

Procedures Applicable to Requests to Attribute More Than One Net-Metering System to a Group Pursuant to Commission Rule 5.129(E)

Section I. Applicability; Effective Dates

- (a) These procedures are applicable to requests to attribute more than one net-metering system to a group pursuant to Vermont Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) Rule 5.129(E).
- (b) These filing procedures are effective January 18, 2023.

Section II. Definitions

The following definitions apply to these procedures:

- (1) “Applicant” means a person requesting to attribute more than one net-metering system to a group pursuant to Commission Rule 5.129(E).
- (2) “CPG” means a certificate of public good issued or deemed issued by the Commission pursuant to 30 V.S.A. §§ 219a or 8010.
- (3) “ePUC” means the Commission-designated system that provides for the electronic filing of documents with the Commission and for the electronic issuance of documents by the Commission.
- (4) “Request” means a request to attribute more than one net-metering system to a net-metering group made pursuant to Commission Rule 5.129(E).

Section III. Procedures for Filing a Request

- (a) A request must be filed with the Commission using ePUC, unless the filing is accompanied by a request for a waiver under Commission Rule 2.107 to allow for paper filings. If the request is filed in paper, then the Applicant must serve a copy of the entire filing on the Vermont Department of Public Service (“Department”) and the interconnecting utility by first-class mail, personal delivery, or any other means authorized by the person entitled to service.
- (b) A request must contain the following information:
 - (1) the CPG number for each net-metering system to be attributed to the group;
 - (2) the name(s) and address(s) of the holder(s) of each CPG;

- (3) the location and number of each meter to be included in the net-metering group;
- (4) the manner of allocating net-metering credits to the group members;
- (5) the cumulative capacity of all net-metering systems to be attributed to the group;
- (6) an affirmation that the new merged group will not result in any single customer being allocated more than 500 kW of net-metering capacity, unless the Applicant is a school or school district, in which case the Applicant must include an affirmation that the new merged group will not result in a school or school district being allocated more than the applicable limit set forth in Section 6 of Act 81 of 2019; and
- (7) the name and contact information for the person responsible for communication with the net-metering group.

Section IV. Procedure for the Processing of a Request

- (a) Upon filing, a request will be reviewed for completeness. A request that does not contain all of the information required by these procedures will be rejected.
- (b) Upon receipt of a complete request, the interconnecting utility must, within 30 days, either:
 - (1) implement the request; or
 - (2) file a statement with the Commission explaining why the request should be denied. The interconnecting utility must serve the statement on the Department and the Applicant using ePUC. If the Applicant requested and was granted a waiver under Commission Rule 2.107 to allow for paper filings, the interconnecting utility must serve the statement on the Applicant by first-class mail, personal delivery, or any other means authorized by the person entitled to service.
- (c) In cases where the interconnecting utility implements the request, the request will be deemed approved.
- (d) In cases where the interconnecting utility files a statement pursuant to (b)(2), above, the Commission will, after opportunity for comment by the Department and the Applicant, rule on the request. Such comments must be filed within 14 days after the interconnecting utility files a statement pursuant to (b)(2), above.