







Energy Storage Solutions (ESS)

Application Process Working Group (APWG) Meeting 4 – Wrap up and Summary February 15th, 2024

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- Please email written comments to: energystorage@ctgreenbank.com
- It may be helpful to note that this is a large + diverse group of ESS supporters and some of the items discussed in the APWG meetings may not be a part of your daily process flow.

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Agenda



- Summary
- Questions
- Next Steps

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Why APWG?



- <u>State of CT Public Utilities Regulatory Authority-Final Decision Docket 23-08-05</u>
- Order 14 asks Program Administrators to convene a WG to make recommendations on how to streamline the application process, specifically regarding:
 - (1) required <u>application field questions that can be omitted</u> from the ESS Salesforcebased application;
 - (2) required <u>application forms that can be consolidated</u> or removed;
 - (3) a proposal to combine or streamline separate ESS applications and enrollment processes, including a method to combine a project's DERMS-enrollment application with the existing ESS incentive approval application; and
 - (4) a recommendation to <u>streamline or reduce the requirements included in the</u> <u>Eligible Contractor application</u>.

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If consensus on any of the on the previous slide cannot be reached, the Program Administrators shall include in the APWG report a fair and accurate description of all views expressed. <u>Report is due March 15, 2024</u>.

Any consensus recommendations not requiring changes to the Program Manual or Program documents may be implemented immediately by the Program Administrators, provided such changes do not contradict a prior Authority ruling.





Meeting 4 (February 15th, 2024, 3PM ET): Wrap Up and Summary

Final Meeting

Proposed Changes to Enrollment Process



Proposed Changes



- Merge ESS application process with Interconnection + Battery Commissioning
- Turn two paths into one "relay race"
- Remove documents that are duplicative, including (but not limited to)
 - One-line electrical diagram / Site plan
 - Approval to energize
 - Self-inspection checklist (for active)
 - Electric bill
 - Low-income affidavit and attachments (in some instances)
- Shorten process for active-only with fewer touch points
- EDC interconnection departments are on board with sharing data with Green Bank
- Benefit and drawback: heavy reliance on data sharing / API connections

Proposed Flow



For Discussion



- How could we incorporate existing batteries (already beyond interconnection process)?
 What do OEMs and Contractors think?
- This is a smoother process with fewer touchpoints and data inputs, but hinges on data connections
- We will still require document uploads for Passive: for example, the Contract and T&C
- We will still need to collect total cost data for all customers, how reliable will this be? How reliable will this be from a customer? How do we verify?
- How does active-only enrollment work for customers with batteries that do not have an inapp enrollment experience?
- What does in-app enrollment look like? How reliable are OEMs to coordinate? Are customer touchpoints reliable? Will we use that process for passive as well?
- We need OEMs / DERMS to be configured to accept additional data fields

Comments and Questions?

Next Steps

Next Steps

- Visit
 - www.energystorageCT.com
 - Access current ESS Program Information
 - Including APWG Meetings and Materials
 - <u>https://energystoragect.com/application-working-group/</u>
- Submit any written comments to energystorage@ctgreenbank.com before EOD 2/21

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