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Interconnection Steps (Connecting your power source to the grid)

- Your privacy is important to us so we will not release **any information** regarding your account to a contractor without your permission.
 - [Buckeye Power, Inc.](#) is our wholesale power provider and they establish the rules and regulations for interconnection into the system.
1. The NWECC member-owner must contact us and review the cooperative's distribution generation policies **prior to starting any solar installation in order to avoid costly mistakes.** Contact us by calling 419-636-5051, 1-800-647-6932, or by [e-mail](#).
 - The required agreements are listed at the bottom of this page. During your conversation with our energy experts, you will be instructed on which agreements will be needed for your specific project.
 - **All NWECC required agreements must be executed in advance of any equipment installation.**
 - NWECC will explain the Ohio kWh tax responsibilities, commercial liability insurance requirements based on the size of the system and NWECC's net billing rates.
 2. The contractor or member-owner provides us with the system specifications and a copy of the purchase agreement, along with the required application fee.
 - Your distributed generation equipment must be supplied under an equipment purchase or lease agreement (not an agreement to purchase electricity from the solar vendor).
 3. NWECC will review the application and additional materials to determine if a system study will be required.
 4. The member-owner and the contractor will be notified of approval/rejection of the project. If approved, the installation of the equipment can begin.
 5. Once the project is completed, NWECC will perform a final inspection of the installation. All main disconnects must be installed and accessible to NWECC.
 6. Proof of insurance, listing NWECC as a loss payee, must be provided before interconnection is allowed.
 7. Upon satisfactory inspection, NWECC will install a bi-directional meter and convert the member-owner's account to a net billing account with the appropriate facility charge.