



LES Capacity & Energy Incentive Eligibility Requirements

Lincoln Electric System (LES) provides incentives for the installation of customer-owned renewable generation. For photovoltaic (PV) solar systems, incentives are provided as a one-time capacity payment based on the size and primary direction the solar array is oriented (southerly or westerly).

In addition, LES will purchase excess energy generated in a billing period at 50% of the residential energy rate. This incentive rate exceeds the average wholesale price that utilities are statutorily required to pay.

These incentives will be available until a board-established maximum capacity of customer owned net-metered/renewable generation have been installed in the service territory.

Detailed information about the Renewable Net Metering Rider and Renewable Generation Rider is available at www.les.com/sustainability/customer-owned-generation.

For a Renewable Net Metering or Renewable Generation project to qualify for these incentives, installation must be completed by a Solar Trade Ally Network Participant (“Network Participant”).

Network Participants must meet the following requirements:

- Participate in LES energy rate and interconnection process review meetings.
- Annually sign the program’s guidelines and acknowledgement document.
- A customer signed “Customer-Owned Solar Buyer’s Checklist” must be submitted prior to approval of the Application for Review.
- All Network Participants will be listed on www.les.com Inclusion on this list does not constitute an endorsement or warranty of service by LES.
- Requirements only apply for LES capacity payment and energy rate incentive eligibility. LES will continue to accommodate net-metering as statutorily required.

Solar Trade Ally Network (STAN) Participant Agreement

I. Eligibility and Funding

- A. An Application for Review of Interconnection must be approved by LES and system must be installed by a Network Participant to qualify for LES capacity and energy incentives. A Network Participant shall also be required to participate in periodic LES energy rate and interconnection process review meetings.
- B. A customer signed "LES Best Practices for Purchasing Customer Solar Acknowledgment Form" will also need to be submitted PRIOR to approval of the Application for Review.
- C. All equipment and materials must be purchased, permanently installed and inspected by the Authority Having Jurisdiction and LES BEFORE a capacity payment is provided.
- D. Network participants are required to release customers from contractual obligations upon request without penalty any time prior to the utility's approval of the Application for Review.
- E. Product(s) must be installed, and services rendered at the customer's property in the LES service territory.
- F. The customer applicant must own the renewable generator. Leased systems are ineligible.
- G. All installed components must be new and under warranty for a minimum of 10 years.
- H. All installations must comply with federal, state and local safety and building codes and regulations.
- I. LES does not endorse or warrant any contractors, manufacturers, products, or system designs by offering a capacity payment.
- J. LES is offering a capacity payment for the benefit of its customers and in no way constitutes a property right or interest for any installing contractor, seller or other third-party.
- K. Falsifying information will result in a claim by LES for the return of the capacity payment and loss of designation as Network Participants.

II. Acknowledgements

- A. I acknowledge that initial operation of a net-metered system will not occur until after LES has installed a bi-directional net meter.
- B. I acknowledge and will represent to customers that LES Residential and General Service (small commercial) rates are comprised of two primary components: a fixed customer and facilities charge and a variable energy charge.
 - a. I acknowledge and will represent to customers that the primary customer bill impact from customer-owned generator is a reduction in monthly energy costs which is distinct from the monthly fixed customer charge.
 - b. I acknowledge and will represent to customers that their fixed monthly customer charge may be lowered ONLY if the customer's 12-month net energy consumption is reduced below the customer's current Facility Level threshold.
- C. I acknowledge that based on 30-year projections from the [US Energy Information Administration](#), rate adjustments of between 0-1.5% percent annually are reasonable for projecting lifetime savings.
- D. I acknowledge that as a program participant, I waive any claim that I am a third-party beneficiary of any agreement or contract between LES and its customers.
- E. I acknowledge that, as a program participant, LES may periodically request to review marketing materials and customer proposals to ensure accuracy and compliance with STAN program requirements. These requests may be made directly to the installer and/or customer.
- F. I acknowledge that these requirements only apply for LES capacity payment and energy rate incentive eligibility.

Printed Name

Signature

Company Name

Date

My signature above indicates that I understand and agree to adhere to all Customer-Owned Generation Trade Ally Network policies and requirements. I understand that LES, at its sole discretion, may remove my business as a network participant for violating any one or more of these policies and requirements.