



LES Capacity & Energy Incentive Eligibility Requirements

Lincoln Electric System (LES) provides incentives for the installation of customer-owned renewable generation. For photovoltaic (PV) solar systems, incentives are provided as a one-time capacity payment based on the size and primary direction the solar array is oriented (southerly or westerly).

In addition, LES will purchase excess energy generated in a billing period at 50% of the residential energy rate. This incentive rate exceeds the average wholesale price that utilities are statutorily required to pay.

These incentives will be available until 3 megawatts of customer owned net-metered/renewable generation have been installed in the service territory.

Detailed information about the Renewable Net Metering Rider and Renewable Generation Rider is available at www.les.com/sustainability/customer-owned-generation.

For a Renewable Net Metering or Renewable Generation project to qualify for these incentives, installation must be completed by a Solar Trade Ally Network Participant (“Network Participant”). Network Participants must meet the following requirements:

- Participate in LES energy rate and interconnection process review meetings.
- Annually sign the program’s guidelines and acknowledgement document.
- A customer signed “Customer-Owned Solar Buyer’s Checklist” must be submitted prior to approval of the Application for Review.
- All Network Participants will be listed on www.les.com Inclusion on this list does not constitute an endorsement or warranty of service by LES.
- Requirements only apply for LES capacity payment and energy rate incentive eligibility. LES will continue to accommodate net-metering as statutorily required.

Solar Trade Ally Network (STAN) Participant Agreement

I. Eligibility and Funding

- A. An Application for Review of Interconnection must be approved by LES and system must be installed by a Network Participant to qualify for LES capacity and energy incentives. A Network Participant shall also be required to participate in periodic LES energy rate and interconnection process review meetings.
- B. A customer signed "LES Best Practices for Purchasing Customer Solar Acknowledgment Form" will also need to be submitted PRIOR to approval of the Application for Review.
- C. All equipment and materials must be purchased, permanently installed and inspected by the Authority Having Jurisdiction and LES BEFORE a capacity payment is provided.
- D. Network participants are required to release customers from contractual obligations upon request without penalty any time prior to the utility's approval of the Application for Review.
- E. Product(s) must be installed, and services rendered at the customer's property in the LES service territory.
- F. The customer applicant must own the renewable generator. Leased systems are ineligible.
- G. All installed components must be new and under warranty for a minimum of 10 years.
- H. All installations must comply with federal, state and local safety and building codes and regulations.
- I. LES does not endorse or warrant any contractors, manufacturers, products, or system designs by offering a capacity payment.
- J. LES is offering a capacity payment for the benefit of its customers and in no way constitutes a property right or interest for any installing contractor, seller or other third-party.
- K. Falsifying information will result in a claim by LES for the return of the capacity payment and loss of designation as Network Participants.

II. Acknowledgements

- A. I acknowledge that initial operation of a net-metered system will not occur until after LES has installed a bi-directional net meter.
- B. I acknowledge and will represent to customers that LES Residential and General Service (small commercial) rates are comprised of two primary components: a fixed customer and facilities charge and a variable energy charge.
 - a. I acknowledge and will represent to customers that the primary customer bill impact from customer-owned generator is a reduction in monthly energy costs which is distinct from the monthly fixed customer charge.
 - b. I acknowledge and will represent to customers that their fixed monthly customer charge may be lowered ONLY if the customer's 12-month net energy consumption is reduced below the customer's current Facility Level threshold.
- C. I acknowledge that based on 30-year projections from the [US Energy Information Administration](#), rate adjustments of between 0-1.5% percent annually are reasonable for projecting lifetime savings.
- D. I acknowledge that as a program participant, I waive any claim that I am a third-party beneficiary of any agreement or contract between LES and its customers.
- E. I acknowledge that these requirements only apply for LES capacity payment and energy rate incentive eligibility.

Signature

Date

Printed Name

Company

My signature above indicates that I understand and agree to adhere to all Customer-Owned Generation Trade Ally Network policies and requirements. I understand that LES, at its sole discretion, may remove my business as a network participant for violating any one or more of these policies and requirements.

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