Illinois Solar for All Interconnection Agreement Guidelines

The Illinois Solar for All ("ILSFA") Program is providing the following guidance related to interconnection agreements for projects applying to ILSFA. These guidelines recognize that Illinois utilities have different requirements for obtaining and maintaining valid interconnection agreements, and that the Adjustable Block Program lottery on April 10, 2019 is a milestone that may impact the interconnection agreements of potential ILSFA projects and their position in an interconnection queue.

1. Projects submitted for approval to ILSFA with a nameplate capacity of above 25 kW AC are required to have a valid, signed interconnection agreement at submission.

2. However, a limited exception will be made if the project submitted:
    a. Previously had a signed interconnection agreement prior to project submission;
    b. Was forced by the interconnecting utility to make a decision to exit the interconnection queue (and its interconnection agreement was thus terminated) after April 10, 2019 due to a requirement to post a non-refundable deposit;[1] and
    c. Has re-applied for or obtained a new interconnection agreement.

If these three conditions are all met, the previously obtained valid, signed interconnection will be considered sufficient for project application.

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[1] To further clarify, "forced" in this context would *include* the refusal to post a then-required non-refundable deposit (due to uncertainty around the availability of a REC delivery contract) and subsequently exiting the interconnection queue. Stated differently, to help ensure efficient interconnection queue management, once faced with a requirement to post a non-refundable deposit, an interconnection applicant need not wait until after the conclusion of a period allowed for posting that deposit has elapsed and the utility has formally expelled the project from the queue. Other circumstances not captured by the above explanation will be handled by the Illinois Power Agency and Program Administrator on a case by case basis.