

State interconnection standards



Update on Proposed 25kW or Less Interconnection Standards

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Our purpose today



- Informational only, no board action
- Proposed standards to comply with RCW 82.16.120 (Renewable energy system cost recovery)
 - Maximum of \$2,000/year additional incentive to our SNAP producers
 - Must first establish common interconnection standards

What are interconnection standards?



- Guidelines for how solar and wind generators connect to the District
- Ensure safety and power quality
- Staff has already incorporated into District procedures

Developed cooperatively



- Utilities serving 80% of state must approve standards that are 90% the same
- Investor-owned utilities (governed by WUTC)
 - Puget Sound Energy
 - Avista
 - PacifiCorp
- Public utilities
 - Washington PUD Association (PUDs)
 - Washington Rural Electric Cooperative Association (Coops)
 - Association of Washington Cities (Munis)

What has changed?



- District established interconnection standards in 2001
 - New format but content is essentially same
 - Change of ownership notification
 - Some policy and agreement items are now included in the standards

Next steps



- Staff will send adoption letter to WPU DA
- Will ask board in spring to approve implementation details of the renewable energy system cost recovery program

Questions?