



**RE: Net Metering / Excess Distributed Generation Owner Rights and Responsibilities**

As an applicant for interconnection of a distributed energy system (on-site renewable generation facilities) to the NIPSCO electric system and a prospective owner of such facilities, we want inform you of your rights and responsibilities once you're approved as a distributed generation customer interconnecting to the Northern Indiana Public Service Company LLC ("NIPSCO") electric system. Indiana Code (Law) IC 8-1-40 contains provisions regarding your rights as a distributed generation customer. This letter is intended to provide you with information regarding your rights and responsibilities.

Indiana Law defines distributed generation as electricity produced by a generator or other device that is (1) located on the customer's premises; (2) owned by the customer; (3) sized at a nameplate capacity of the lesser of not more than one (1) megawatt or the customer's average annual consumption of electricity on the premises; and (4) interconnected and operated in parallel with the electricity supplier's facilities in accordance with the IURC's approved interconnection standards. It is important that to the extent you consider any future modifications to your distributed generation facilities, you continue to meet these statutory requirements to remain eligible for the benefits provided to you under Indiana law and NIPSCO's tariffs.

A customer that produces distributed generation has the following rights regarding the installation and ownership of distributed generation equipment:

1. The right to know that the attorney general is authorized to enforce this section, including by receiving complaints concerning the installation and ownership of distributed generation equipment.
2. The right to know the expected amount of electricity that will be produced by the distributed generation equipment that the customer is purchasing.
3. The right to know all costs associated with installing distributed generation equipment, including any taxes for which the customer is liable.
4. The right to know the value of all federal, state, or local tax credits or other incentives or rebates that the customer may receive.
5. The right to know the rate at which the customer will be credited for electricity produced by the customer's distributed generation equipment and delivered to a public utility.
6. The right to know if a provider of distributed generation equipment insures the distributed generation equipment against damage or loss and, if applicable, any circumstances under which the provider does not insure against or otherwise cover damage to or loss of the distributed generation equipment.
7. The right to know the responsibilities of a provider of distributed generation equipment with respect to installing or removing distributed generation equipment.

A customer that produces distributed generation shall comply with applicable safety, performance, and reliability standards established by the following:

1. The Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission ("IURC")
2. An electricity supplier, subject to approval by the IURC
3. The National Electric Code

4. The National Electrical Safety Code
5. The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers
6. Underwriters Laboratories
7. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
8. Local regulatory authorities

As a NIPSCO customer you also have the responsibility to abide by the applicable NIPSCO Electric Tariff(s) and Agreements with NIPSCO governing distributed generation and interconnection with the NIPSCO electric system including:

1. Operate, and maintain the distributed generation equipment in accordance with the manufacturer's suggested practices for safe, efficient, and reliable operation in parallel to the NIPSCO's facilities.
2. Provide NIPSCO with ten (10) days' notice of any changes you intend to make to your distributed generation equipment including increasing the generation capacity of your equipment or adding battery or energy storage facilities.
3. Maintain a homeowner's, commercial or other insurance providing coverage in the amount of at least one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for the liability of the insured against loss arising out of the use of the distributed generation equipment. NIPSCO may request verification of continued coverage annually.
4. Provide notification to NIPSCO if the distributed generation facilities are sold to someone else.

Please complete the attached Customer Affirmation with signature and return to NIPSCO at the address listed below.

#### **Customer Affirmation & Signature**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have entered into the Application for Interconnection with full understanding of the Indiana legal requirements to be eligible to be a Distributed Generation Customer (as set forth in IC 8-1-2-40-3). As part of my eligibility to become a Distributed Generation Customer I confirm my compliance with the following Indiana legal requirements:

1. I am the Owner of the distributed generation facilities which are the subject of the Agreement I have entered into with NIPSCO.
2. The distributed generation facilities that I own and that are subject to the Agreement are entirely located on my premises.
3. The distributed generation facilities that I own have been designed and are sized to be no greater than (a) my average annual consumption of energy supplied by NIPSCO or (b) one megawatt, whichever is smaller.
4. During the term of the Agreement I will not modify any conditions related to my distributed generation facilities that would impact my ability to continue to confirm my compliance with the above legal requirements.

By executing this Confirmation, I affirm the accuracy and truth of the statements set forth above.

Signature:  
Print Name:  
Date:

**Mail To:**  
**NIPSCO**  
**Attn: New Business Department**  
**801 E 86th Avenue**  
**Merrillville, IN – 46410**  
**Or Email To:**  
**[cnb@nisource.com](mailto:cnb@nisource.com)**

We understand that owning and operating distributed generation facilities interconnected with NIPSCO can sometimes be complex, but we're here to help. If you have any questions about the process, or other questions related to renewable energy, please contact [cnb@NiSource.com](mailto:cnb@NiSource.com) or call 1-844-809-8921.