

TOPIC 11: Application Requirements

Background

As the Illinois Shines program embarks on its fifth year since inception, the Agency is looking for feedback related to application requirements for both the Part I and Part II applications. Current requirements can be found in Appendix I and Appendix J of the Program Guidebook.

Questions

1. Are there any application requirements that require updating? If so, please explain which requirements and how they should be updated.

This may be more in reference to the actual portal itself, but the differentiation between “Has an application already been submitted for this location” and “Is this an expansion of an existing facility” is very confusing, and it would be beneficial to have further clarity in that instance.

The need for an updated Disclosure after 1kW or 5% change in AC can be quite burdensome. Inverters change quite often, especially when the companies that produce these either stop making that model or do not have them in stock. This change is quite nominal, and rarely does a change that small greatly affect the expected production. We understand why the need for updated Disclosures exists and can agree with the desire to make sure customers remain informed about their system, but it could be beneficial to re-evaluate whether or not this degree of change is large enough to dictate the burden of creating an all-new Disclosure. This is especially tiresome with the current portal not allowing for the editing of previous disclosures, resulting in the need to make an entirely new Disclosure while 90% of the information remains the same as it was originally. If it is not possible to allow for editing of previous Disclosures, or re-evaluation of this criteria, it could be beneficial to create a specific Disclosure that focuses primarily on this sizing change and does not include the full information provided from the initial Disclosure (similar to a contract amendment or change order).

2. Are there any application requirements that should be tightened?

3. Are there any items that are not currently application requirements but should be considered for addition to the requirements list?

4. Are there any application requirements that no longer apply or make sense that should be reconsidered?