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An introduction to the Solar and Energy Storage System Permitting & Inspection Guidelines

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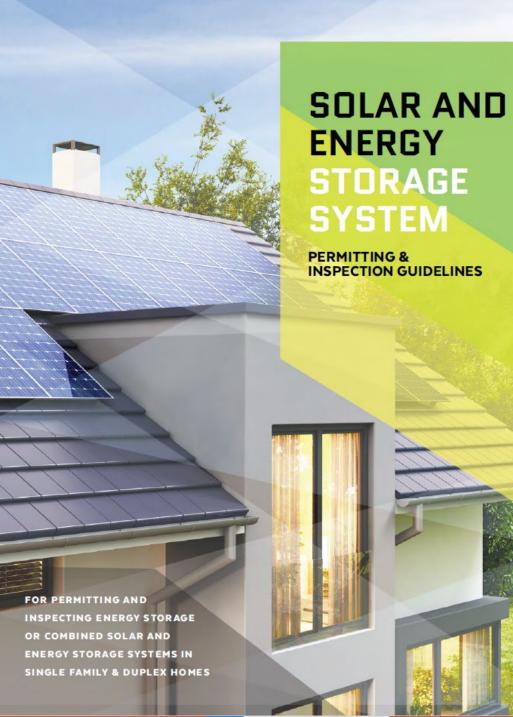
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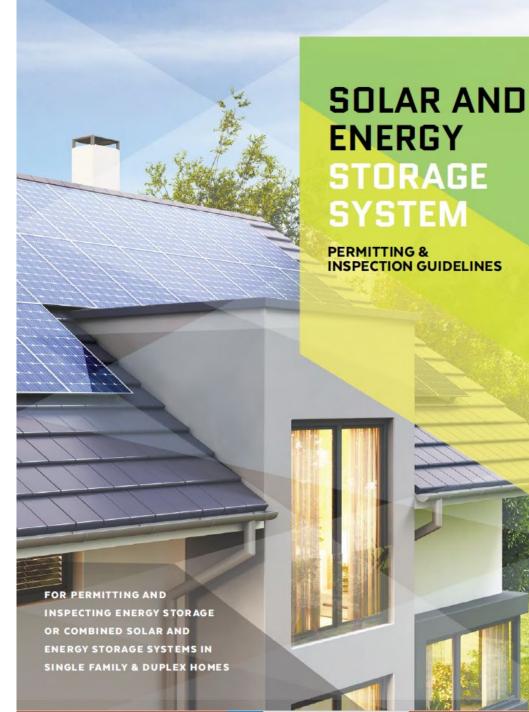
Background

- Increasing interest in Distributed Energy Resources (DER)
- Increasing installations
- Need to change practices
- Supports single-day, simple permitting

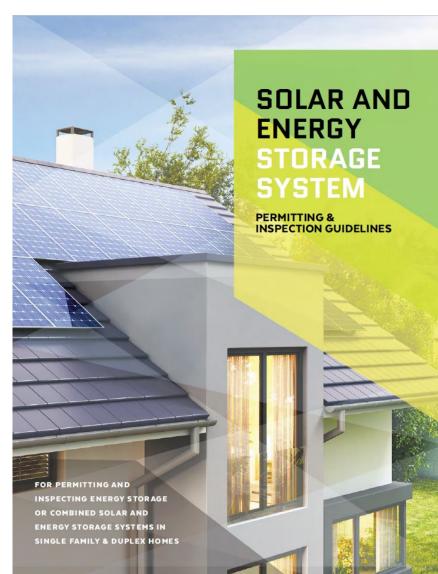


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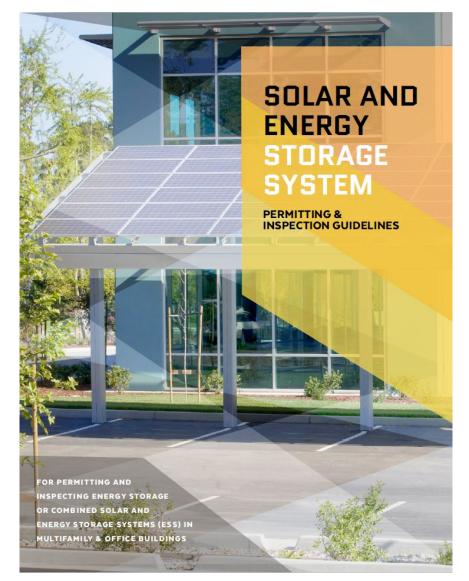
- Overview of code requirements
- List of permitting and inspection requirements
- Reduce information barriers
- Consistent and code compliant installations



Single Family & Duplex



Multifamily & Office



Referenced National Codes

2020 Versions

- 2020 National Electrical Code (NEC)
- 2021 International Building Code (IBC)
- 2021 International Residential Code (IRC)
- 2021 International Fire Code (IFC)

2017 Versions

- 2017 National Electrical Code (NEC)
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Guide Contents

Permit Submission

Requirements

- General Installation Guides
- Plan Review Checklist
- Field Inspection Checklist

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Permit Approval Requirements Section

Permit Approval Requirements

- Lithium-ion energy storage systems
- Energy storage systems with total maximum energy capacity on site of 600kWh
- Energy storage systems installed with simple solar systems meeting <u>SolSmart</u> <u>criteria</u> that are less than 15kW consisting of no more than 2 series strings per inverter and no more than 4 source circuits in total per inverter.



Permit Submission Requirements - Single Family

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5) Documentation showing that ESS meets utility interconnection requirements

6) Electrical Load Calculation

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- Permit application
- Site plan
- Standard electrical diagram
- Specification sheets
- ESS interconnection requirements
 documentation
- Electrical load calculations

Permit Submission Requirements - Multifamily

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Link to your application

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Appendix A – Sample Permit Application

APPENDIX A: SOLAR AND/OR ESS PERMIT APPLICATION

LAR	FOR OFFICE USE ONLY
RMIT	Application Number:
	Permit Number:
	Issued By:
	Date Applied:
	Date Issued:

SECTION 1 - GENERAL INFO

PROJECT ADDRESS			
PROPERTY OWNER'S NAME	PHONE NUMBER	EMAIL	

PROPERTY OWNER'S MAILING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT FROM PROJECT ADDRESS)

SECTION 2 - PROJECT DETAILS

BUILDING TYPE/EXISTING USE

SINGLE FAMILY	IPLEX DULTI-	FAMILY		
COMMERCIAL/ NE	W CONSTRUCTION	OTHER:		
NEW OR EXISTING PV SYSTEM	PV SYSTEM TYPE	INVERTER Configura	TION	
NEW SYSTEM	ROOF MOUNT	STRING IN	IVERTER	
ADDITIONAL SYSTEM	GROUND MOUNT	STRING IN CONVERT	IVERTER W/ DC	
SYSTEM REPLACEMENT	BUILDING INTEGRAT OTHER	ED/	ERTERSOR	
TOTAL PV System Sizekw DC	TOTAL SO. FT. OF PV SYSTEM	SQ FT VAL	ROJECT JUATION S	
INCLUDES ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM	TOTAL SYSTEM Capacity Rating	kWh	POWER RATING	kW
			AC I	DC
PROJECT DESCRIPTION:				
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SECTION 3 - CONTRACTOR INFORMATION

CONTRACTOR BUSINESS NAME	CONTRACTOR LICENSE NUMB
BUSINESS ADDRESS	

SECTION 4 - PERMIT FEE

[Include fee schedule/options and/or instructions for calculating fee, directions on how and when to submit the permit fee.]

SECTION 5 - IMPORTANT NOTICE

A permit must be obtained for all installations or alterations of electrical equipment BEFORE WORK STARTS. Refer to EVSP Evermitting Ochecklist for additional documents required. Failure to provide all required documents, including (1) Site Plan, (2) Electrical Diagram, and (3) Specification Sheets and Installation Manuals will delay permit approval. All permits expire six (6) months after date of issuance. Failure to start the work suthorized by a permit within this six-month period renders the permit invalid and a new permit must be obtained. Once work begins, noticeable progress must continue until completion. All work must be complete within eighten (18) months of a permit issue date.

Please Submit the following additional documents with the EVSE Permit Application

- Site Plan - Electrical Diagram

 Structural Load Calculation
 Additional Document - edit or delete as necessary

Submit Permit Application

[Describe the submission process, how should the permits be submitted? In-person, on-line, e-mail, fax, etc.]

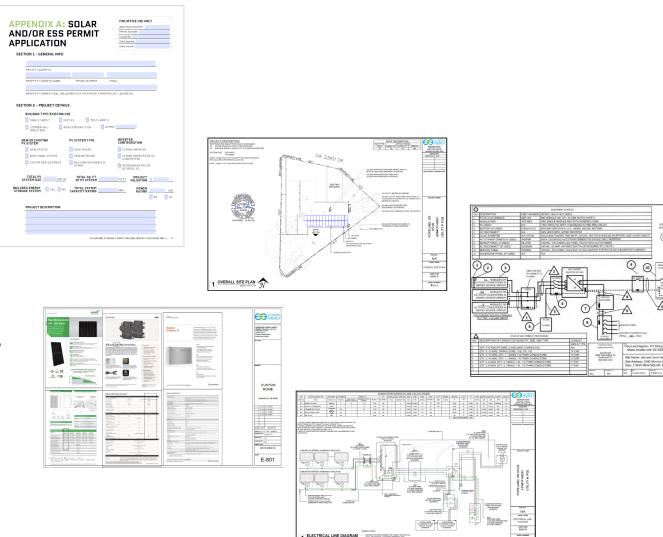
SECTION 6 - APPLICANT SIGNATURE



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Example Submittal – Single Family

- Permit application
- Site plan
- Standard electrical diagram
- Specification sheets
- ESS interconnection requirements documentation
- Electrical load calculations



Permit Application

Site Plan

D/OR ESS LICATION	N	Permit Number: Issued By: Date Applied: Date Issued:
PROJECT ADDRESS		
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ION 2 - PROJECT DETA BUILDING TYPE/EXISTING SINGLE FAMILY COMMERCIAL/ INDUSTRIAL W OR EXISTING SYSTEM	NILS DUPLEX MULTI-FAM NEW CONSTRUCTION PV SYSTEM TYPE	ILY OTHER: INVERTER CONFIGURATION

TOTAL SQ. FT. OF PV SYSTEM

TOTAL SYSTEM CAPACITY RATING

kW DC

🗌 YES 📃 NO

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

PROJECT VALUATION

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POWER RATING

kW

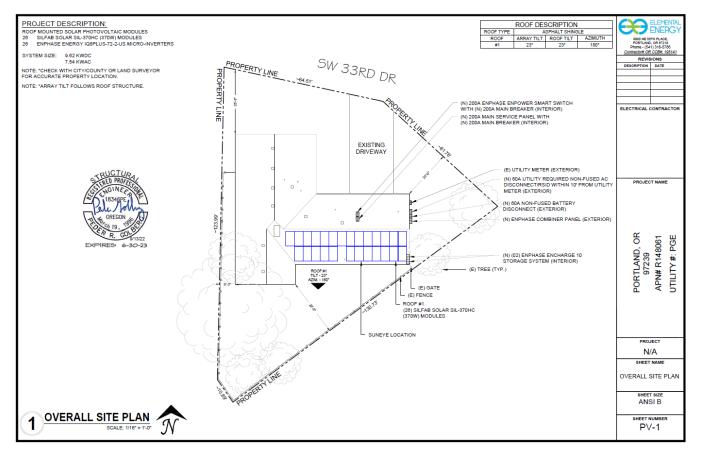
🗆 AC 📃 DC

SQ FT

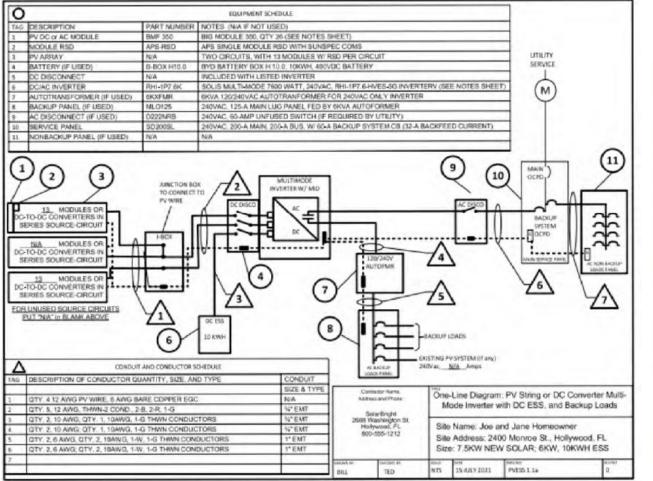
kWh

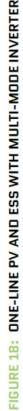
TOTAL PV System Size

INCLUDES ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM



Standard Electrical Diagram





Specification sheets





Enphase IQ8X-BAT Microinverter

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The high-powered smart grid-ready Enphase IQ 8X-BAT Microinverter is an integral part of the Enphase IQ Battery system. Part of the Enphase IQ System, the IQ 8X-BAT Micro More than one mill hours of testing lass II double-insulated The IQ Series Micro rters extend the reliability standards set forth by pr Built-In rapid shutdown compliant (NEC 2014 & 20 Ivanced grid support ne latest grid requ Configurable to support a wide ange of grid profiles

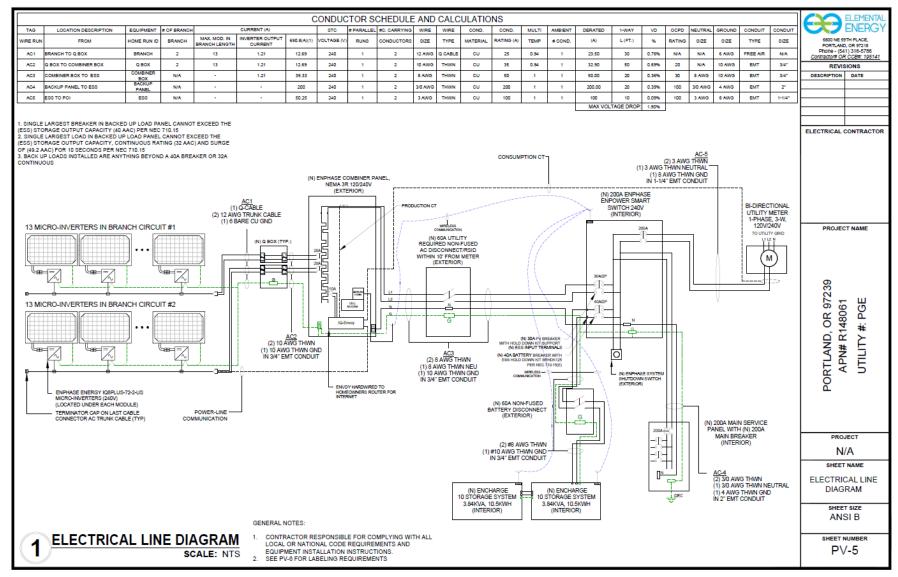
Meets CA Rule 21 (UL 1741-SA)

INPUT DATA (DC)		IQUE BAT-US
Maximum input DC voltage	×	72.5
Operating range	×	52.5 V - 74.5
Max DC short circuit current		20.25
Overvoltage class DC port		
DC port backleed current	*	0
OUTPUT DATA (AC)		#240 1340
Peak output power	¥8.	320
Maximum continuous output power		305
Nominal IL-L) voltage/range ¹	*	240 / 211-284
Peak output ourrent		2.05 (10 Seconds)
Maximum continuous output ourrent	AND	133(240)
Nominal frequency	N	60
Extended frequency range	He .	50 - 66
AC short circuit fault current over 3 or	cies .	0.695 Arms
Maximum units (L-L) per branch circul		12 (204), 24 (40A), 46 (80A)
Overvoltage-class AC port		
AC port backfeed current	-	10
Power factor (off grid)		-1 to 0 to 41
Power factor (grid tind)		-0.85 to +0.85
DECOMPT	-	#245 VAC
CEC weighted efficiency		94.5%
MECHANICAL DATA		and the second se
Ambient temperature range		-40°C to -60°C
Relative humidity range		401 to 1001 (condensing)
Connector type		Enchase Q ^a convector
Dimensions 01xWx00		212 mm x 175 mm x 30.2 mm (without bracket)
Weight		108 kg (2,38 ba)
Cooling		Natural convection - no fane
		Natural convection - no fans
Approved for wet locations		Yes 2013
Polution degree		PD3 Class E double-insulated, corresion-resistant polymeric enclosure
Environ, category / UV exposure ratio		NEMA Type 6 / outdoor
FEATURES		Power Line Communication (PLC)
Communication		
Monitoring		Exphase Installer Platform and Exphase Installer Portal monitoring options Compatible with Exphase ID Gateway
Compliance		CA Rule 21 (UL 1141-5A) UL 62109-1, UL 1141/EEE IMA, FCC Part B Class B, ICE5-0003 Class B, CAN/CIA-C22 XM, 131-01
BR BLANTY		
Limited Warranty		10 years
(1) Noninal voltage range can be extern	ed beyond mentioned if requ	
		IQ84-947-05-0042-01-5N-10

		MODEL NUMBER ENCHARGE-10-19-NA	Encharge 10 bettery storage system with integrated Explanse Microinverters and ba management unit (DMU) includes: — Three Encharge 2.04 With base units (803-401-U200-1-3) – One Encharge 10 cover it with cover, wall mounting bracket, watersight conduit ha interconnect king for wining between batteries (805-405-0).
	1	ACCESSORIES ENCHARSE-HNDUR1	One set of Encharce base unit installation handles
Enphase	The Enphase Encharge 10" all-in-one AC-coupled		
	storage system is reliable, smart, simple, and safe. It is	OUTPUT (AC)	© 240 VAC' 3.84XVA
Encharge 10	comprised of three base Encharge 3" storage units, has	Rated (continuous) output power Peak output power	3.84 kVA 5.7 kVA (10 seconds)
Enonargo ro		Nominal voltage / range	2.0 / 211 - 264 VAC
	a total usable energy capacity of 10.08 kWh and twelve	Nominal frequency / range	2407211-264 WC 60757-61 Hz
	embedded grid-forming microinverters with 3.84 kW	Rated output current	16 A
	power rating. It provides backup capability and installers	Peak output current	24.6A (10 seconds)
	can quickly design the right system size to meet the	Power factor (adjustable)	0.85 leading 0.85 lagging
		Maximum units per 20 A branch circuit	1 unit (single phase)
	needs of both new and retrofit solar customers.	Interconnection	Single-phase
		Maximum AC short circuit fault current over 3 cycles	
		Round trip efficiency ⁴	89%
		BATTERY	
	Reliable	Total capacity	10.5 kWh
		Usable capacity	10.08 kWh
	 Proven high reliability IQ Series Microinverters 	Round trip efficiency	96%
	Ten-year limited warranty	Nominal DC voltage	67.2 V
	 Three independent Encharge storage base units 	Maximum DC voltage	73.5 V
• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	 Twelve embedded IQ 8X-BAT Microinverters 	Ambient operating temperature range	-15° C to 55° C (5° F to 131° F) non-condensing
I Internet in the second seco second second sec	 Passive cooling (no moving parts/fans) 	Optimum operating temperature range	0° C to 30° C (32° F to 86° F)
I International Contraction Contraction Contraction		Chemistry	Lithium iron phosphate (LFP)
I Internet in the second se	Smart	MECHANICAL DATA	
International contraction of the second sec second second sec	Grid-forming capability for backup operation	Dimensions (WxHxD)	1070 mm x 664 mm x 319 mm (42.13 in x 26.14 in x 12.56 in)
I Internet in the second se	Bernote software and firmware upgrade	Weight	Three individual 44.2 kg (97.4 lbs) base units plus 21.1 kg (48.7 lbs) cover and mou
	Mobile app-based monitoring and control	Fechanic	bracket; total 154.7 kg (341 lbs) Outdoor - NEMA type SR
		Enclosure IQ BX-BAT microinverter enclosure	Outdoor - NEMA type SH NEMA type 6
	Support for self consumption		
	 Utility time of use (TOU) optimization 	Cooling Altitude	Natural convection – No fans Up to 2500 meters (8200 feet)
		Mounting	Up to 2500 meters (8200 heet) Well mount
	Simple	FEATURES AND COMPLIANCE	was mount
		Competibility	Compatible with grid-tied PV systems. Compatible with Enphase M215/M250 and
	 Fully integrated AC battery system 	Companyany	Micros, Enphase Enpower, and Enphase IQ Envoy for backup operation.
	 Quick and easy plug-and-play installation 	Communication	Wireless 2.4 GHz
	 Interconnects with standard household AC wiring 	Services	Backup, self-consumption, TOU, Demand Charge, NEM Integrity
		Monitoring	Enlighten Manager and MyEnlighten monitoring options; API integration
	Safe	Compliance	UL 9540, UN 38.3, UL 9540A, UL 1998, UL 991, NEMA Type 3R, AC156
			EMI: 47 CFR, Part 15, Class B, ICES 003 Cell Module: UL 1973, UN 38.3
	Cells safety tested		Inverters: UL 62109-1, IEC 62109-2, UL 1741SA, CAN/CSA C22.2 No. 107.1-16, and IB
	Lithium iron phosphate (LFP) chemistry for maximum	LIMITED WARRANTY	
	safety and longevity	Limited Warranty ^a	+70% capacity, up to 10 years or 4000 cycles
		 Supported in backup/off grid operations AC to Battery to AC at SD's power rating. Whichever occurs first. Restrictions apply. 	

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ESS Interconnection



Electrical Load Calculations

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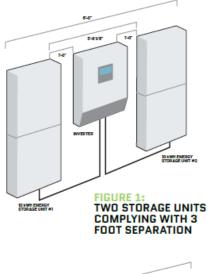
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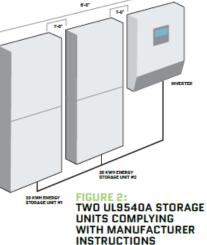
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General Installation Guide Requirements Covered:

- ESS System Requirements
- ESS Installation
- ESS Size Location
- Interconnection ESS to PV
- PV Electrical Code
- PV Mounting & Installation

GENERAL INSTALLATION GUIDE





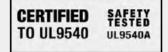
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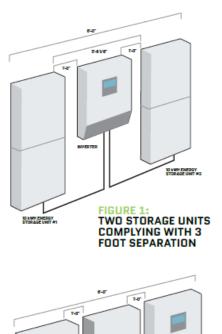
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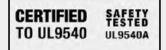
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FIGURE 3: LARGE SCALE FIRE TESTED LABEL



20 KWHENERGY STORAGE UNIT #2

TWO UL9540A STORAGE UNITS COMPLYING WITH MANUFACTURER INSTRUCTIONS

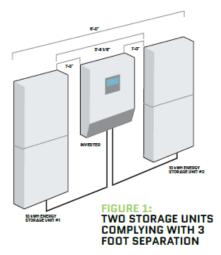
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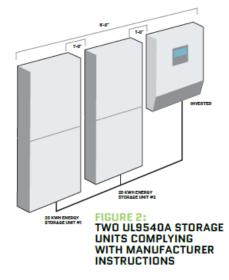
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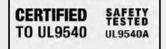
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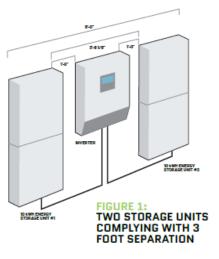
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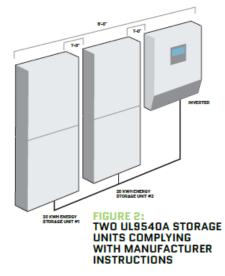


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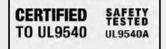
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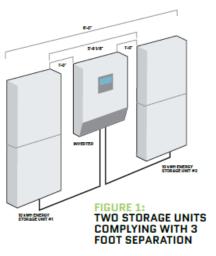
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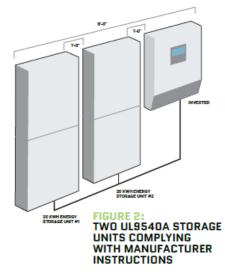


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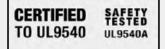
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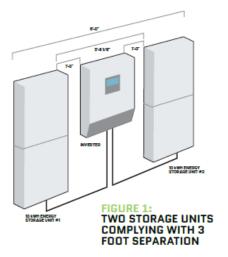
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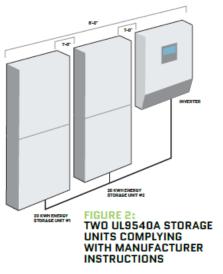


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b. 80 kWh on exterior walls a minimum 3 feet (914 mm) from doors and windows directly entering the dwelling unit. There is no restriction on how close an ESS unit can be to windows or doors entering a garage because the garage is not considered part of the dwelling unit.

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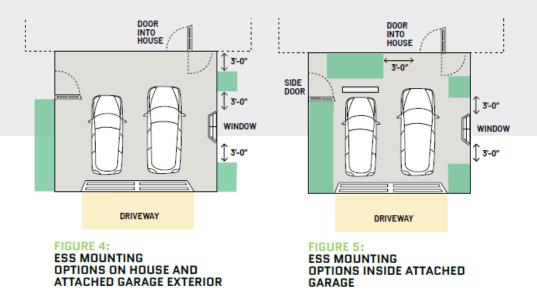
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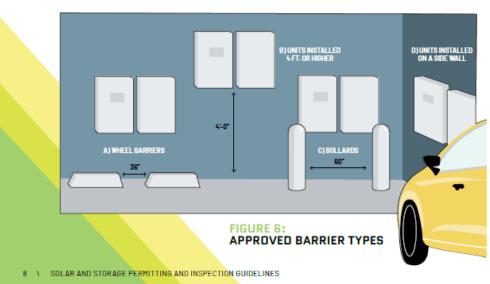
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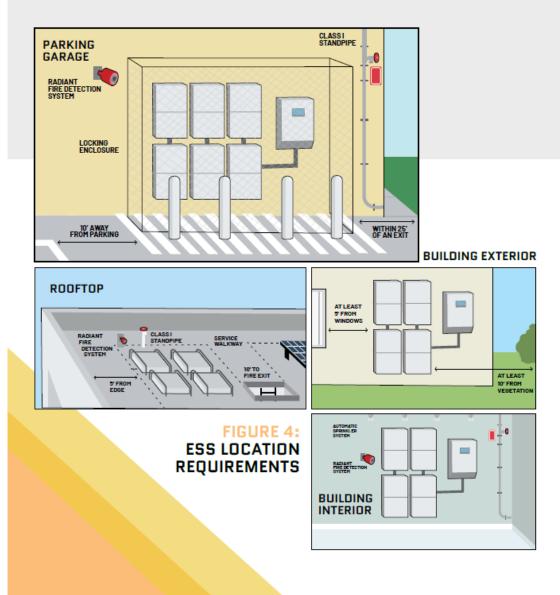
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Multifamily & Office Version

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PHOTOVOLTAIC AND ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM INTERCONNECTION REQUIREMENTS

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A. Supply-side connection complies with the following:(NEC 705.11)

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- b. The power source output circuit conductors to the first OCPD device are no smaller than 64WG copper and sized at 125% of maximum current or maximum current with adjustment and correction factors. (NEC 705.11(B), 705.28)
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D. Load-side distribution equipment listed to combine sources and supply loads.

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PV Electrical Code Installation Requirements

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- Access and working space is provided for PV equipment such as inverters, disconnecting means, and panelboards (not required for PV modules). (NEC 110.26)
- 18. Exposed cables are properly secured, supported, and routed to prevent physical damage.
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- 20. PV system markings, labels, and signs according to the NEC. (NEC 690.13(B), 690.53, 690.54, 690.56)
- 21. Major electrical components including PV modules, DC-to-DC converters, and inverters, are identified for use in PV systems.
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- 25. The PV array consists of no more than 2 series strings per inverter input and no more than 4 source circuit strings in total per inverter.



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PV SYSTEM ELECTRICAL CODE INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS

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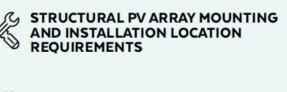
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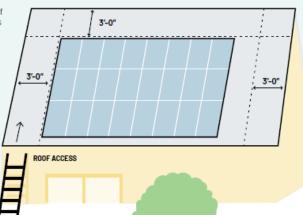
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- **31** The weight of the PV system is 4 lbs/square foot or less.
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- 36 The solar module and mounting system rated by the manufacturer to withstand the upward force of the local wind speed and evenly distribute load into the supporting structure at the proposed maximum spacing, and confirmed in UL 1703 or 61730, and 2703 listings.
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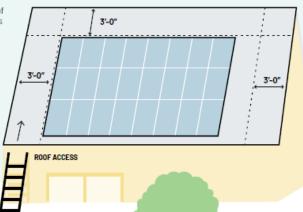
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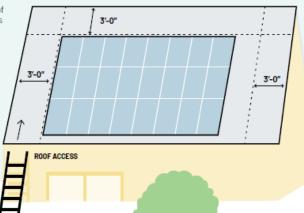
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Structural PV Array Mounting & Installation **Location Requirements**

32. PV arrays are located to meet the fire setback and access pathway requirements: (IFC 1205.3.1 IFC 1205.3.2)

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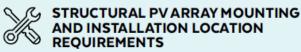
b. Interior pathways are provided at intervals not greater than 150 feet throughout the length and width of the roof.

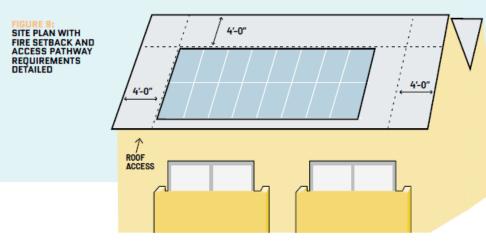
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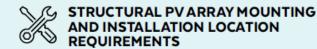


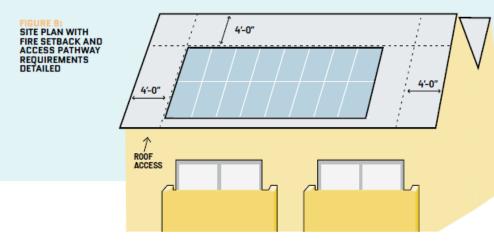
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Plan Review Checklist

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ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM REOUIREMENTS

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3 Inverters are certified to UL1741.

ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM INSTALLATION REOUIREMENTS

- 4 The individual ESS units are no larger than 20kWh.
- 6 Energy Storage Systems that are UL9540a certified are grouped and separated according to manufacturer instructions.
- □ 5 ESS units that are UL9540 certified are separated by 3 feet.

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ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM SIZE AND LOCATION REQUIREMENTS

- 7 Each ESS unit meets one of the size and location limitations shown below: (IRC R328.4, IRC R328.5) a, 80 kWh in attached garages separated from the dwelling unit living space with 1/2" gypsum board between garages and residence or attics and 5/8" Type X gypsum between garage and habitable room above garage. If sheetrock rating of homes built under a code older than the 2009 IRC cannot be verified, sheetrock is installed to meet this requirement.
 - b. 80 kWh on exterior walls a minimum 3 feet (914 mm) from doors and windows directly entering the dwelling unit. There is no restriction on how close an ESS unit can be to windows or doors entering a garage because the garage is not considered part of the dwelling unit.
 - c. 40 kWh within utility closets, basements, and storage or utility spaces with finished or noncombustible walls and ceilings. Walls and ceilings of unfinished wood-framed construction shall be provided with minimum 5/8" Type X gypsum.
 - d. 80 kWh in detached garages and detached accessory structures.

- e. 80 kWh outdoors on the ground a minimum 3 feet from doors and windows directly entering the dwelling unit. There is no restriction on how close an ESS unit can be to windows or doors entering a garage because the garage is not considered part of the dwelling unit.
- 8 ESS is protected from vehicular impact by one of the following:
 - a. Installed in a location not subject to vehicular impact such as on a side wall or 4' above floor level, or
 - b. Protected by guard posts located 6 inches or more away from the ESS.
 - c. Protected by wheel barriers anchored in place located 4.5 feet or more away from the ESS. d. Protected by other barriers where approved
- 9 Smoke alarms are installed in dwelling units and basements in which ESS is installed.
- 10 For ESS installed in unconditioned indoor spaces such as dwelling units and attached garages that can exceed the temperature limits of smoke alarms (32°F-100°F), heat alarms are installed.



PHOTOVOLTAIC AND ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM INTERCONNECTION REQUIREMENTS

- 11 The inverter installation meets the requirements of one of the items below:
 - a. Supply-side connection complies with power source continuous output rating, conductor size, over current protection, connection, and ground fault requirements in NEC 705.11. b. Load-side connection complies with 705,12
 - and can meet the 120% busbar rating allowance in a residence.
- c. Load-side Power Control Systems which use controls to prevent overcurrent of equipment are listed to UL1741 CRD and comply with monitoring, setting, overcurrent protection, single power source ratings, and access requirements in NEC 705.13.
- d. Load-side distribution equipment listed to combine sources and supply loads.

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STRUCTURAL PV ARRAY MOUNTING AND INSTALLATION LOCATION REQUIREMENTS

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- 22 The weight of the PV system is 4 lbs/square foot or less
- 23 The attachment points of the mounting system are either staggered or installed in a low snow load (10 psf or less) and low wind load (120 mph or less) location
- 24 The maximum spacing in inches between adjacent attachment points of the mounting system is either 2 feet or less or no larger than 6 feet in a low 29 What is the roof covering material? snow load (10 psf or less) and low wind load (120 mph or less) location.
- 25 The array is on a single roof face. If no check, how many roof surfaces at different slopes and/or orientations will be used for installation

- 18 The maximum PV DC system voltage for a multifamily or office building is limited to 600Vdc. Use either the checklist shown the general installation guide or methods described in 690.7(A)(1) or 690.7(A)(3) to ensure the system is designed and connected so that 600Vdc is not exceeded on the average coldest day of the year.
- 19 PV system circuits on buildings meet requirements for controlled conductors. a. Controlled conductors more than one foot from the array are capable of being shutdown to below 30 volts within 30 seconds
 - b. PV array wiring within the array is either listed to the PV Hazard Control product safety standard (UL3741) or limited to not more than 80 volts within 30 seconds of rapid shutdown initiation.
- 20 The PV System disconnecting means is sized for the maximum short circuit current and voltage and installed in a readily accessible location.
- the maximum distance off the roof is no greater than 10".
- 27 The solar module and mounting system rated by the manufacturer to withstand the upward force of the local wind speed and evenly distribute load into the supporting structure at the proposed maximum spacing, and confirmed in UL 1703 or 61730, and 2703 listings.
- 28 The individual roof structure appears to be structurally sound, without signs of alterations or significant structural deterioration or sagging. There are no visually apparent disallowed rafter holes, notches or truss modifications, no visually apparent structural decay or unrepaired fire damage. Roof sag, measured in inches is not more than the rafter or ridge beam length in feet divided by 20.
- Standing seam metal roofs are limited to a design snow load of no greater than 15 psf.
- What is the slope of the roof? If multiple roof 30 faces are used that have different slopes, each slope should be recorded here

Field Inspection Checklist



HELPFUL TIP

Numbers that correspond to the requirement in the permitting checklist are provided next to the same requirement in the field inspection checklist.

🖘 🔋 ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

Make sure all ESS disconnects and circuit breakers are in the open position and verify the following:

- All work done in a neat and workmanlike manner (NEC 110.12).
- 2 Equipment installed, listed, and labeled according to the approved plan and manufacturers' instructions (e.g., ESS units, battery units, inverters, disconnects). (1-3)
- 3 ESS equipment model numbers, quantity, and location according to the approved plan. (see PV+ESS general installation guideline for additional information)
 - a. ESS units no greater than 20 kWh each. (4).
 b. ESS units have either 3 foot spacing between units or ESS unit is UL9540a listed and manufacturer spacing requirements are followed. A 3 foot space between unit and doors or windows entering the dwelling unit
 - are required. (5, 6) c. ESS maximums are followed (40 kWh inside dwelling or 80 kWh in garage and elsewhere)
 - (7)

whichever is greater.

Access and working space for ESS equipment such as ESS units, battery units, inverters, disconnecting means, and panelboards is adequate. Working space is at least 30 inches

in width, 6.5 feet in height and 4 feet in depth or

the width, height and depth of the equipment,

 inverters, conduit and other electrical equipment according to the NEC and manufacturer's instructions.
 6 Conduit and other wiring methods installation

Grounding/bonding of ESS units, battery units,

- according to the NEC and the approved plan. (11)
- Conductors, cables, and conduit types, sizes, and markings according to the approved plan. (11)
- Overcurrent devices are the type and size according to the approved plan. (11)
- Disconnects according to the approved plan and properly located as required by the NEC. (11)
- 10 For grid-connected systems, documentation is provided to show that ESS meets utility interconnection requirements.
- PV system electrical interconnection point (supply-side or load-side connection, load-side power control systems, and load-side distribution equipment) complies with approved plan. (11)
- 12 For garage-installed ESS mounted on end wall of garage, vehicle protection is installed where required. (8)
- 13 For ESS installed in conditioned spaces, any required smoke alarms are installed. (9)
- 14 For ESS installed in unconditioned indoor spaces that can exceed the temperature limits of smoke alarms (32°F-100°F), heat alarms are installed. (10)

PHOTOVOLTAIC ELECTRICAL AND STRUCTURAL REQUIREMENTS

Make sure all PV disconnects and circuit breakers are in the open position and verify the following:

- All work done in a neat and workmanlike manner.
- PV module model number, quantity, and location according to the approved plan.
- Array mounting system and structural connections according to the approved plan and manufacturers' instructions. (22-30)
- 4 Roof penetrations flashed/sealed according to the approved plan and manufacturers' instructions.
- 5 Exposed cables are properly secured, supported, and routed to prevent physical damage.
- Conduit installation according to NEC 690.31 and the approved plan. (17)
- Firefighter access according to IRC R324 and the approved plan. (21)
- 8 Roof-mounted PV mounting system and modules have sufficient fire classification (15)
- Grounding/bonding of rack, modules, inverter(s), and other electrical equipment according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- 10 Equipment installed, listed, and labeled according to the approved plan and manufacturers' instructions (e.g., PV modules, inverters, dc-to-dc converters, rapid shutdown equipment). (12-14)

- 11 For grid-connected systems, inverter is marked "interactive," or documentation is provided to show that inverter meets utility interconnection requirements. (13)
- Conductors, cables, and conduit types, sizes, and markings according to the approved plan. (16, 17, 19)
- 13 Overcurrent devices are the type and size according to the approved plan.
- Disconnects according to the approved plan and properly located as required by the NEC. (20)
- PV system electrical interconnection point (supply-side or load-side connection, loadside power control systems, and load-side distribution equipment) complies with approved plan. (11)
- PV system markings, labels, and signs according to the approved plan.
- PV system equipment grounding conductors installed according to the approved plan.
- 18 Access and working space is provided for PV equipment such as inverters, disconnecting means, and panelboards (not required for PV modules).
- 19 The rapid shutdown system is installed and operational according to the approved plan and manufacturers' instructions. (19)

Supporting Resources

Links to Referenced Codes



International Code Council "2021 International Fire Code", Oct. 2020, https://codes.iccsafe.org/content/IFC2021P1

International Code Council "2021 International Building Code", Oct. 2020, https://codes.iccsafe.org/content/IBC2021P1.

National Fire Protection Association. "NFPA 70[®]." NFPA 70[®]: National Electrical Code[®], Delmar Cengage Learning, 18 Sept. 2019, <u>https://www. nfpa.org/codes-and-standards/all-codes-and-standards/list-of-codesand-standards/detail?code=70&access=open.</u>

"National Simplified Residential PV and Energy Storage Permit Guidelines." SolSmart, <u>https://solsmart.org/resources/national-simplified-res-</u> idential-pv-and-energy-storage-permit-guidelines/.

Appendices

Appendix A – Sample Permit

APPENDIX A: SOLAR AND/OR ESS PERMIT APPLICATION

Application Num	ber:	
Permit Number:		
Issued By:		
Date Applied:		
Date Issued:		

SECTION 1 - GENERAL INFO

PROJECT ADDRESS			
PROPERTY OWNER'S NAME	PHONE NUMBER	EMAIL	

PROPERTY OWNER'S MAILING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT FROM PROJECT ADDRESS)

SECTION 2 - PROJECT DETAILS

BUILDING TYPE/EXISTING USE

SINGLE FAMILY	PLEX 🗌 MULTI-	FAMILY	
COMMERCIAL/ NE	W CONSTRUCTION	OTHER:	
NEW OR EXISTING PV SYSTEM	PV SYSTEM TYPE	INVERTER Configuratio	N
NEW SYSTEM	ROOF MOUNT	STRING INVE	RTER
ADDITIONAL SYSTEM	GROUND MOUNT	STRING INVE	
SYSTEM REPLACEMENT	BUILDING INTEGRAT OTHER		TERS OR
TOTAL PV System Sizekw DC	TOTAL SO. FT. OF PV SYSTEM	SO FT VALUA	JECT TION S
INCLUDES ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM	TOTAL SYSTEM Capacity Rating		TINGKW
			AC DC
PROJECT DESCRIPTION:			
	SOLAR A	ND STORAGE PERMITTING AND IN	SPECTION GUIDELINES / 17

SECTION 3 - CONTRACTOR INFORMATION

CONTRACTOR BUSINESS NAME		CONTRACTOR LICENSE NUMBER
BUSINESS ADDRESS		
CONTRACTOR CONTACT NAME	PHONE NUMBER	FMAIL

SECTION 4 - PERMIT FEE

[Include fee schedule/options and/or instructions for calculating fee, directions on how and when to submit the permit fee.]

SECTION 5 - IMPORTANT NOTICE

A permit must be obtained for all installations or alterations of electrical equipment BEFORE WORK STARTS. Refer to EVSP Evermitting Ochecklist for additional documents required. Failure to provide all required documents, including (1) Site Plan, (2) Electrical Diagram, and (3) Specification Sheets and Installation Manuals will delay permit approval. All permits expire six (6) months after date of issuance. Failure to start the work suthorized by a permit within this six-month period renders the permit invalid and a new permit must be obtained. Once work begins, noticeable progress must continue until completion. All work must be complete within eighten (18) months of a permit issue date.

Please Submit the following additional documents with the EVSE Permit Application

- Site Plan - Electrical Diagram

 Structural Load Calculation
 Additional Document - edit or delete as necessary

Submit Permit Application

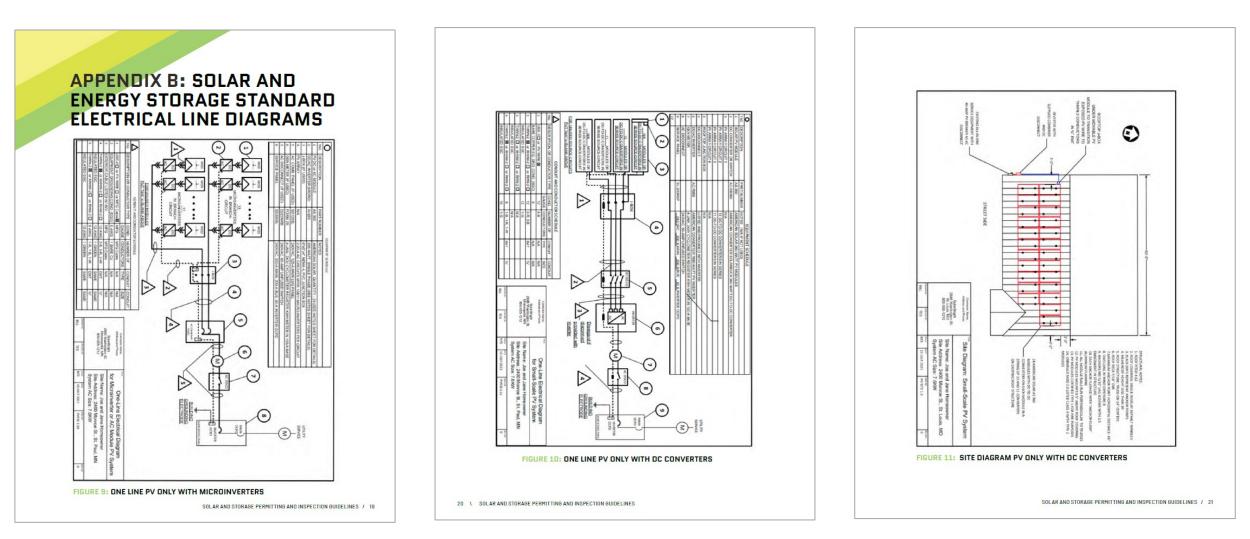
[Describe the submission process, how should the permits be submitted? In-person, on-line, e-mail, fax, etc.]

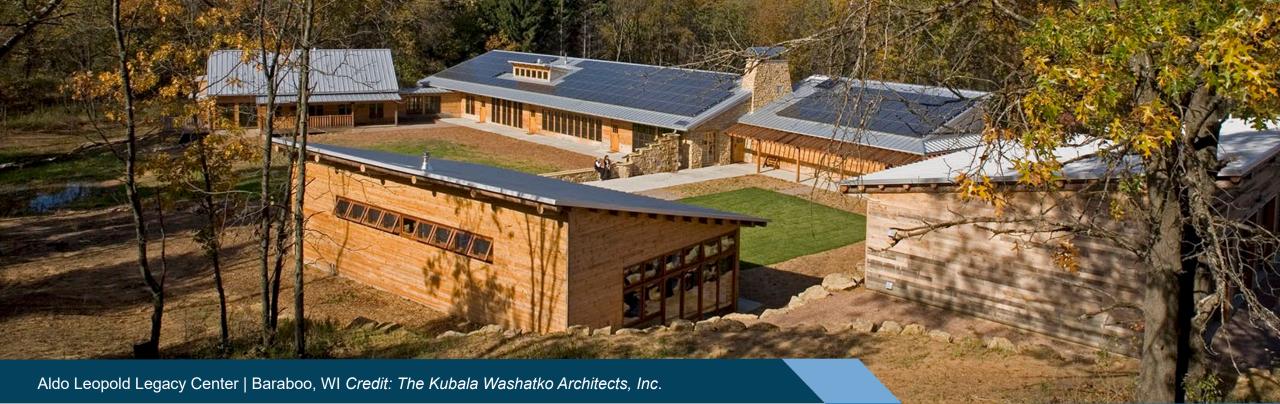
SECTION 6 - APPLICANT SIGNATURE



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Appendix B - Standard Line Diagrams for ESS & PV





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