

Declaration of DC Coupled Electric Storage Operation in Compliance with Configurations 3A and 3B in Energy Storage Guidance 3

Purpose of Declarations

Historically, Distributed Energy Resources (DER) were assembled from discrete components or functional assemblies where the logic and operational approaches could be seen and analyzed. Today, much of the functionality is handled by an on-board computer following firmware and software instructions in order to achieve the desired results. To determine these actions requires extensive detailed review of the operating manuals and often inquiries with the manufacturer.

Declarations are used provide the information and ratings to ensure the correct documentation is used for first-use of a design review and to confirm subsequent applications for using an approved package matches the approved package in order to expedite approval. An update to the firmware which modifies or adds operation modes and changes the required functionality is considered a facility modification and may be subject to a partial or full interconnection review as stated in the Interconnection Agreement, Section VIII.G. This applies to all sources, whether generators or energy storage. Guidance Document 3, Configurations 3a and 3B require an interconnection review.

Definitions

“Parallel Operation of Energy Storage” – is a source operated in parallel with the grid when it is connected to the distribution grid and can supply energy to the customer simultaneously with the Company’s supply of energy.

“Energy Storage Guidance Documents” – Guidance documents for the interconnection of electric storage based on agreed to terms from CO PUC Proceeding No. 16AL-0048E, available on the Xcel Energy – Colorado web site.

Configurations Covered:

Energy Storage Guidance Document 3, Configurations 3A and 3B¹

3A Parallel DC Coupled Energy Storage with Renewable Generation, Net-Metering, with Export

3B Parallel DC Coupled Energy Storage with Renewable Generation, Net-Metering, ATS, with Export

¹Charging must be 100% renewable energy. Any storage mixture of non-renewable energy disqualifies 3A or 3B from exporting. If the battery charging is not 100% renewable, the configuration may be used with non-export from the battery to the grid.

Key Requirements and Functionality:

1. Energy storage operates in parallel with the grid via hybrid inverter.
2. Generation is renewable.
3. Revenue Metering is Net-Metering.
4. Production Metering is installed.
5. 3A and 3B may export to grid if the storage is 100% charged² from on-site renewable generation.³
6. If a Protected Load Panel (PLP) is present on the inverter side of the Production Meter for configuration 3A, a second load meter must be installed on the PLP.

The method of achieving #5 must be fully illustrated in the oneline diagram or described below. Any aspect that is imbedded in equipment and governed by firmware must be described, any additional equipment must be specified, **and specific settings needed to assure compliance must be listed.**

System software and programming that is required to meet the Energy Storage Guidance provisions are inaccessible and/or password protected, with access restricted to manufacturer/developer/installer. This may include locks or other physical security or other means of securing the settings; or as mutually agreed upon on a case-by-case basis and identified in this Declaration.⁴

Xcel Energy has the right to conduct an inspection to verify compliance at a later date if problems arise or indications of possible non-compliance with the applicable Energy Storage Guidance Document provisions are present.

1. ESS Details

This Declaration covers the following electric storage system (ESS) in whole or part as identified below:

Customer

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Fax or Email Address (optional) _____

²If battery exports when non-compliant, the site including PV is not eligible for net metering.

³Charging must be 100% renewable energy. Any storage mixture of non-renewable energy disqualifies 3A or 3B from exporting. If the battery charging is not 100% renewable, the configuration may be used with non-export from the battery to the grid.

⁴If the Operating Mode cannot be secured to ensure continued operation in a 3A or 3B compliant manner, as applicable, the facility will require a full interconnection review that includes all operating modes that are readily selectable and establish operating restrictions and mitigations to cover all selectable modes.

ESS Information

Location _____

Customer Account Number _____

Application OID _____

ESS Equipment Details:

2. ESS Battery (B) Rating & ESS Inverter (I) Information	
I Manufacturer	
I Model Numbers	
I UL Listings	
B Energy Capacity (kWh)	
I Maximum current at AC terminals (A)	
B Real Power, max continuous charge (kW)	
B Real Power, Recovery Charge Rate After Utility Outage (kW)	
B Real Power, max continuous discharge (kW)	
I Real Power, peak output (kW)	
I Peak output duration capability (Sec)	
I Apparent Power, max continuous for charging (kVA)	
I Apparent Power, peak during discharge (kVA)	
I Peak output duration capability (Sec)	
I Power Factor Output Range (+/- range)	
I Power Factor capability at full-rated real power (+/- range)	
I Charging Using Rectifier or Inverter	
I Firmware Version:	
I Operating Modes Available	
I Operating Modes Enabled	

3. Additional ESS Hardware: description, model and part number and general specifications.

(Examples: Charge controller, separate control panel, external auto transfer switch, export gateway controller, aux. house meter, etc.)

Model Numbers	
Model Names	
UL Listings	
Firmware Version	

I, (print name and title of Installer/Developer) _____
certify that I have personal knowledge of the facts stated in this Declaration. I further certify that all of the statements and representations made in this Declaration are true and correct.

Installer/Developer Signature _____

Date: _____