



CREATING DISCLOSURE FORMS IN THE PORTAL BETWEEN 10/15/24 AND 12/31/24

Beginning in mid-October, there will be several new information fields in the Disclosure Form interface in the Illinois Shines Portal. These will be required fields. However, at this time, the information entered will not appear on the PDF that is generated and sent to the customer. The new PDFs are planned to launch on January 1, 2025. The new PDFs will include information from the new fields.

The following new fields will appear in the Project Specifications section:

Starting 1/1/25, all DG Disclosure Forms will indicate whether the solar project includes a battery.

Does this project include a battery for energy storage?
Yes

What is the size of battery in kWh?
e.g. 9.58

What is the customer's expected annual electricity usage in kWh?
25644

If this number differs from the customer's usage over the past 12 months, please provide an explanation for that difference in the "Additional Information" section at the end of the Disclosure Form (e.g., "customer's annual electricity usage assumes the installation of a heat pump, which is expected to increase customer's annual usage by ___ kWh)

Will the customer take utility basic electric service, utility hourly/dynamic/time of use service, or will the customer take supply from an ARES?
basic electric service

This field is conditional on the user indicating that the project will include a battery.

The customer's expected annual electricity usage will appear on Disclosure Forms starting 1/1/25.

The information about type of electricity service will be used to determine calculations for the Value of Electricity and Savings Estimates.

A new section called “Utility Rebates” will appear for ComEd and Ameren customers, which will include existing questions about the DG/Smart Inverter Rebate, and new questions about the utility storage rebate:

The screenshot shows a web form with the following content:

- Question 1: "For this project, will an application be submitted for the utility energy storage rebate? *" with a dropdown menu showing "Yes".
- Question 2: "Who keeps the utility energy storage rebate? *" with a text input field containing "Customer".
- Question 3: "Is the customer eligible for rebates calculated based on the \$300 rate, or the \$250 rate?" with a dropdown menu showing "\$250".

Below the questions is a detailed note: "For the utility rebates, some customers are eligible to receive \$300/kW DC (for the generation rebate) or \$300/kWh (for the energy storage rebate). The \$300 rate is available for customers whose electric service has not been declared competitive pursuant to Section 16-113 of the Public Utilities Act as of July 1, 2011 (generally residential and small commercial customers). Other customers (generally larger commercial and industrial customers) receive \$250/kW DC (for the generation rebate) or \$250/kWh (for the energy storage rebate)". A blue arrow points from the "\$250" option in the dropdown to the explanatory text.

New fields about the utility energy storage rebate will appear for ComEd and Ameren customers when the user indicates that the solar project will include a battery.

The Program Administrator intends to develop additional guidance to help users determine if a customer is eligible for the utility rebates at the rate of \$250/kW or kWh, or \$300/kW or kWh.

While the entered information is not currently used for the actual PDF generated for the customer, please fill in the required information for each project for which you complete a Disclosure Form. Please use accurate information, not “dummy” text. If you start a Disclosure Form prior to January 1, 2025 and complete the Disclosure Form after January 1, 2025, the entered information will appear on the Disclosure Form.

If you have any questions about how to fill out the new fields, or any other questions regarding generating Disclosure Forms, please reach out to admin@illinoisshines.com or your Sector Strategist.