

microFIT Program Update

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Summary of changes to the microFIT Rules, contract and standard definitions

Version 1.6

Version 1.6 includes the changes outlined below.

Rules	Change	Reason for Change
Section 1.2 (3), (5) and Section 3.1 (e) and Section 3.2 (a)	Applicants must apply for and receive an offer to connect from the local distribution company in order for the OPA to issue the conditional offer of microFIT contract.	The response to the microFIT program and the FIT program for capacity allocation exempt projects has been tremendous. As a result of this success, applications for these project types are outpacing upgrades needed to enable more connections in some areas. As a result, an applicant must apply for and receive an offer to connect from the local distribution company prior to receiving a conditional offer. This will help ensure that connection capability is confirmed prior to the applicant investing in their microFIT project.
Section 1.2 (5) and Section 3.2 (d)	The conditional offer of microFIT contract expires in six months if the conditions are not met.	To provide greater certainty to microFIT applicants that a conditional offer means that the project will be able to connect, the offer to connect from the local distribution company must be issued prior to the conditional offer. The offer to connect is valid for six months. Therefore, to ensure that connection capability is confirmed for the term of the conditional offer, the length of the offer has been shortened to be consistent with the offer to connect.