

Illinois Shines Disclosure Form and Project Application Changes for 2026-27 Program Year Open

All changes live on June 1, 2026 following portal reopening.



Disclosure Form

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Distributed Generation

Portal

All DG Forms where AV is EEC-Certified

- New required field to indicate if project will apply to the EEC DG Category and should receive the \$5/REC Adder
 - If “Yes”, the REC Incentive Estimate will increase by \$5/REC.

Purchase Forms only:

- Collect REC incentive pass through explanation. Field is required when “Amount of the REC payment that the Approved Vendor will pass on to the customer” > 0
- New required field to indicate if project should receive \$20/REC Small DG Customer-Owned adder
 - If “Yes”, the REC Incentive Estimate will increase by \$20/REC.

CSV

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API

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All DG Forms for Ameren and ComEd

- Update Utility Rebates disclaimer: Energy storage systems that receive a utility storage rebate **must participate** in utility programs under which **the storage system is required to discharge power during scheduled windows**. The discharged power may be used onsite by the customer or sent to the grid. The estimated rebate values below are the base rebate and additional compensation from the utility may be available.

Purchase Forms only

- Display REC incentive pass through explanation when “Amount of the REC payment that the Approved Vendor will pass on to the customer” > 0
- Remove FITC text “You may be eligible for other incentives related to your solar project, including a federal solar tax credit.”

Purchase Forms claiming \$20/REC Small DG Customer-Owned adder

- Add disclaimer: “This project will receive an increased Illinois Shines incentive. The project must be owned by the customer, who may not take the federal Investment Tax Credit for the project.”

Project Application

All projects that meet the below conditions will be removed from their batch, their Part I status set to In Progress, and each Part I section set to In Progress.

- Part I status = In Progress
- Part I status = Submitted and project is not batched
- Part I status = Submitted and batch status = Created

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Part I

All projects

- Remove minimal shading criteria field
- Increase Total Inverter Size AC (kW AC) to 10 MW
- New required document: Notarized affidavit of subdivision/co-location

TCS projects only

- Update scoring criteria and points

EEC projects only

- New field for AV to indicate if they are “self-performing” all the EPC or development work and requesting the \$5/REC adder?
- New required document if requesting \$5/REC adder: Narrative explanation for EEC CS Self-Perform Adder

Part II

All projects

- Remove minimal shading criteria field
- Remove Date of Project’s Certificate of Completion or PTO field
- Collect battery size when system has a battery backup
- Increase Total Inverter Size AC (kW AC) to 10 MW

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All projects

- Remove minimal shading criteria field
- New required document: Executed Sales Contract, Lease, or Power Purchase Agreement document

Projects > 25 kW AC

- New required document: Notarized affidavit of subdivision/co-location

Customer-owned projects only

- New field for AV to indicate if the project should receive the \$20/REC Small DG Customer-Owned adder
- New required document: Customer REC Contract

Public school projects

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