member distribution cooperatives (Members) located throughout Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

Pursuant to Section 210 of PURPA and the Orders issued May 20, 2002 by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at Docket Nos. EL22-49-000 and QM22-9-000 (2022 FERC Orders), this Schedule applies to a QF which can be: (1) either a cogeneration facility that produces electric energy and steam or other forms of useful energy (such as heat) that is used for industrial, commercial or cooling purposes such as Combined Heat and Power (CHP) and has a net capacity of 20 megawatts (MW) or less; or (2) a SPP facility with a net capacity of 5 MW or less whose primary energy source is renewable resource (hydro, wind, solar, biomass, geothermal, biologically derived methane gas, coal-mine methane or fuel cell).

**PROVISIONS:**

- A. In accordance with Section 210 of PURPA and the 2022 FERC Orders, Allegheny will purchase: (1) at Allegheny's Standard Avoided Cost Rate (as described in Section E), all excess energy (kWh) generated by an AES/QF which is not directly consumed by that AES/QF; or (2) transmit the output of the AES/QF across its and/or its Members' systems for purchase by third parties subject to any applicable Member wholesale distribution wheeling charges. The AES/QF will be required to install metering equipment, satisfactory to Allegheny, to demonstrate the amount of generation the AES/QF provided to Allegheny.
- B. At times when an AES/QF must purchase capacity, transmission, and associated energy from an Allegheny Member to supply its electrical requirements, all such retail transactions will be priced and conducted between the AES/QF and the Member which is interconnected with the AES/QF.
- C. Allegheny recognizes that it is in the best interest of its Members and the AES/QF that the Member determines all technical requirements and specifications that govern the connection of an AES/QF with its system. These technical requirements for interconnection are designed to assure the integrity and safe operation of the interconnected system while maintaining the quality and reliability of service to all consumer-members of the Member.

- D. Allegheny's avoided cost for capacity and energy provided by an AES/QF will be dependent upon and determined by, but not limited to, the following types of factors:
1. The specific times of the day, month and year that the AES/QF operates and the level at which it operates.
  2. Allegheny's need for and price of capacity and energy during the times that the AES/QF operates.
  3. The specific Member delivery point to which the AES/QF is connected.
  4. Allegheny's specific power supply arrangements, including rate structure, for supplying the delivery point to which the AES/QF is connected.
- E. Standard Avoided Cost Rate: Allegheny will pay for energy output at an annually adjusted rate which reflects Allegheny's avoided energy and capacity costs.
- F. Renewable Energy Certificates: If the parties mutually agree that Allegheny will purchase the capacity and/or energy output of the AES/QF, then the value for all renewable energy or other certificates generated by the AES/QF facility may be included in the negotiated rate. Otherwise, the AES/QF will retain ownership of any such renewable energy or other certificates.
- G. No AES/QF, other generator or consumer-member of a Member may be compensated under this or a similar wholesale rate schedule of Allegheny if the AES/QF is also being compensated by PJM or another entity under a PJM or similar program for providing the same generation services during the same times.
- H. Allegheny will make direct payments to the AES/QF on a monthly basis or an otherwise mutually agreed upon longer period.
- I. Any other considerations, payments, or responsibilities of either or both Parties are subject to the mutual agreement of the Parties.

This current Rate Schedule SPP was reviewed and approved by the Allegheny Board of Directors on November 9, 2022, and supersedes all previous versions.



Robert P. Neese, Secretary  
November 9, 2022

ALLEGHENY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.  
212 Locust Street, P.O. Box 1266  
Harrisburg, PA 17108-1266

# SOMERSET RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

## Application for Operation of Interconnected Customer-Owned Generation

**This application must be completed and returned to the Cooperative contact in order to begin processing the request. In addition to the completed application, a \$700 non-refundable application fee applies.**

INFORMATION: *This application is used by the Cooperative to determine the required equipment configuration for the Member interface. Every effort should be made to supply as much information as possible.*

\*NOTE: Members installing direct grid interconnected (non-battery inverter) generators only need to complete the highlighted portions of this application. Other types of generation must complete the entire application.

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### **PART 1**

#### **MEMBER/APPLICANT INFORMATION**

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

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Map Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Interconnected meter numbers: \_\_\_\_\_

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#### **PROJECT DESIGN/ENGINEERING (if applicable)**

Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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#### **ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR (if applicable)**

Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_



## PART 2

Complete all applicable items. This information is required for your installation to be considered. The equipment manufacturer will be able to provide the information requested in this section.

### SYNCHRONOUS GENERATOR DATA

Unit Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Total number of units with listed specifications on site: \_\_\_\_\_  
Manufacturer: \_\_\_\_\_  
Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Model No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Serial Number (each): \_\_\_\_\_ Date of manufacture: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phases: Single \_\_\_\_\_ Three \_\_\_\_\_  
R.P.M.: \_\_\_\_\_ Frequency (Hz): \_\_\_\_\_  
Rated Output (for one unit): \_\_\_\_\_ Kilowatt \_\_\_\_\_ Kilovolt-Ampere  
Rated Power Factor (%): \_\_\_\_\_ Rated Voltage (Volts): \_\_\_\_\_  
Rated Amperes: \_\_\_\_\_  
Field Volts: \_\_\_\_\_ Field Amps: \_\_\_\_\_ Motoring power (kW): \_\_\_\_\_  
Synchronous Reactance (Xd): \_\_\_\_\_ % on \_\_\_\_\_ KVA base  
Transient Reactance (X'd): \_\_\_\_\_ % on \_\_\_\_\_ KVA base  
Subtransient Reactance (X'd): \_\_\_\_\_ % on \_\_\_\_\_ KVA base  
Negative Sequence Reactance (Xs): \_\_\_\_\_ % on \_\_\_\_\_ KVA base  
Zero Sequence Reactance (Xo): \_\_\_\_\_ % on \_\_\_\_\_ KVA base  
Neutral Grounding Resistor (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
I<sub>2</sub><sup>2</sup>t or K (heating time constant): \_\_\_\_\_  
Additional information: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### INDUCTION GENERATOR DATA

Rotor Resistance (Rr): \_\_\_\_\_ ohms Stator Resistance (Rs): \_\_\_\_\_ ohms  
Rotor Reactance (Xr): \_\_\_\_\_ ohms Stator Reactance (Xs): \_\_\_\_\_ ohms  
Magnetizing Reactance (Xm): \_\_\_\_\_ ohms Short Circuit Reactance (Xd''): \_\_\_\_\_ ohms  
Design letter: \_\_\_\_\_ Frame Size: \_\_\_\_\_  
Exciting Current: \_\_\_\_\_ Temp Rise (deg C°): \_\_\_\_\_  
Reactive Power Required: \_\_\_\_\_ Vars (no load), \_\_\_\_\_ Vars (full load)  
Additional information: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### GENERATOR STEP-UP TRANSFORMER (if applicable)

Generator unit number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of manufacturer: \_\_\_\_\_  
Manufacturer: \_\_\_\_\_  
Serial Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
High Voltage: \_\_\_\_\_ KV, Connection: delta wye, Neutral solidly grounded? \_\_\_\_\_  
Low Voltage: \_\_\_\_\_ KV, Connection: delta wye, Neutral solidly g rounded? \_\_\_\_\_  
Transformer Impedance (Z): \_\_\_\_\_ % on \_\_\_\_\_ KVA base.  
Transformer Resistance (R): \_\_\_\_\_ % on \_\_\_\_\_ KVA base.  
Transformer Reactance (X): \_\_\_\_\_ % on \_\_\_\_\_ KVA base.  
Neutral Grounding Resistor (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**INVERTER DATA** (if applicable)

Manufacturer: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rated Power Factor (%): \_\_\_\_\_ Rated Voltage (Volts): \_\_\_\_\_ Rated Amperes: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Inverter Type (ferroresonant, step, pulse-width modulation, etc): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Inverter Rating (kw): \_\_\_\_\_ Phases: \_\_\_\_\_

Type commutation: forced \_\_\_\_\_ line \_\_\_\_\_  
 Harmonic Distortion: Maximum Single Harmonic (%) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Maximum Total Harmonic (%) \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Attach all available calculations, test reports, and oscillographic prints showing inverter output voltage and current waveforms.

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**POWER CIRCUIT BREAKER** (if applicable)

Manufacturer: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rated Voltage (*kilovolts*): \_\_\_\_\_ Rated ampacity (*Amperes*) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Interrupting rating (*Amperes*): \_\_\_\_\_ BIL Rating: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Interrupting medium / insulating medium (ex. Vacuum, gas, oil ) \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
 Control Voltage (Closing): \_\_\_\_\_ (Volts) AC DC  
 Control Voltage (Tripping): \_\_\_\_\_ (Volts) AC DC Battery Charged Capacitor  
 Close energy: Spring Motor Hydraulic Pneumatic Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Trip energy: Spring Motor Hydraulic Pneumatic Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bushing Current Transformers: \_\_\_\_\_ (Max. ratio) Relay Accuracy Class: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Multi ratio? No Yes: (Available taps) \_\_\_\_\_

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**SHORT CIRCUIT CURRENT CONTRIBUTION AND UNIT INRUSH CURRENT OF THE PROPOSED GENERATING FACILITY**

Distributed Generator Short Circuit Current

Single Phase to Ground \_\_\_\_\_ Amperes  
 Three-Phase Symmetrical \_\_\_\_\_ Amperes  
 Three-Phase Asymmetrical \_\_\_\_\_ Amperes

Does the Facility Start with the Aid of Grid Power? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

If yes, what is the inrush Current? \_\_\_\_\_ amps (inrush current)

Will this Generation be used to primarily offset the members' electrical energy consumption?  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

If yes, generators up to 25 KW for residential consumer class and up to 300 KW for all other consumer classes qualify for the cooperatives net metering AES service rate.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

In addition to the items listed above, please attach the following:

- detailed one-line diagram of the proposed facility
- all applicable elementary diagrams
- control schematics
- site plan
- major equipment -(generators, transformers, inverters, circuit breakers, protective relays, etc.)
- specifications
- test reports
- any other applicable drawings or documents necessary for the proper design of the interconnection

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## SIGN OFF AREA

Somerset Rural Electric Cooperative is committed to providing safe and effective power delivery to all members. Failure to comply with any of the following will result in immediate disconnection of the member from Somerset Rural Electric lines.

Any interconnected generator must have a meter base installed between the generator and the interconnection point, prior to interconnection. Somerset REC will provide a bi-directional meter at this point to continually monitor the output of the generator, as well as energy consumed to perform net metering functions.

A pad lockable disconnect must be installed in close proximity to the meter on the load side, providing access to the cooperative.

Failure to comply with AES policies will result in a penalty in the amount of up to \$1,000 per occurrence.

Somerset REC personnel must make a site visit to inspect the generator and set the appropriate meters prior to interconnection of any system. Members must call to schedule this appointment. When scheduling this appointment with Somerset REC, please allow 10 business days.

The member agrees to complete, sign and submit the required documentation (this application, the Interconnection Agreement and Renewable Energy Assistance Program application). This paperwork must be received by Somerset REC prior to interconnection.

As a Somerset REC member applying for interconnection, I understand that it is my responsibility to submit all required information and documentation and to operate my equipment within the guidelines set forth by the cooperative's policy on alternate energy production. I take complete responsibility for the installation and operation of the generator and will not in any manner hold Somerset REC responsible for the performance of the generator. I understand that Somerset REC may share the generation data from my generator and use this data for public and member educational purposes.

All product warranties and performance claims are limited to that of the manufacturer or installer. The cooperative provides no warranties of any kind, expressed or implied, including the implied warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose; the cooperative will not perform warranty repairs of any kind. The cooperative is not responsible, and will not be held liable for special, indirect or consequential damages including non-performance issues, injury or damage to property or person, whether in contract, in tort, under warranty or otherwise.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

Application Received By: \_\_\_\_\_

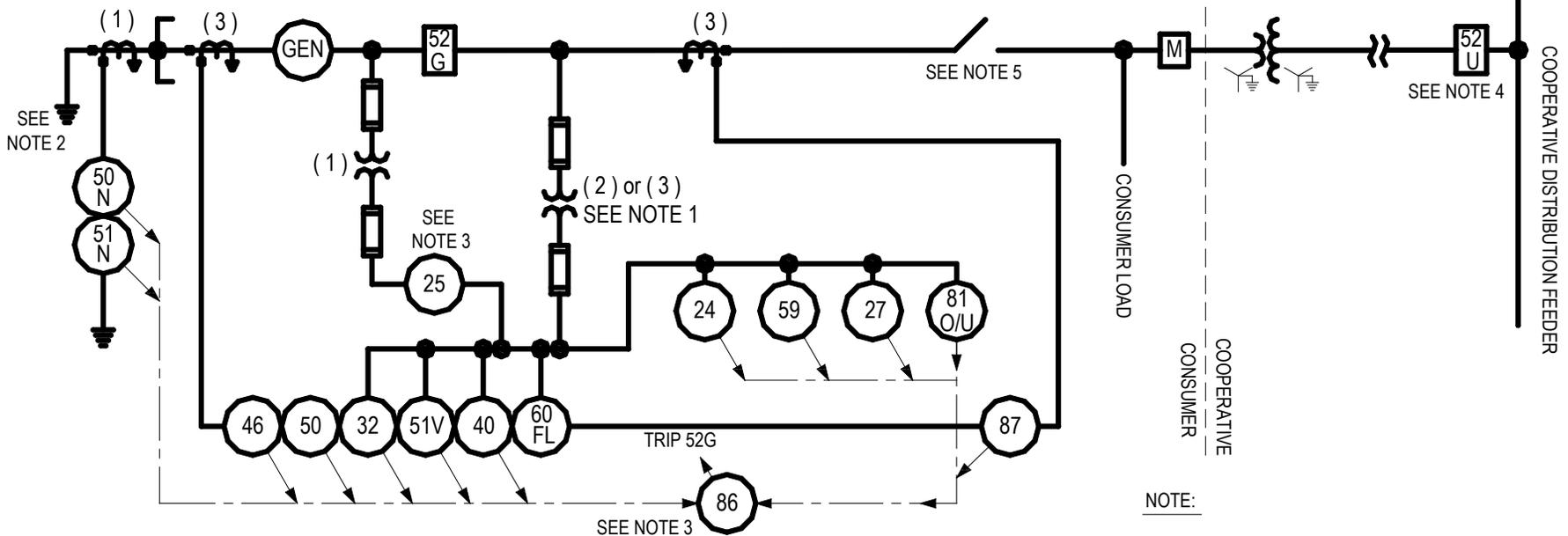
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## EXHIBIT 1

### GENERAL PROTECTION REQUIREMENTS

#### Figure

- 1 Protection for a three-phase synchronous generator
- 2 Protection for a single-phase induction generator
- 3 Protection for a three-phase induction generator
- 4 Protection for a single-phase inverter
- 5 Protection for a three-phase inverter



## LEGEND

M	COOPERATIVE REVENUE METER	51N	TIME OVERCURRENT GROUND RELAY
PROTECTIVE RELAYS			
24	VOLTS / HZ RELAY	51V	VOLTAGE CONTROLLED TIME OVERCURRENT RELAY
27	UNDERVOLTAGE RELAY	59	OVERVOLTAGE RELAY
32	REVERSE POWER (ANTI - MOTORING ) RELAY	60FL	FUSE LOSS DETECTION RELAY
40	LOSS OF FIELD RELAY	81 O/U	OVER / UNDER FREQUENCY RELAY
46	NEGATIVE SEQUENCE OVERCURRENT RELAY	86	LOCKOUT RELAY
50	INSTANTANEOUS OVERCURRENT RELAY	87	DIFFERENTIAL RELAY
50N	INSTANTANEOUS OVERCURRENT GROUND RELAY	CONTROL RELAYS :	
		25	AUTOMATIC SYNCHRONIZER OR SYNC - CHECK RELAY
		52	BREAKER

### NOTE:

1. VT's CAN BE CONNECTED WYE OR OPEN DELTA
2. GENERATOR GROUNDING SHOWN IS LOW IMPEDANCE, HIGH IMPEDANCE GROUNDING CAN BE USED IF DESIRED
3. RELAYING DEVICES SHOWN ARE ALL PART OF A MULTI - FUNCTION RELAY EXCEPT FOR DEVICES 25 AND 86. FUNCTIONS CAN BE INCREASED OR DECREASED AS DICTATED BY THE PARTICULAR APPLICATION
4. IF 52U IS RECLOSING CIRCUIT BREAKER, RECLOSING SHOULD BE SUPERVISED BY A SYNC - CHECK RELAY ( DEVICE 25 )
5. SWITCH MUST BE PADLOCKABLE AND AVAILABLE TO THE COOPERATIVE AT ALL TIMES

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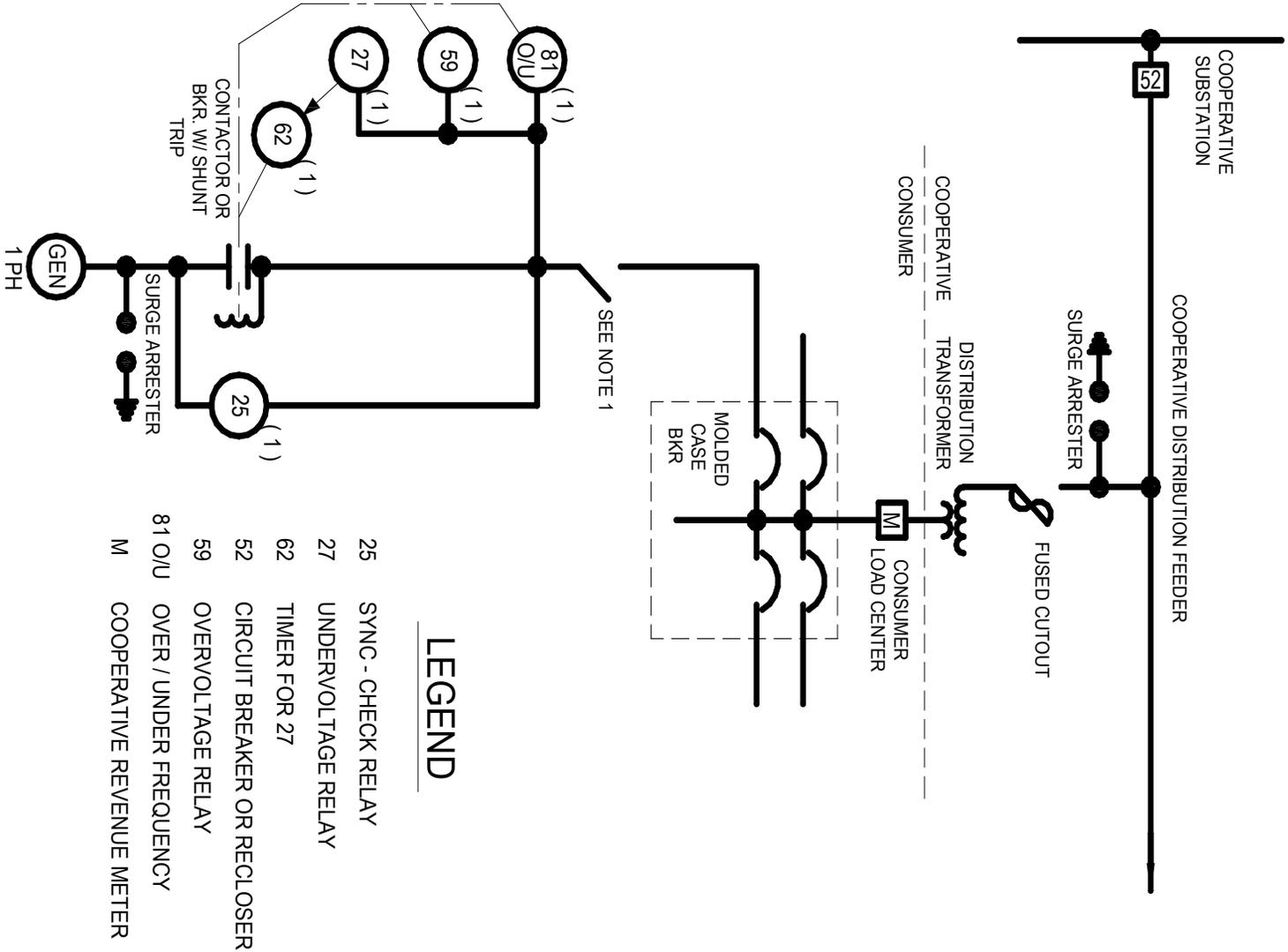
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TYPICAL PROTECTION SCHEME  
FOR SMALL SYNCHRONOUS GENERATOR  
INDUCTION GENERATOR  
< 1 MW

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**LEGEND**

- 25 SYNC - CHECK RELAY
- 27 UNDERVOLTAGE RELAY
- 62 TIMER FOR 27
- 52 CIRCUIT BREAKER OR RECLOSER
- 59 OVERVOLTAGE RELAY
- 81 O/U OVER / UNDER FREQUENCY
- M COOPERATIVE REVENUE METER

**NOTE:**

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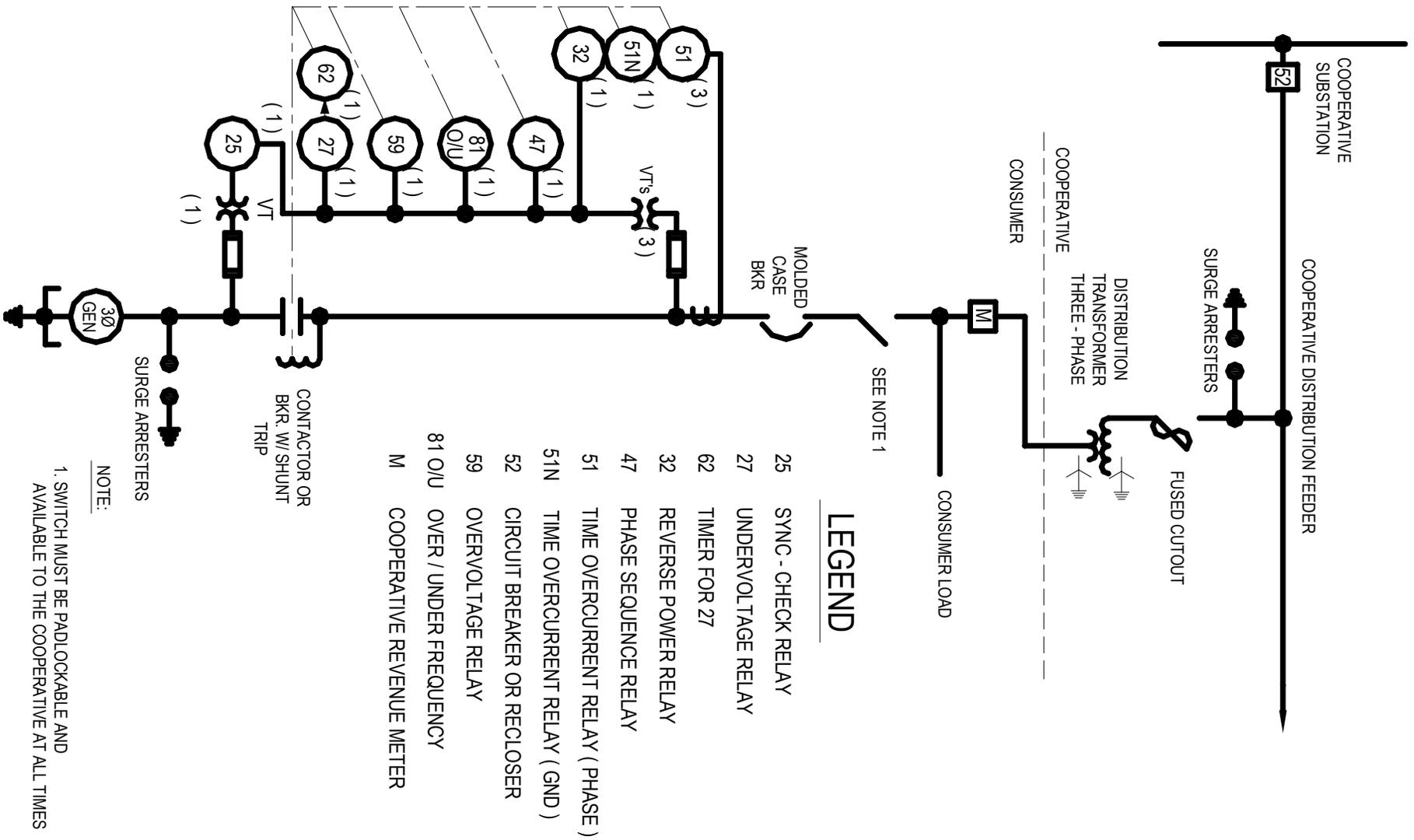
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TYPICAL PROTECTION  
 EXAMPLE FOR SINGLE PHASE  
 INDUCTION GENERATOR

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### LEGEND

- 25 SYNC - CHECK RELAY
- 27 UNDERVOLTAGE RELAY
- 62 TIMER FOR 27
- 32 REVERSE POWER RELAY
- 47 PHASE SEQUENCE RELAY
- 51 TIME OVERCURRENT RELAY ( PHASE )
- 51N TIME OVERCURRENT RELAY ( GND )
- 52 CIRCUIT BREAKER OR RECLOSER
- 59 OVERVOLTAGE RELAY
- 81 O/U OVER / UNDER FREQUENCY
- M COOPERATIVE REVENUE METER

**NOTE:**

1. SWITCH MUST BE PADLOCKABLE AND AVAILABLE TO THE COOPERATIVE AT ALL TIMES

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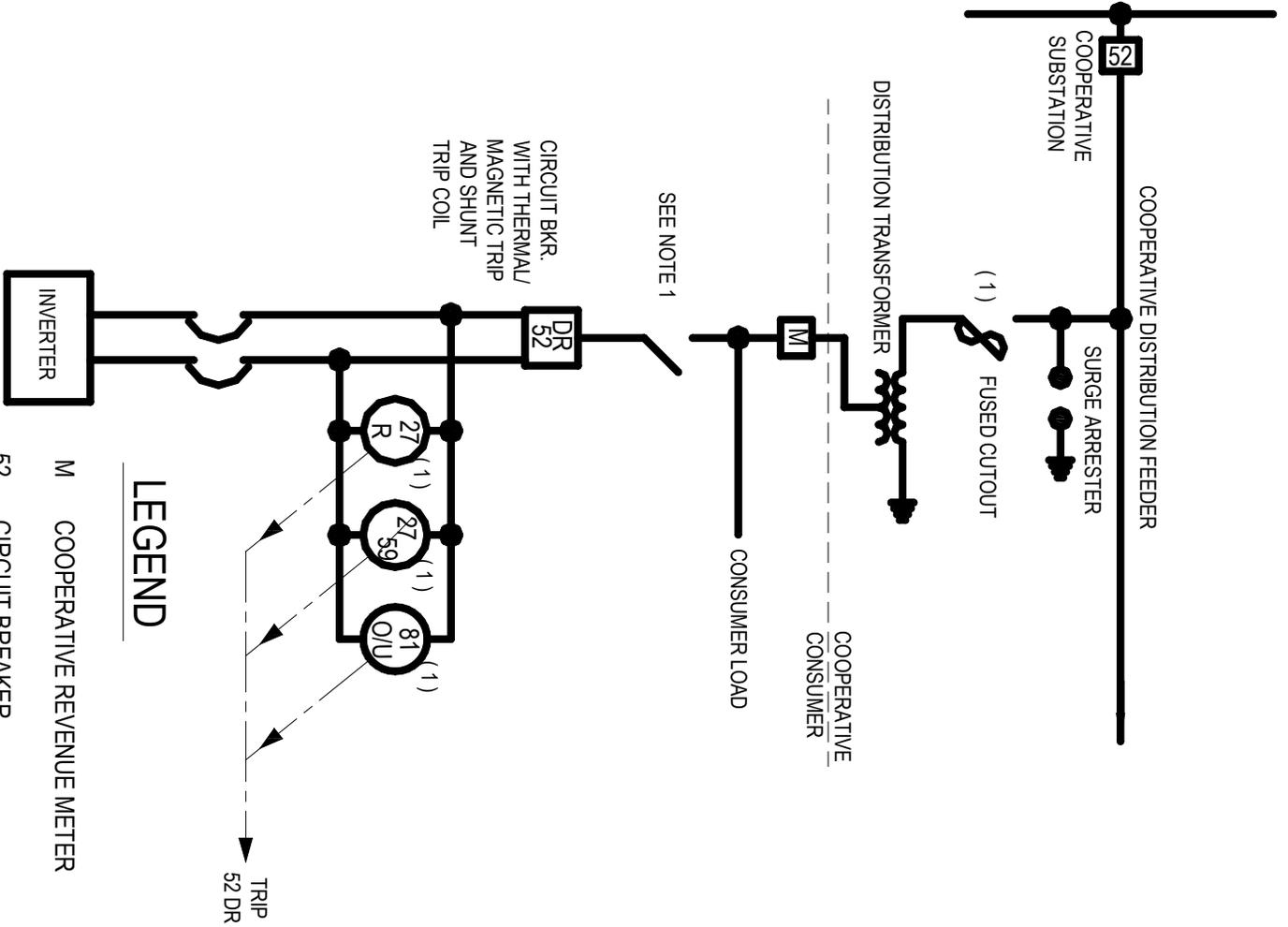
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TYPICAL PROTECTION  
 EXAMPLE FOR THREE - PHASE  
 INDUCTION GENERATOR

Dwg. No. CCS - IPD - 04



**LEGEND**

- M COOPERATIVE REVENUE METER
- 52 CIRCUIT BREAKER
- 27R INSTANTANEOUS UNDERVOLTAGE RELAY
- 27/59 TIME UNDER/OVER VOLTAGE RELAY
- 81 O/U OVER/UNDER FREQUENCY RELAY

**NOTE:**

1. SWITCH MUST BE PADLOCKABLE AND AVAILABLE TO THE COOPERATIVE AT ALL TIMES

**TYPICAL PROTECTION EXAMPLE FOR SINGLE PHASE INVERTER**

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**SOMERSET RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE**

Somerset, PA

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SOMERSET RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.  
SERVICE RATE  
FOR  
MEMBER ALTERNATIVE ENERGY PRODUCTION

**AVAILABILITY**

Available in all territories served by the Cooperative. Subject to the established rules and regulations of the Cooperative, the aggregate capacity of members' alternative energy systems (AES) may be limited by the Cooperative's system, substation area and/or circuit.

**APPLICABILITY**

Applicable to all members of the Cooperative meeting criteria contained herein.

**The member's AES must:**

- 1) Be owned, operated, leased, or otherwise controlled by the member;
- 2) Be operated in parallel with the Cooperative's distribution system;
- 3) Have a nameplate capacity:
  - a. For a member's primary residence, no greater than 25 kilowatts (kW)
  - b. For a member's commercial account, no greater than 300 kilowatts (kW)
- 4) Be primarily intended to offset part or all of a member's electric generation requirements.

Member AESs that qualify under this Service Rate: solar photovoltaic or other solar energy, solar thermal energy, wind power, hydropower, biomass, and bio-digester gas and fuel cells as defined in Pa. Act 213 (Alternative Energy Portfolio Standards Act of 2004).

The member's AESs must meet or exceed the standards and requirements of the National Electrical Code, the National Electrical Safety Code, the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Underwriters Laboratories, and Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, as well as the Cooperative's Policy on Alternative Energy Production; Safety and Interconnection Requirements for Alternative Energy Production; and local requirements.

The member must have executed a Power Purchase Contract with Allegheny Electric Cooperative (Allegheny) to sell excess energy produced by the member's AES to Allegheny.

**TYPE OF SERVICE**

60 cycles, at available secondary voltage.

Service under this rate schedule requires metering equipment that can measure the flow of electricity in both directions.

## **COOPERATIVE MONTHLY BILLING**

The Cooperative bills the member on a monthly basis according to the applicable rate schedule. Except as limited below, the Cooperative shall credit an AES at the full retail rate for each kilowatt-hour produced by an AES installed on the member's side of the electric revenue meter, up to a total amount of electricity used by the member during the billing period.

At the end of each billing period, the Cooperative shall credit kilowatts and kilowatt-hours per the terms of the NET rate schedule.

For residential accounts, bill credits remaining after the March bill shall be paid via check to the member if the credit exceeds \$250.00. For commercial accounts, bill credits shall be paid to the member via check at a mutually agreed upon amount not less than \$2,500.00 as needed throughout the year.

## **TERMS OF PAYMENT**

The monthly charges for service will follow the applicable rate schedule for net and gross charges.

## ***SOMERSET RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.***

### **POLICY on ALTERNATE ENERGY PRODUCTION**

It is the policy of Somerset Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. (“the Cooperative”) to permit and encourage Alternative Energy System (AES)/Qualifying Facility (QF) Owners to operate cogeneration and small power production facilities and safely and reliably interconnect them with the Cooperative's electric distribution system. The term AES/QF shall be used throughout this document to define any form of generation that is not owned and operated by the Cooperative, and is interconnected to the Cooperative. Alternative Energy Systems are defined under Pennsylvania’s Alternate Energy Portfolio Standards Act of 2004 (Act 213-2004). Qualifying Facilities are defined under the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA). This policy will enable the AES/QF Owner to deliver total or excess energy into the Cooperative's distribution system. Compensation for such delivered energy shall be based on Allegheny Electric Cooperative’s (Allegheny) avoided costs. The interconnection of a AES/QF and the Cooperative's distribution system is subject to the following conditions:

- A. If the AES/QF has nondiscriminatory access to one of the following: (1) independently administered, auction-based day ahead and real time energy markets and wholesale markets for long-term capacity sales, or (2) an open access transmission and interconnection service provided by a FERC-approved regional transmission organization and competitive wholesale markets that provide an opportunity to sell capacity and energy, then Allegheny’s obligation to purchase the energy and capacity generated by a AES/QF may be waived by petitioning FERC for relief from the obligation to purchase energy and capacity on a service territory-wide basis by demonstrating that options (1) and (2) are available to the AES/QF.
  
- B. Prior to the time of interconnection, the AES/QF Owner must submit to the Cooperative complete and detailed electrical drawings, signed by a licensed Pennsylvania Professional Engineer of the AES/QF. Any new or proposed AES/QF must undergo an operational, safety, and technical screening and review to determine potential effects on the Cooperative’s electrical system. The AES/QF Owner shall provide the Cooperative with a Certificate of Completion when the unit is ready to be energized. Written approval must be received from the Cooperative prior to the physical interconnection of the AES/QF to the Cooperative's electrical system. The SAFETY & INTERCONNECTION REQUIREMENTS FOR ALTERNATE ENERGY PRODUCTION Document provides additional details regarding the evaluation of proposed generators.

The AES/QF Owner shall be responsible for payment of any incremental costs incurred by the Cooperative or Allegheny to interconnect with, synchronize, or accept output from the AES/QF. This would include, but not be limited to:

1. The costs associated with an engineering or evaluation study to accommodate the AES/QF interconnection.
2. Increase in transformer capacity and service conductor size or length.
3. Change or addition of type of service; e.g.
  - a. Single-phase to three-phase.
  - b. Voltage change (120/240 to 240/480, etc.).
4. Line extension or system upgrade for a AES/QF.
  - a. Single-phase line extension to the facility
  - b. Three-phase extension line to the facility
  - c. Reconductoring a circuit to increase current carrying capability
  - d. Metering associated with the facility

All AES/QF wiring must be in compliance with the National Electrical Code (NEC) and all other applicable codes and ordinances, and must be approved by an electrical inspection agency acceptable to the Cooperative. Proper grounding is imperative in ensuring safe operation. NEC Section 250-2005 and IEEE Green Book ANSI C114.1-1973 / IEEE Standard 142-1972 should be referenced.

Any reference in this Policy to a code, standard, regulation, or guideline shall be construed to mean the then-current version of that document.

C. The interconnection equipment must be of a "fail safe" design to ensure, in the event of any electrical supply or equipment failure, that the AES'/QF's and the Cooperative's electrical system will be physically separated automatically. To prevent islanding on specific AES/QF applications, a transfer trip scheme may be required. The AES/QF will remain separated until the Cooperative's electrical system returns to its normal operating status. The AES/QF will synchronize with the Cooperative's electrical system only when the Cooperative electrical facilities' voltage and frequency are within acceptable industry

tolerances. Adherence to IEEE 1547-2018 relaying guidelines is required for all installations after April 1, 2024.

D. The AES/QF electrical system should be able to withstand all expected electrical transients that occur on Cooperative's electrical distribution and transmission systems, including outages. For instance, fuse coordination and operation of Cooperative reclosers should not cause damage that would require repair of the AES/QF's electrical system. Manual or automatic reset of system protective devices, either by the Cooperative or the AES/QF Owner, is acceptable.

The interconnection equipment must include an approved manual, visible load break switch lockable in the open position, and be accessible at all times to the Cooperative's personnel. The AES/QF Owner shall agree that the Cooperative may open the disconnect switch without prior notice for the following reasons:

1. Emergency conditions on the Cooperative's system.
2. Inspection of the AES/QF by the Cooperative reveals a hazardous condition or lack of proper maintenance of AES/QF facilities.
3. The AES/QF interferes with electrical service to Cooperative Members or with the Cooperative's electrical system. Interference may include, but not be limited to: over or under voltage or frequency, harmonics, etc.
4. Repair work on the Cooperative's system. Where time permits, the Cooperative will attempt to provide advance notice to the AES/QF Owner of imminent disconnection of the AES/QF and the reasons for same.
5. Reasons related to safety, policy compliance, or account status. Such examples include nonpayment of electric account, unauthorized removal or tampering with a cut lock or meter, violation of the interconnection agreement, unsafe conditions, improper installation or modification of the generation system without cooperative approval, failure to maintain required insurance or documentation, backfeeding or power quality issues, failure to obtain required inspections or permits and generation system operating outside approved specifications.

E. The AES/QF must be operated so that no adverse effect(s) or power quality issue(s) occur to the Cooperative's electrical system or to others connected thereto. If such adverse effect(s) occur, the AES/QF Owner must discontinue operation of the AES/QF and take corrective action(s) at the AES/QF Owner's sole expense, as deemed necessary by the Cooperative, and/or industry standards, including IEEE Standard 1547-2018, IEEE 929-2000, and UL 1741. Adverse effect(s) and power quality issues include, but are not limited to, voltage regulation, flicker, and/or harmonics.

F. The AES/QF Owner must inform the Cooperative of any changes to the AES/QF and obtain the Cooperative's approval, in writing, before changes are made to the AES/QF in order to address the adverse effect(s) referred to in Paragraph D above. Prior to reconnecting, the AES/QF Owner must inform the Cooperative of their intent to reconnect.

- G. The AES/QF Owner will own, install, and maintain at his expense, all safety and interconnection equipment as specified by the Cooperative. Minimum required interconnection facilities are described in Section B hereto. The Cooperative reserves the right to observe and witness the installation and testing of interconnection facilities pursuant to industry practices, codes, and IEEE Standard 1547-2018, IEEE 929-2000, and UL 1741.
- H. The AES/QF must be installed to meet the C2-2002 National Electrical Safety Code (NEC) or other applicable code requirements for clearances from the nearest Cooperative electric facility, or such other distance as the Cooperative deems necessary for safety or electric operation-related reasons.
- I. The Cooperative or Allegheny reserves the right to inspect the AES/QF and interconnection equipment at any time.
- J. The AES/QF Owner must have a current liability insurance policy adequate in amount to cover all forms of liability that may arise from the operation of the AES/QF interconnected to the Cooperative's electrical system. The policy must list the Cooperative and Allegheny as additional named interest. A copy of this policy must be on file with the Cooperative. Lapse of the policy must be automatically reported to the Cooperative by the insurer, and shall result in the immediate disconnection of the AES/QF from the Cooperative's electrical system. In general, a minimum of \$1 Million in liability insurance is required. The specific amount will be based on the Cooperative's review of the specific AES/QF.
- K. The AES/QF Owner shall agree to hold the Cooperative and/ or Allegheny harmless and indemnify the Cooperative and/ or Allegheny in connection with any damages or injury affecting any party, resulting from the installation or the interconnection of the AES/QF to the Cooperative's or Allegheny's system, and the purchase of any output from the AES/QF, or operation of the AES/QF. The AES/QF Owner agrees to indemnify the Cooperative and/ or Allegheny for any money damages, liabilities, administrative and/or legal expenses incurred by the Cooperative and/ or Allegheny as a result of the failure of the AES/QF Owner's equipment to meet any requirement or condition set forth herein.
- L. The AES/QF Owner shall sell electrical energy to Allegheny, pursuant to PURPA or ACT 213-2004 (as applicable) requirements, or upon written notification to Allegheny, to another entity. If another power purchasing entity is selected, a transmission or other charge may apply to wheel or transport the electrical power over the Cooperative's or Allegheny's electric facilities.

- M. The AES/QF Owner is responsible for executing a contract with Allegheny to receive compensation for energy and/or capacity delivered into the Cooperative's electrical system. The Cooperative shall credit a AES at the full retail rate for each kilowatt-hour produced by a AES installed on the member's side of the electric revenue meter, up to a total amount of electricity used by the member during the billing period. For AES's involved in virtual meter aggregation, a credit shall be applied first to the meter through which the Cooperative supplies electricity to the distribution system, then through the remaining meters for the AES's account equally at each meter's designated rate. At the end of each billing period, Allegheny shall compensate the AEGS for kilowatt-hours generated by the AES over the amount of kilowatt-hours delivered by the Cooperative during the billing period at Allegheny's avoided cost of wholesale power. The combination of readings from, and billing for, all meters regardless of rate class on properties owned or leased and operated by a member operating an AES within the Cooperative's service territory whether the aggregation is completed through physical or virtual meter aggregation.
- N. For AES/QF's of 100 kW or less, the Allegheny Rate Schedule applies.
- O. For AES/QF facilities of more than 100 kW, Allegheny will evaluate the proposed facility and negotiate potential purchase rates on a case-by-case basis, which rates will be based on Allegheny's avoided costs.
- P. Allegheny may refuse to purchase output from a AES/QF from time to time so the Cooperative can (1) construct, install, maintain, repair, replace, remove, investigate or inspect any of the Cooperative's equipment or any part of the Cooperative's System; or (2) if the Cooperative and/or Allegheny determine(s) that curtailment, interruption, or reduction of deliveries of energy or energy and capacity is appropriate because of emergencies, forced outages, operating conditions on the Cooperative's system, or as otherwise required by industry standard electrical practices.
- Q. Synchronous Generators will operate in the lagging VAR area of the capability curve at a power factor recommended by the Cooperative.
- R. Somerset REC's applicable "Attachement to the Alternate Energy Production and Service Rate" shall govern additional details regarding the interconnection of the AES/QF not specified in this policy.

S. The General Manager shall determine the eligibility of the AES/QF to utilize the net metering policies applicable to each facility based on the specific contract of such facility.

T. Limitations on individual and aggregate AES/QF installations after June 1, 2025 application submissions:

1. AES/QF shall be considered in two categories based on the installation of Automatic Curtailment Systems (“ACS”).

2. The aggregate installed capacity of AES/QF which do not have ACS shall not exceed 15% of the substation’s hourly peak load (in its normal configuration) from the previous operating year.

3. The aggregate installed capacity of AES/QF which do have ACS shall not exceed 80% of the substation’s hourly peak load (in its normal configuration) from the previous operating year.

4. No single AES/QF shall exceed 50% of the remaining available capacity of their ACS category.

5. ACS design details must be approved by the Cooperative such that they shall limit the electric output of the AES/QF without intervention to ensure no violations of electrical requirements or contractual obligations.

6. Due to the potential for changes in system loading and/or capacity, and to ensure fair access, a project not completed within nine (9) months of application approvals by Somerset REC, require the submission of a new study form with associated fees and may be subject to different capacity restrictions.

***SOMERSET RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE , INC.***

**SAFETY & INTERCONNECTION REQUIREMENTS FOR  
ALTERNATE ENERGY PRODUCTION**

**SUPPLEMENT TO POLICY on  
ALTERNATE ENERGY PRODUCTION**

The ***SOMERSET RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE , INC.***, (“the Cooperative”) has developed the *POLICY on ALTERNATE ENERGY PRODUCTION* enabling residential and commercial/industrial consumers to safely use electric power generated from non-traditional or renewable resources. Renewable resources, such as photovoltaics and fuel cells, may supplement the consumer’s source of energy.

AES/QF Owners, as defined in the *SOMERSET RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC., POLICY on ALTERNATE ENERGY PRODUCTION*, can generate electricity for their own use, or for resale, within specific guidelines. AES/QF installations generally are non-utility sources of electric power that are connected to, and can supply power to, the cooperative-owned distribution or transmission system. The AES/QF can be non-consumer-owned, and can be powered either by renewable resources, or by non-renewable resources.

The Cooperative recognizes the various electric industry standards and safety codes as they pertain to Alternative Energy System (AES) or Qualifying Facilities (QF). The standards and codes to be followed include, but are not limited to: Institute of Electronic and Electrical Engineers (IEEE), the Mid-Atlantic Distributed Resource Initiative (MADRI), PJM Interconnection, National Electric Safety Code (NESC), National Electric Code (NEC), National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), Underwriters Laboratories (UL), state, and local entities. Any reference in this Policy to a code, standard, regulation, or guideline shall be construed to mean the then-current version of that document.

At a minimum, the Cooperatives require the use of AES/QF equipment that meets the intent of the IEEE 1547-2018, and/ or IEEE 929-2000, and/ or UL 1741 Standards, and any other current industry standards.

## **GENERAL TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS**

### **Overview**

The technical requirements for connection of AES/QF will be those necessary to assure the safety and integrity of the Cooperative's electric system, and to maintain the quality and reliability of service to the Cooperative's electrical system or to others connected thereto. If an adverse effect(s) occurs in the sole opinion of the Cooperative, the AES/QF Owner must discontinue operation and take corrective action.

### **Disconnecting Device**

The technical requirements require a lockable disconnecting device, installed at a Cooperative approved location, with an appropriate control and protective scheme that automatically isolates the AES/QF from the utility system for, but not necessarily limited to, the following conditions:

- An electrical or mechanical fault on the AES/QF.
- An electrical or mechanical fault on the Cooperative's electrical system.
- An abnormal operating voltage and/or frequency on either system.
- A separation of the Cooperative's main system from the circuit that is interconnected with the AES/QF.

The reconnection of the AES/QF to the Cooperative distribution system shall not occur until normal system conditions are present.

### **Installation**

The AES/QF units are to be installed in a workmanlike manner. Minimum Interconnection requirements will include, but may not be limited to, meeting or exceeding IEEE 1547-2018 and/ or UL 1741 functionality requirements, or any other code or ordinance listed in this document. Facilities shall be installed to current NFPA 70-2005 codes or applicable electrical/ building codes. Additional operational or equipment requirements may be imposed on the AES/QF depending on the point of connection on the Cooperative's electrical facilities and the impact of the AES/QF on the Cooperatives' system. The Cooperative reserves the right to observe Generator start-up testing procedures to verify the proper system AES/QF interaction, or testing after modifications have been made to the Member's system.

### **Related Information**

Depending on the size of the AES/QF, guidelines established by the PJM Interconnection L.L.C. will need to be followed. The PJM website at [www.pjm.com](http://www.pjm.com) contains details on IEEE 1547-2018, and other interconnection information.

If the electrical output of the AES/QF will be transmitted over the electric system of another entity, the AES/QF may need to meet additional requirements of that entity.

### **Assumptions and Limitations**

IEEE 1547-2018 is not all-encompassing in its coverage of AES interconnections. Limitations and assumptions affecting its application include:

- The assumption that the AES/QF operates at 60 Hz.
- The assumption that the aggregate capacity of the AES is 10 MVA or less at the point of common connection.
- The assumption that IEEE 1547-2018 is focused on the activities of a AES on radial primary and secondary distribution systems.
- The limitation that IEEE 1547-2018 does not address the protection or operating requirements, planning, designing, or maintenance of the distribution system.

### **Monitoring Provisions / Other Communications / Control**

Depending on the intended use and application of the AES/QF, monitoring provisions may be needed. Small units providing supplemental residential power likely will not need monitoring, whereas larger units generating power in excess of local use may require additional metering, or the use of an indicator sent either to the Cooperative or another entity controlling the electric system. The communication capabilities required to coordinate the AES/QF with protective or monitoring devices, may include but not be limited to, a Remote Terminal Unit (RTU), and shall be installed at the AES/QF Owners expense.

Net Metering will require the use of metering equipment, located between the Cooperative's source and the Owner's electrical load, that will measure the flow of electricity from the Cooperative to the Owner. The metering will also measure the flow of electricity supplied by the AES/QF Owner to the Cooperative. These independent meter registers will be used to determine the amount of energy provided to the Cooperative, and will be the basis for potential monthly billing credits.

### **SPECIFIC TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS – PROTECTION**

- A. Fault protection can be provided by various methods, but must be capable of detecting and clearing faults that can occur in AES/QF and/or Cooperative facilities. Typical schemes are shown in, but are not limited to, Exhibit 1.
- B. Isolation protection is required to immediately and automatically disconnect AES/QF generation from the Cooperative system upon the loss of Cooperative power.

This protection generally can be accomplished by either a synchronous inverter used in DC generation or by applying the following isolation relays:

1. Undervoltage relay which may be time-delayed and instantaneous overvoltage relay.
2. Underfrequency relay where generators equal to or greater than 100 kW are utilized.
3. Overfrequency relay on certain installations.

Typical protection schemes are illustrated in Figures 1 through 5 of Exhibit 1 for Qualifying Facilities of 100 kW or less. Requirements for Qualifying Facilities of greater than 100 kW will be developed on a case by case basis.

- C. AES/QF fault protection must coordinate with Cooperative system protective devices for faults in AES/QF equipment. The Cooperative will provide the characteristics of the protective device with which the AES/QF must coordinate. All required protection design and associated settings must be provided to and approved formally by the Cooperative prior to connecting AES/QF equipment to the Cooperative system. The following information must be supplied to the Cooperative:
1. One-line relay application diagram.
  2. Connection diagrams showing all external connections to individual components of the protective scheme.
  3. Instruction manuals for all protective components. Component specifications and internal wiring diagrams must be provided If not included in manuals.
  4. Generator data - equivalent impedances, time constants, etc. required to analyze fault contributions and load current flows.
  5. All protective equipment ratings.
- D. All relay settings for isolation protection must be coordinated and consistent with Cooperative equipment.
- E. Maintenance for required fault and isolation protection must be performed and documented by the AES/QF Owner at specified intervals and specifications established by the equipment manufacturer or at intervals otherwise acceptable to the Cooperative.
- F. A lockable, manually operable, visible load-break disconnecting device is required for all AES/QF interconnections. The device will be installed at a Cooperative-approved and accessible location.

- G. The AES/QF will contain or employ a disconnecting device to automatically isolate the AES/QF generation from the Cooperative system when the Cooperative's circuit is either partially energized or fully de-energized. The disconnecting device also must be blocked from closing in on a partially energized or a de-energized Cooperative circuit.
- H. The Cooperative has the right, as required, to inspect all required protective equipment associated with the AES/QF interconnection.
- I. The AES/QF is responsible for properly synchronizing the Facility's generation with the Cooperative system.
- J. The AES/QF is responsible for providing a phase protection device on three-phase generators that will prevent damage to the generator or the Cooperative's system or Cooperative Members' equipment due to the loss of energy in any phase of a poly-phase system.
- K. The AES/QF electrical system should be able to withstand any and all electrical transients that occur on Cooperative's electrical distribution and transmission systems, including but not limited to, voltage surges, sags, swells, and outages. For instance, fuse coordination and operation of Cooperative reclosers should not cause damage that would require repair of the AES/QF's electrical system. Manual or automatic reset of system protective devices, either by the Cooperative or the AES/QF Owner, is acceptable.
- L. It is acknowledged that AES/QF technologies, such as fuel cells and wood powered steam turbines, continue to evolve. While the latest industry standard may not be specifically listed in this document, the Cooperative expressly reserves the right to use the latest industry standards in the interconnection evaluation process for any AES/QF technology.
- M. Additional resources on protection systems:
- ANSI/IEEE Std 1001-1988 "IEEE Guide for Interfacing Dispersed Storage and Generation Facilities with Electric Power Systems."
  - PJM "Small Generator (2 MW or less) Technical Requirements and Standards."
  - NFPA 70-2005 National Electric Code. *Note: Attention is directed to Article 250 – Grounding and Bonding.*
  - IEEE Green Book – ANSI C114.1-1973/IEEE Std 142-1972 "IEEE Recommended Practice for Grounding of Industrial and Commercial Power Systems."
  - IEEE Orange Book – ANSI/IEEE Std 446-1980 "IEEE Recommended Practice for Emergency and Standby Power Systems for Industrial and Commercial Applications."

## **PROJECT REVIEW**

Additionally, to ensure that other Cooperative Members' electric service is not negatively affected by one (or more) operating AES/QF units, the Cooperative will perform a technical review of the AES/QF unit. The review process should reveal potential problems prior to the operation of the AES/QF, as well as provide a cost estimate for the necessary work to accept AES/QF generation. Any cost of studies associated with the proposed installation of a AES/QF shall be borne by the AES/QF Owner.

The Cooperative, however, reserves the right to reevaluate the continued operation of the AES/QF if any actual or potential safety, quality, or reliability issues arise or occur. Any corrective actions recommended by the Cooperative or its agent must be implemented at the AES/QF Owner's expense. This may include termination of the operation of one or more AES/QF units interconnected on the same line section.

## **RESPONSIBILITY**

It shall be the responsibility of the AES/QF Owner to design and operate a system adequate to meet the technical requirements generally set forth above and to assure reliability of the protection scheme as predicated by the design and location of Member generation. In addition, this protection must be compatible with Cooperative system protective devices. Paralleling Member generation with the Cooperative system will be permitted only upon obtaining formal Cooperative approval in advance.

The AES/QF Owner is solely responsible for providing adequate protection for his equipment.