



Illinois Shines Project Application Processes & Portal Deep Dive *Part 1*

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Expansions, Co-Locations & Size Changes



Expansions and Co-Locations

Expanded Systems - Expansion	Co-Located Systems - Co-Location
New project added to pre-existing Illinois Shines contracted project	More than one Illinois Shines project at a single location that belong to the same entity or its affiliates
Total capacity of project and its expansion(s) cannot exceed 5MW	Total capacity of co-located projects cannot exceed 5MW
Same interconnection point as original system (secondary system relies on original system to be interconnected)	Separate interconnection points (each system functions independent of each other)
The price of the expansion system is based on the combined size, and the group/block of the individual expansion system (the addition, not the original system)	If two projects enter contract at the same time, both projects will receive co-located REC pricing from the REC price table in the guidebook
Will not be Part I verified until the original system is Part II verified first	If a co-located project enters contract after its co-located pair: a price reduction will be applied to the second project with first project will receive standard, full REC pricing, so that total of the two systems equals co-located pricing
Must be separately enrolled in net metering with the utility and have an independent production meter from original system	

What about resizing?

Scenario	Resolution
Actual Nameplate Capacity > Proposed Nameplate Capacity, increase is under 5kW or 25%, the size category does not change	This is an acceptable change
Actual Nameplate Capacity < Proposed Nameplate Capacity, decrease is less than the larger of 5kW or 25%, the size category does not change	This is an acceptable change
Actual Nameplate Capacity > Proposed Nameplate Capacity, increase less than the larger of 5kW or 25%, the size category does change	This is an acceptable change, but the contract price will need to be adjusted to reflect the new size
Actual Nameplate Capacity < Proposed Nameplate Capacity, increase is under 5kW or 25%, the size category does change	This is an acceptable change, but the contract price will not be adjusted to the new size category
Actual Nameplate Capacity > Proposed Nameplate Capacity, increase exceeds the larger of 5kW or 25%	The project will be removed from the REC contract and will need to reapply. The Program Administrator will reach out to the Approved Vendor via <i>Need Info</i> process to confirm the size was correctly reported in Part II
Actual Nameplate Capacity < Proposed Nameplate Capacity, decrease exceeds the larger of 5kW or 25%	The project will be removed from the REC contract and will need to reapply. The Program Administrator will reach out to the Approved Vendor via <i>Need Info</i> process to confirm the size was correctly reported in Part II

Energization and Extensions

Energization: means the project is developed, Energized, and Part II verified by the Program Administrator

- A systems energization deadline, can be found on the project's Schedule A
- The energization deadline occurs at different times after the date of ICC Approval, or "Trade Date":

***If a project is not energized or does not request an extension prior to the project's Scheduled Energization Date, the project will be canceled and removed from its contract, thus removing it from participation in the Program**

- AVs may submit an Extension Request if they are anticipating not to meet the Scheduled Energization Date, and may be requested more than once

	DG Projects	CS Projects
2019 REC Delivery Contract	12 months from Trade Date	18 months from Trade Date
2021 REC Delivery Contract	12 months from Trade Date	18 months from Trade Date
2022 REC Delivery Contract	18 months from Trade Date	24 months from Trade Date

How do you submit an Extension Request?

Extension Request Submission process:

- 1** A formal extension request is created by the Approved Vendor and sent to the IPA (ipa.solar@illinois.gov) with the Buyer (Contracting Utility) CC'd. Approved Vendors are encouraged to submit extension requests at least five business days ahead of the deadline
- 2** Formal extension requests should include the following:
 - A brief narrative outlining the justification for the request
 - Approved Vendor name and ID #
 - Designated System ID # and project name
 - Project type
 - Contract and Batch ID #
 - Trade Date
 - Contracting Utility (Buyer)
 - REC Contract clause referenced
 - Length of extension requested (typically 6 months)
 - Original Energization Date
 - Requested new Energization Date

- 3** IPA reviews the extension request and either grants the exception, or coordinates with the utility to grant the exception, depending on the type of extension request
- 4** Prior to the Scheduled Energization Date, the IPA formally notifies the Approved Vendor if the extension request was approved
- 5** Program Administrator generates a revised Schedule A with the project's new Scheduled Energization Date

Thank you!

Comments or questions?

Post-Event Survey:

<https://forms.office.com/r/ppCrczp4KH>



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