



Small or Mid-Sized Embedded Generation Facility Connection Agreement

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This Connection Agreement is made this _____ day of _____, _____.

BETWEEN

Northern Ontario Wires Inc. (the "Distributor")

AND

_____, (the "Customer")

(each a "Party" and collectively the "Parties")

REDACTALS

WHEREAS Northern Ontario Wires Inc. is the owner of the distribution system serving the service area described in electricity distribution licence number ED-2003-0018 (the "Licence") issued by the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") (the "Northern Ontario Wires Inc.'s distribution system").

AND WHEREAS the Customer owns or operates a _____ kW embedded _____ (e.g. Solar, Wind, Biomass) generation facility that is located in Northern Ontario Wires Inc.'s service area (the "Facility").

AND WHEREAS the Customer has connected or wishes to connect its Facility to Northern Ontario Wires Inc.'s distribution system and Northern Ontario Wires Inc. has connected or has agreed to connect the Facility to Northern Ontario Wires Inc.'s distribution system.

AND WHEREAS Northern Ontario Wires Inc. has previously reviewed and accepted the Customer's application to connect and related materials that were submitted to Northern Ontario Wires Inc. in accordance with the process set out in the Distribution System Code (the "Code") (altogether, the "Application") and Northern Ontario Wires Inc. and the Customer have signed a connection cost agreement (both of which are attached to this Agreement as Schedule A).

AND WHEREAS in accordance with its Licence and the Code, Northern Ontario Wires Inc. has agreed to offer, and the Customer has agreed to accept, distribution service in relation to the Facility.

NOW THEREFORE in consideration of the foregoing, and of the mutual covenants, agreements, terms and conditions herein contained, the Parties, intending to be legally bound, hereby agree as follows:

1. Definitions and Schedules

1.1. Words and phrases contained in this Agreement (whether capitalized or not) that are not defined in this Agreement have the meanings given to them in the Electricity Act, 1998, the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, any regulations made under either of those Acts, or the Code.

1.2. The following schedules form part of this Agreement:

Schedule A – Application and Connection Cost Agreement (recitals)

Schedule B – Single Line Diagram, Connection Point and Location of Facilities (section 2.3)

Schedule C – List of Other Contracts (section 3.4)

Schedule D – Technical and Operating Requirements (section 4.1(d)) Schedule

E – Billing and Settlement Procedures (section 5.3) Schedule

F – Contacts for Notice (section 12.1) Schedule

G – Dispute Resolution (section 16.1) Schedule

H – Provisions Applicable if Facility Financed by a Lender (sections 19.3, 20.3 and 21.1)

Where a schedule is to be completed by the Parties, the Parties may not include in that schedule a provision that would be contrary to or inconsistent with the Code or the remainder of this Agreement.

2. Type of Facility and Customer

2.1. The Facility has a name-plate rated capacity of:

[Parties to check the applicable box below]

- more than 10 kW and:
- a) up to and including 500 kW, if the Facility is or will be connected to a less than 15 kV line; or
 - b) up to and including 1 MW, if the Facility is or will be connected to a 15 kV or greater line (in which case the Facility is a “Small Embedded Generation Facility”)
- 10 MW or less and:
- a) more than 500 kW, if the Facility is or will be connected to a less than 15 kV line; or 9
 - b) more than 1 MW, if the Facility is or will be connected to a 15 kV or greater line (in which case the Facility is a “Mid-sized Embedded Generation Facility”)

2.2. The Facility is or will be connected:

[Parties to check the applicable box(es) below]

- directly to Northern Ontario Wires Inc. 's distribution system
- on the load customer side of a connection point to Northern Ontario Wires Inc. 's distribution system
 - the load customer is the same as the Customer
 - the load customer is: _____

2.3. Schedule B sets out the following:

- a) a single line diagram of the Facility;
- b) a list of the facilities of one Party that are on the property of the other Party; and
- c) a diagram of the metering installations applicable to the Facility.

2.4. The Customer:

[Parties to check the applicable box(es) below]

- intends to:
 - sell output from the Facility to the Ontario Power Authority and has entered into an agreement with the Ontario Power Authority for that purpose
 - deliver and sell output from the Facility to Northern Ontario Wires Inc.

(in which case the Customer is an "Embedded Retail Generator")
- does not intend to sell any of the output of the Facility to the Ontario Power Authority or Northern Ontario Wires Inc.

3. Incorporation of Code and Application of Conditions of Service and Other Contracts

- 3.1. The Code, as it may be amended from time to time, is hereby incorporated in its entirety by reference into, and forms part of, this Agreement. Unless the context otherwise requires, all references to "this Agreement" include a reference to the Code. 10
- 3.2. Northern Ontario Wires Inc. hereby agrees to be bound by and at all times to comply with the Code, and the Customer acknowledges and agrees that Northern Ontario Wires Inc. is bound at all times to comply with the Code in addition to complying with the provisions of this Agreement.

3.3. In addition to this Agreement, the relationship between Northern Ontario Wires Inc. and the Customer will be governed by Northern Ontario Wires Inc. 's Conditions of Service that are in effect at the relevant time. In the event of a conflict or an inconsistency between a provision of this Agreement and a provision of Northern Ontario Wires Inc. 's Conditions of Service, the provision of this Agreement shall govern.

3.4. Northern Ontario Wires Inc. may require or may have already required the Customer to enter into one or more of the other contracts listed in Schedule C. In the event of a conflict or an inconsistency between a provision of the Code or this Agreement and a provision of such other contract, the provision of the Code or this Agreement shall govern.

4. Facility Standards

4.1. The Customer shall ensure that the Facility:

- a) meets all applicable requirements of the Electrical Safety Authority ("ESA");
- b) conforms to all applicable industry standards including, but not limited to, those of the Canadian Standards Association ("CSA"), the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, the American National Standards Institute and the International Electrotechnical Commission;
- c) is installed, constructed, operated and maintained in accordance with this Agreement, Northern Ontario Wires Inc. 's offer to connect, the requirements of the ESA, the connection cost agreement, all applicable reliability standards and good utility practice; and
- d) meets the technical and operating requirements set out in Schedule D. These requirements shall not exceed any technical or operating requirements set out in the Code unless the Customer agrees.

5. Charges, Settlement and Billing

5.1. The Customer shall pay Northern Ontario Wires Inc. such charges as may be approved by the Board in relation to the connection of, and the provision of distribution service to, the Facility.

5.2. The Customer agrees to the following in relation to settlement for the output of the Facility:

[Parties to check the applicable box below]

- if the Customer is not an Embedded Retail Generator (see section 2.4) Northern Ontario Wires Inc. will not pay the Customer for any excess generation that results in a net delivery to Northern Ontario Wires Inc. between meter reads and there will be no carryover of excess generation from one billing period to the 11 next unless the Customer is at the relevant time a net metered generator.
- if the Customer is an Embedded Retail Generator (see section 2.4) Northern Ontario Wires Inc. will settle all applicable payments and charges in accordance with the Retail Settlement Code

5.3. Billing and settlement activities will be conducted in accordance with the procedures set out in Schedule E.

6. Representations and Warranties

6.1. The Customer represents and warrants to Northern Ontario Wires Inc. as follows, and acknowledges that Northern Ontario Wires Inc. is relying on such representations and warranties without independent inquiry in entering into this Agreement:

- a) the Facility is fully and accurately described in the Application;
- b) all information in the Application is true and correct;
- c) the Facility is in compliance with all applicable technical requirements and laws;
- d) the Customer has been given warranty information and operation manuals for the Facility;
- e) the Customer has been adequately instructed in the operation and maintenance of the Facility and the Customer has developed and implemented an operation and maintenance plan based on those instructions;
- f) if the Customer is a corporation or other form of business entity, the Customer is duly incorporated, formed or registered (as applicable) under the laws of its jurisdiction of incorporation, formation or registration (as applicable);
- g) the Customer has all necessary power, authority and capacity to enter into this Agreement and to perform its obligations under this Agreement;
- h) this Agreement constitutes a legal and binding obligation on the Customer, enforceable against the Customer in accordance with its terms;
- i) the Customer holds all permits, licences and other authorizations that may be necessary to enable it to own and operate the Facility; and
- j) any individual signing this Agreement on behalf of the Customer has been duly authorized by the Customer to sign this Agreement and has the full power and authority to bind the Customer.
- k) I understand, accept and agree to comply with and be bound by the above terms and conditions governing the connection of my generation facility to Northern Ontario Wires Inc.'s distribution system.

6.2. Northern Ontario Wires Inc. represents and warrants to the Customer as follows, and acknowledges that the Customer is relying on such representations and warranties without independent inquiry in entering into this Agreement:

- a) Northern Ontario Wires Inc. is duly incorporated under the laws of Ontario;
- b) Northern Ontario Wires Inc. has all necessary power, authority and capacity to enter into this Agreement and to perform its obligations under this Agreement;

- c) this Agreement constitutes a legal and binding obligation on Northern Ontario Wires Inc., enforceable against Northern Ontario Wires Inc. in accordance with its terms; and
- d) any individual signing this Agreement on behalf of Northern Ontario Wires Inc. has been 12 duly authorized by Northern Ontario Wires Inc. to sign this Agreement and has the full power and authority to bind Northern Ontario Wires Inc. .

7. Disconnection Device at the Point of Connection

7.1. The Customer shall furnish and install a disconnection switch at the point of connection for the Facility that opens, with a visual break, all ungrounded poles of the connection circuit. The disconnection switch at the point of connection shall be rated for the voltage and fault current requirements of the Facility, and shall meet all applicable CSA standards, ESA requirements, and all other applicable laws. The switch enclosure, if applicable, shall be properly grounded. The disconnection switch at the point of connection shall be accessible at all times, located for ease of access to Northern Ontario Wires Inc. 's personnel, and shall be capable of being locked in the open position. The Customer shall follow Northern Ontario Wires Inc. 's procedures for switching, clearance, tagging, and locking.

8. Modifications to the Facility

8.1. The Customer shall not modify its connection assets or the Facility except in accordance with this section. Where the modification will not increase the maximum electrical output of the Facility, the Customer shall give Northern Ontario Wires Inc. no less than 15 working days notice prior to the date on which the modification will be completed. Where the modification will increase the maximum electrical output of the Facility, the Customer shall submit a new application for connection to Northern Ontario Wires Inc. Northern Ontario Wires Inc. shall process that application for connection in accordance with the Code. The Customer shall not commence such modification until that process has been completed.

9. Insurance

9.1. Throughout the term of this Agreement, the Customer shall carry commercial general liability insurance for third party bodily injury, personal injury, and property damage in an amount as follows:

[Parties to check the applicable box below]

if the Facility is a Small Embedded Generation Facility (see section 2.1)
not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and in the annual aggregate

if the Facility is a Mid-sized Embedded Generation Facility (see section 2.1)
not less than \$2,000,000 per occurrence and in the annual aggregate

Prior to execution of this Agreement, the Customer shall provide Northern Ontario Wires Inc. with a valid certificate of insurance. The Customer shall provide Northern Ontario Wires Inc. with prompt notice of any cancellation of the Customer's insurance by the insurer.

10. Liability and Force Majeure

- 10.1. The liability provisions of section 2.2 of the Code apply to this Agreement and are hereby incorporated by reference into, and form part of, this Agreement.
- 10.2. A Party shall have a duty to mitigate any losses relating to any claim for indemnification from the other Party that may be made in relation to that other Party. Nothing in this section shall require the mitigating Party to mitigate or alleviate the effects of any strike, lockout, restrictive work practice or other labour dispute.
- 10.3. A Party shall give prompt notice to the other Party of any claim with respect to which indemnification is being or may be sought under this Agreement.
- 10.4. The force majeure provisions of section 2.3 of the Code apply to this Agreement and are hereby incorporated by reference into, and form part of, this Agreement.

11. Facility Commissioning and Testing

- 11.1. The Customer shall give Northern Ontario Wires Inc. at least fifteen days advance written notice of the date(s) and time(s) on which the Facility will be commissioned and tested prior to connection. The Customer shall give Northern Ontario Wires Inc. the same notice in relation to the commissioning and testing of any material modification to the Customer's connection assets or Facility that occurs after connection.
- 11.2. Northern Ontario Wires Inc. shall have the right to witness the commissioning and testing activities referred to in section 11.1.

12. Notice

- 12.1. Any notice, demand, consent, request or other communication required or permitted to be given or made under or in relation to this Agreement shall be given or made: by courier or other personal form of delivery; by registered mail; by facsimile; or by electronic mail. Notices shall be addressed to the applicable representative of the Party identified in Schedule F.
- 12.2. A notice, demand, consent, request or other communication referred to in section 12.1 shall be deemed to have been made as follows:
 - a) where given or made by courier or other form of personal delivery, on the date of receipt;
 - b) where given or made by registered mail, on the sixth day following the date of mailing;
 - c) where given or made by facsimile, on the day and at the time of transmission as indicated on the sender's facsimile transmission report; and
 - d) where given or made by electronic mail, on the day and at the time when the notice, demand, consent, request or other communication is recorded by the sender's electronic communications system as having been received at the electronic mail destination.

13. Access to Facility

- 13.1. Each Party shall ensure that its facilities are secured at all times.
- 13.2. The Customer shall permit and, if the land on which the Facility is located is not owned by Customer, cause such

landowner to permit, Northern Ontario Wires Inc.'s employees and agents to enter the property on which the Facility is located at any reasonable time. Such access shall be provided for the purposes of inspecting and/or testing the Facility as and when permitted by this Agreement, the Code or Northern Ontario Wires Inc.'s Conditions of Service or as required to ensure the continued safe and satisfactory operation of the Facility, to ensure the accuracy of Northern Ontario Wires Inc.'s meters, to establish work protection, or to perform work.

- 13.3. Any inspecting and/or testing referred to in section 13.2 shall not relieve the Customer from its obligation to operate and maintain the Facility and any related equipment owned by the Customer in a safe and satisfactory operating condition and in accordance with this Agreement.
- 13.4. Northern Ontario Wires Inc. shall have the right to witness any testing done by the Customer of the Facility and, to that end, the Customer shall provide Northern Ontario Wires Inc. with at least fifteen working days advance notice of the testing.
- 13.5. Notwithstanding section 10.1, where Northern Ontario Wires Inc. causes damage to the Customer's property as part of this access, Northern Ontario Wires Inc. shall pay to the Customer the Customer's reasonable costs of repairing such property or, if such property cannot be repaired, replacing such property.
- 13.6. Notwithstanding section 10.1, if the Customer has been given access to Northern Ontario Wires Inc.'s property, and if the Customer causes damage to Northern Ontario Wires Inc.'s property as part of that access, the Customer shall pay to Northern Ontario Wires Inc. Northern Ontario Wires Inc.'s reasonable costs of repairing such property or, if such property cannot be repaired, replacing such property.

14. Disconnection of Facility to Permit Maintenance and Repairs

- 14.1. If the Customer requests it, Northern Ontario Wires Inc. will provide the Customer with reasonable notice of any planned equipment outages in Northern Ontario Wires Inc.'s distribution system that occur on or after the date of the Customer's request which will impact the Facility or its connection.
- 14.2. Northern Ontario Wires Inc. will make reasonable efforts to ensure that the outages referred to in section 14.1 will be of minimal duration and cause minimal inconvenience to the Customer.
- 14.3. In connection with any planned equipment outage, either Party may disconnect or isolate, or require the disconnection or isolation of, its Facility or system (as applicable) from the other Party's Facility or system (as applicable) so that the employees, contractors or agents of the Party may construct, maintain, repair, replace, remove, investigate or inspect its own Facility or system (as applicable) in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and good utility practice.
- 14.4. Where practical, the Customer shall notify Northern Ontario Wires Inc. prior to temporarily isolating or disconnecting the Facility from Northern Ontario Wires Inc.'s distribution system.

15. Disconnection of Facility for Other Reasons

- 15.1. The Customer shall discontinue operation of the Facility and Northern Ontario Wires Inc. may isolate or disconnect the Facility from Northern Ontario Wires Inc.'s distribution system, upon any of the following:
 - a) termination of this Agreement in accordance with section 19;
 - b) if the Customer's connection assets or the Facility are modified by the Customer in a manner contrary to section 8.1; (c) during an emergency or where necessary to prevent or minimize the effects of an emergency;

- c) in accordance with section 31, 31.1 or 40(5) of the Electricity Act, 1998, other applicable law, the Code, Northern Ontario Wires Inc.'s Licence or Northern Ontario Wires Inc.'s Conditions of Service; or
 - d) where required to comply with a decision or order of an arbitrator or court made or given under Schedule G.
- 15.2. In the event of disconnection under section 15.1(b), the Facility shall remain isolated or disconnected from Northern Ontario Wires Inc.'s distribution system until the connection process referred to in section 8.1 has been completed.
- 15.3. In the event of disconnection under section 15.1(c), Northern Ontario Wires Inc. shall reconnect, or permit the reconnection of, the Facility to Northern Ontario Wires Inc.'s distribution system when it is reasonably satisfied that the emergency has ceased and that all other requirements of this Agreement are met.
- 15.4. In the event of disconnection under section 15.1(d) or 15.1(e), Northern Ontario Wires Inc. shall reconnect, or permit the reconnection of, the Facility to Northern Ontario Wires Inc.'s distribution system when Northern Ontario Wires Inc. is reasonably satisfied that the reason for the disconnection no longer exists, the Customer agrees to pay all Board approved reconnection costs charged by Northern Ontario Wires Inc., and Northern Ontario Wires Inc. is reasonably satisfied of the following, where applicable:
- a) the Customer has taken all necessary steps to prevent the circumstances that caused the disconnection from recurring and has delivered binding undertakings to Northern Ontario Wires Inc. that such circumstances shall not recur; and
 - b) any decision or order of a court or arbitrator made or given under Schedule G that requires a Party to take action to ensure that such circumstances shall not recur has been implemented and/or assurances have been given to the satisfaction of the affected Party that such decision or order will be implemented.
- 15.5. Where the Facility has been isolated or disconnected, each Party shall be entitled to decommission and remove its assets associated with the connection. Each Party shall, for that purpose, ensure that the other Party has all necessary access to its site at all reasonable times.
- 15.6. The Customer shall continue to pay for distribution services provided up to the time of isolation or disconnection of its Facility.
- 15.7. The Customer shall pay all reasonable costs including, but not limited to, the costs of removing any of Northern Ontario Wires Inc.'s equipment from the Customer's site, that are directly attributable to the isolation or disconnection of the Facility and, where applicable, the subsequent decommissioning of the Facility. Northern Ontario Wires Inc. shall not require the removal of the protection and control wiring on the Customer's site.
- 15.8. While the Facility is isolated or disconnected, Northern Ontario Wires Inc. shall not be required to convey electricity to or from the Facility.

16. Dispute Resolution

- 16.1. Any dispute between the Customer and Northern Ontario Wires Inc. arising under or in relation to this Agreement will be resolved in accordance with Schedule G. The Parties shall comply with the procedure set out in Schedule G before taking any civil or other proceeding in relation to the dispute, provided that nothing shall prevent a Party from seeking urgent or interlocutory relief from a court of competent jurisdiction in the Province of Ontario in relation to any dispute arising under or in relation to this Agreement.

17. Amendments

- 17.1. The Parties may not amend this Agreement without leave of the Board except where and to the extent permitted by this Agreement.
- 17.2. The Parties may by mutual agreement amend this Agreement to reflect changes that may from time to time be made to the Code during the term of this Agreement.
- 17.3. The Parties may by mutual agreement amend any portion of a schedule that was originally to be completed by the Parties.
- 17.4. No amendment made under section 17.2 or 17.3 shall be contrary to or inconsistent with the Code or the remainder of this Agreement.
- 17.5. The Parties shall amend this Agreement in such manner as may be required by the Board.
- 17.6. Any amendment to this Agreement shall be made in writing and duly executed by both Parties.

18. Waiver

- 18.1. A waiver of any default, breach or non-compliance under this Agreement is not effective unless in writing and signed by the Party to be bound by the waiver. The waiver by a Party of any default, breach or non-compliance under this Agreement shall not operate as a waiver of that Party's rights under this Agreement in respect of any continuing or subsequent default, breach or non-compliance, whether of the same or any other nature.

19. Term of Agreement and Termination

- 19.1. This Agreement shall become effective upon execution by the Parties, and shall continue in effect until terminated in accordance with section 19.2 or 19.3.
- 19.2. The Customer may, if it is not then in default under this Agreement, terminate this Agreement at any time by giving Northern Ontario Wires Inc. thirty days prior written notice setting out the termination date.
- 19.3. Except as set out in Schedule H, Northern Ontario Wires Inc. may terminate this Agreement upon any material breach of this Agreement by the Customer (a "Default"), if the Customer fails to remedy the Default within the applicable cure period referred to in section 19.4 after receipt of written notice of the Default from Northern Ontario Wires Inc.
- 19.4. The Customer shall cure a Default within the applicable cure period specified in the Code or Northern Ontario Wires Inc.'s Conditions of Service. If no such cure period is specified in relation to a given Default, the cure period shall be sixty working days.
- 19.5. Termination of this Agreement for any reason shall not affect:
 - a) the liabilities of either Party that were incurred or arose under this Agreement prior to the time of termination; or

- b) the provisions that expressly apply in relation to disconnection of the Customer's facilities following termination of this Agreement.

19.6. Termination of this Agreement for any reason shall be without prejudice to the right of the terminating Party to pursue all legal and equitable remedies that may be available to it including, but not limited to, injunctive relief.

19.7. The rights and remedies set out in this Agreement are not intended to be exclusive but rather are cumulative and are in addition to any other right or remedy otherwise available to a Party at law or in equity. Nothing in this section 19.7 shall be interpreted as affecting the limitations of liability arising from section 10.1 or the obligation of a Party to comply with section 16 while this Agreement is in force.

19.8. Sections 19.5 to 19.7 shall survive termination of this Agreement.

20. Exchange and Confidentiality of Information

20.1 Confidential information in respect of a Party means (i) information disclosed by that Party to the other Party under this Agreement that is in its nature confidential, proprietary or commercially sensitive and (ii) information derived from the information referred to in (i), but excludes the following:

- a) information that is in the public domain; or
- b) information that is, at the time of the disclosure, in the possession of the receiving Party, provided that it was lawfully obtained from a person under no obligation of confidence in relation to the information.

20.2 Subject to section 20.3, each Party shall treat all confidential information disclosed to it by the other Party as confidential and shall not, without the written consent of that other Party:

- a) disclose that confidential information to any other person; or
- b) use that confidential information for any purpose other than the purpose for which it was disclosed or another applicable purpose contemplated in this Agreement.

Where a Party, with the written consent of the other Party, discloses confidential information of that other Party to another person, the Party shall take such steps as may be required to ensure that the other person complies with the confidentiality provisions of this Agreement.

20.3 Nothing in section 20.2 shall prevent the disclosure of confidential information:

- a) where required or permitted under this Agreement, the Code, the Market Rules or Northern Ontario Wires Inc.'s Licence;
- b) where required by law or regulatory requirements;
- c) where required by order of a government, government agency, regulatory body or regulatory agency having jurisdiction;

- d) if required in connection with legal proceedings, arbitration or any expert determination relating to the subject matter of this Agreement, or for the purpose of advising a Party in relation thereto;
- e) as may be required to enable Northern Ontario Wires Inc. to fulfill its obligations to any reliability organization;
or
- f) as may be required during an emergency or to prevent or minimize the effects of an emergency.

20.4. Notwithstanding section 10.1, a Party that breaches section 20.2 shall be liable to the other Party for any and all losses of the other Party arising out of such breach.

20.5. The Parties agree that the exchange of information, including, but not limited to, confidential information, under this Agreement is necessary for maintaining the reliable operation of Northern Ontario Wires Inc.'s distribution system. The Parties further agree that all information, including, but not limited to, confidential information, exchanged between them shall be prepared, given and used in good faith and shall be provided in a timely and cooperative manner.

20.6. Each Party shall provide the other with such information as the other may reasonably require to enable it to perform its obligations under this Agreement.

20.7. Each Party shall, as soon as practicable, notify the other Party upon becoming aware of a material change or error in any information previously disclosed to the other Party under this Agreement and, in the case of the Customer, in any information contained in its Application. The Party shall provide updated or corrected information as required to ensure that information provided to the other Party is up to date and correct.

21. Assignment, Successors and Assigns

21.1. Except as set out in Schedule H, the Customer shall not assign its rights or obligations under this Agreement in whole or in part without the prior written consent of Northern Ontario Wires Inc., which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or unduly delayed. Northern Ontario Wires Inc. may withhold its consent to any proposed assignment until the proposed assignee assumes, in writing, all of the Customer's obligations contained in this Agreement.

21.2. Northern Ontario Wires Inc. shall have the right to assign this Agreement in whole upon written notification to the Customer.

21.3. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Parties and their respective successors and permitted assigns.

22. Governing Law

22.1. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the Province of Ontario and the federal laws of Canada applicable therein.

23. Entire Agreement

23.1. Except as expressly provided herein, this Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties with respect to the subject-matter hereof and supersedes all prior oral or written representations and agreements of any kind whatsoever with respect to the subject-matter hereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto, intending to be legally bound, have caused this Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized representatives.

Customer Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name (Print): _____

Title: _____

Distributor Signature: _____ Date: _____

Northern Ontario Wires Inc.

Title: _____

SCHEDULE A

Application and Connection Cost Agreement (recitals)

See the attached Application and connection cost agreement filed by the Generator, and any other relevant information with respect to the Generator's application to connect.

(To be attached by the Parties)

SCHEDULE B

**Single Line Diagram, Connection Point and Location of Facilities
(section 2.3)**

B.1 Single Line Diagram and Connection Point

[To be inserted by the Parties]

B.2 List of Facilities on the Property of the Other Party

B.2.1 The following facilities of the Customer are located on the property of the Distributor:

[To be completed by the Parties]

B.2.2 The following facilities of the Distributor are located in the property of the Customer:

[To be completed by the Parties]

B.3 Metering Installation Diagram

[To be inserted by the Parties]

SCHEDULE C

List of Other Contracts (section 3.4)

The following other contracts have been or will be entered into by the Parties:

[To be completed by the Parties]

SCHEDULE D

Technical and Operating Requirements (section 4.1(d))

The following technical and operating requirements apply to the Facility:

- D.1. The Customer's generation Facility must not restrict the operation of the Northern Ontario Wires Inc.'s distribution system.
- D.2. The Customer represents and warrants that an isolation device satisfying Section 84 of the Ontario Electrical Safety Code has been installed, or will be installed prior to the connection of the Generation Facility to Northern Ontario Wires Inc.'s distribution system, and the Generator agrees to allow Northern Ontario Wires Inc.'s staff access to and operation of this device at all times as required for the maintenance and repair of Northern Ontario Wires Inc.'s distribution system.
- D.3. The Generator agrees to perform regular scheduled maintenance on the Generation Facility as outlined by the manufacturer in order to assure that connection devices, protection systems, and control systems are maintained in good working order and in compliance with all applicable laws as amended from time to time.
- D.4. The Generator agrees that during a power outage on Northern Ontario Wires Inc.'s distribution system, the Generation Facility will shut down, unless an approved device with transfer and isolating capabilities has been installed at the Generation Facility. The Generator agrees to the automatic disconnection of the Generation Facility from Northern Ontario Wires Inc.'s distribution system, as per the generator protective relay settings set out in this Agreement, in the event of a power outage on Northern Ontario Wires Inc.'s distribution system or any abnormal operation of Northern Ontario Wires Inc.'s distribution system.
- D.5 During day to day operation of Northern Ontario Wires Inc.'s distribution system it may be necessary to reconfigure the system to restore power or to transfer load as the result of normal operations in order to supply reliable and stable power to Northern Ontario Wires Inc.'s load customers. Consequently, Northern Ontario Wires Inc. may transfer the Generation Facility to a different source that cannot accept generation or that may have negative impacts on the Northern Ontario Wires Inc. distribution system. During these situations the Generation Facility may have to shut down or disconnect from the Northern Ontario Wires Inc. distribution system. The Generator agrees that Northern Ontario Wires Inc. shall have the right and the ability to send a blocking signal to either the Generator's inverter or to the Generator's main disconnect to ensure that the Generation Facility does not compromise the reliable operation of the Northern Ontario Wires Inc. distribution system. Once the situation has been rectified to the satisfaction of Northern Ontario Wires Inc., the blocking signal will be released. Additional equipment may need to be installed, operated and maintained at the Generation Facility at the Generator's expense. Northern Ontario Wires Inc. reserves the right to confirm through tests and physical inspection on an ongoing basis that the equipment is in a reliable operating condition at the Generator's expense.
- D.6 The Generator is required to provide as a minimum the following metered data to Northern Ontario Wires Inc.'s SCADA Master Station: breaker or disconnect status if applicable, inverter lock out status, current, voltage, MW, MVAR and PF. The installation cost and recurring lease costs for a dial-type telecommunications circuit will be borne by the Generator. The Generator must arrange for the communications circuit as specified by Northern Ontario Wires Inc. and billing will be settled directly between the Generator and the leased circuit provider. This circuit will also be used to transmit the blocking signal referred to above.
- D.7 In the event of a failure on the blocking signal communications circuit, the Generator must arrange for repair and testing at the Generator's expense. The Generator must inform Northern Ontario Wires Inc. of all work that may impact the operation of the blocking system and Northern Ontario Wires Inc. has the right to test and inspect the

operation following any repair to the circuit. The Generator will not be able to connect to the system while the blocking circuit is out of service.

- D.8 In the event of a failure on the dial-type communications circuit that is used by Northern Ontario Wires Inc. 's MV-90 metering data collection system, to interrogate the interval-style revenue meters installed within the Generator's substation, Northern Ontario Wires Inc. will notify the Generator, who in turn will carry out or coordinate remedial repairs. The Generator is responsible for all costs related to the maintenance or repair of the leased telephone circuits. If the circuit remains unavailable for a period of more than 2 business days after Northern Ontario Wires Inc. notification of the www.notlhydro.com 15 of 24 October 2022, Rev 2 Northern Ontario Wires Inc. Small & Mid-Sized Embedded Generation Facility Connection Agreement problem, it may result in Northern Ontario Wires Inc. isolating the Generator's Facility from the Northern Ontario Wires Inc. distribution system until the telecommunication circuit is back online.

Note 1: If Northern Ontario Wires Inc. is unable to retrieve revenue-metering data using the telephone line and Northern Ontario Wires Inc. is required to visit the meter location to collect the data using a manual data retrieval system then Northern Ontario Wires Inc. will apply an approved charge to cover such site visits.

Note 2: Depending on available technology and other factors, the blocking signal communications circuit and the MV90 metering circuit may be one and the same.

- D.9 The design, installation, maintenance, and operation of the Generation Facility will be conducted at all times in a manner that ensures the safety and security of both the Generation Facility and Northern Ontario Wires Inc. 's distribution system. D.10 The Generator agrees to inform Northern Ontario Wires Inc. immediately of any changes / modifications to the Generation Facility and/or related protection systems.

Generator Protective Relay Settings

Inverter Utilized: Yes No

Inverter Certification: C22.2 #107.1

Table 1 – Inverter Based Generation

The following relay settings shall be used for inverters built to the CSA standard:

Source: CSA C22.2 No. 107.1-01 Table 16

System Voltage Vn = V nominal V (Volts)	Frequency F (Hertz)	Maximum number of cycles to disconnect	
		Seconds	Cycle
V < 0.5 Vn	60	0.1	6
0.5 Vn < V < 0.88 Vn	60	2	120
1.10 Vn < V < 1.37 Vn	60	2	120
V > 1.37 Vn	60	0.033	2
Vn	F < 59.5*	0.1	6
Vn	F > 60.5	0.1	6

* The UL1741 & IEEE P1547 Standards use F < rated -0.7 (i.e. 59.3 Hz). To update if CSA C22.2 No. 107.1-01 is changed.

Table 2 – Generation Other Than That Covered by Table 1

Northern Ontario Wires Inc.'s minimum requirements for other generation are as follows:

System Voltage Vn = V nominal V (Volts)	Frequency F (Hertz)	Maximum clearing time *	
		Seconds	Cycle
V < 0.5 Vn	60	0.16	9.6
0.5 Vn < V < 0.88 Vn	60	2	120
1.10 Vn < V < 1.20 Vn	60	1	60
V > 1.20 Vn	60	0.16	9.6
Vn	F < 59.3	0.16	9.6
Vn	F > 60.5	0.16	9.6

*Clearing time is the time between the start of the abnormal condition and the Generation ceasing to energize the Northern Ontario Wires Inc.'s distribution system

- If you are uncertain about your generation equipment's protective relay settings, please check with your generating equipment supplier.
- Automatic reconnect setting time for your generator is after 5 minutes of normal voltage and frequency on the NOTL Hydro's distribution system.

SCHEDULE E

Billing and Settlement Procedures (section 5.3)

The following provisions apply to the billing and settlement in relation to the Facility:

- I/We do not intend to sell any of the output of the Facility to the IESO or Northern Ontario Wires Inc. and therefore this section does not apply;

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print name: _____

OR

- I/We wish to participate and settle using the net metering rules under O.Reg 541/05, s. 6. The following form must be signed and executed.

CUSTOMER REQUEST FORM

Return to Northern Ontario Wires Inc. (choose any of the following methods):

Mail: 153 Sixth Ave. Cochrane, ON, P0L 1C0
Attn: Customer Service Department

Fax: (705) 272-3015
Email: Customercare@nowinc.ca

To Northern Ontario Wires Inc.:

RE: Billing Account Number: _____

I/We the customer account holder wish to request to return eligible electricity to the Northern Ontario Wires Inc. distribution system and be billed on a "net metering" basis under the settlement terms outlined in O.Reg. 541/05.

CUSTOMER INFORMATION (please print)

Name:

Current Service Address:

Current Mailing Address:

Daytime Phone Number:

Please note retail contract requirements:

- a) Customers under current or future contract with a retailer and billed under the bill-ready form of distributor-consolidated billing pursuant to the Retail Settlement Code must have their retailer send confirmation to Northern Ontario Wires Inc. that the Customer and retailer have an agreement that allows the Customer to convey eligible electricity into Northern Ontario Wires Inc.'s distribution system for the purpose of being billed on a net metering basis O. Reg 541/05, s. 6.

If either your account is currently with a retailer or you enter into contract with a retailer in the future, Northern Ontario Wires Inc. will only offer the "net meter" billing upon receipt of the required retailer confirmation. Please contact your retailer to have the necessary confirmation forwarded to our offices marked Attn: Retailer Settlements.

- b) Customers either under current or future contract with a retailer under retailer consolidated billing will not be or no longer be eligible for the "net meter" billing, as they are not mentioned in O.Reg. 541/05, s. 6.

The above a) is not a requirement if you are currently not under contract with any retailer and billed under the Northern Ontario Wires Inc. "Standard Supply Service". Consent may be cancelled by the Customer at anytime by giving 90 days notice to NOTL Hydro, O.Reg. 541/05 s. 9.

I agree that Northern Ontario Wires Inc. will process my request on the next scheduled reading date once all connection agreements, metering, eligibility determination and retailer confirmation a) requirements are completed.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print name: _____

Requests will not be completed without the signature of the Customer who is financially responsible for the account.

SCHEDULE F

Contacts for Notice (section 12.1)

[To be completed by the Parties – different contacts may be listed for different purposes]

Embedded Generation Facility		Distributor
Facility Name:		
Facility Location		
1.	Contact Name:	Contact Name: Northern Ontario Wires Inc.
	Position:	Position: 8:00am to 4:00pm (daytime)
	Telephone (days):	Telephone (days): (705) 272-6669
	Telephone (nights):	Telephone (nights):
	Cell Phone:	Cell Phone:
	Fax:	Fax: (705) 272-3015
	Email:	Email: customercare@nowinc.ca
2.	Contact Name:	Contact Name: Northern Ontario Wires Inc.
	Position:	Position: 8:00am to 4:00pm (daytime)
	Telephone (days):	Telephone (days): (705) 272-6669
	Telephone (nights):	Telephone (nights):
	Cell Phone:	Cell Phone:
	Fax:	Fax: (705) 272-3015
	Email:	Email: customercare@nowinc.ca
3.	Contact Name:	Contact Name: Northern Ontario Wires Inc.
	Position:	Position: 8:00am to 4:00pm (daytime)
	Telephone (days):	Telephone (days): (705) 272-6669
	Telephone (nights):	Telephone (nights):
	Cell Phone:	Cell Phone:
	Fax:	Fax: (705) 272-3015
	Email:	Email: customercare@nowinc.ca
4.	Contact Name:	Contact Name: Northern Ontario Wires Inc.
	Position:	Position: 8:00am to 4:00pm (daytime)
	Telephone (days):	Telephone (days): (705) 272-6669
	Telephone (nights):	Telephone (nights):
	Cell Phone:	Cell Phone:
	Fax:	Fax: (705) 272-3015
	Email:	Email: customercare@nowinc.ca
5.	Contact Name:	Contact Name: Northern Ontario Wires Inc.
	Position:	Position: 8:00am to 4:00pm (daytime)
	Telephone (days):	Telephone (days): (705) 272-6669
	Telephone (nights):	Telephone (nights):
	Cell Phone:	Cell Phone:
	Fax:	Fax: (705) 272-3015
	Email:	Email: customercare@nowinc.ca

SCHEDULE G

Dispute Resolution (section 16.1)

- G.1 The Party claiming a dispute will provide written notice to the other Party. The Parties will make reasonable efforts through or by their respective senior executives to resolve any dispute within sixty days of receipt of such notice.
- G.2 If a dispute is settled by the senior executives of the Parties, the Parties shall prepare and execute minutes setting forth the terms of the settlement. Such terms shall bind the Parties. The subject-matter of the dispute shall not thereafter be the subject of any civil or other proceeding, other than in relation to the enforcement of the terms of the settlement. If a Party fails to comply with the terms of settlement, the other Party may submit the matter to arbitration under section.
- G.3 A copy of the minutes referred to in this section from which all confidential information has been expunged shall be made available to the public by Northern Ontario Wires Inc. upon request. G.3 If the senior executives of the Parties cannot resolve the dispute within the time period set out in section G.1 or such longer or shorter period as the Parties may agree, either Party may submit the dispute to binding arbitration under sections G.4 to G.8 by notice to the other Party.
- G.4 The Parties shall use good faith efforts to appoint a single arbitrator for purposes of the arbitration of the dispute. If the Parties fail to agree upon a single arbitrator within ten working days of the date of the notice referred to in section G.3, each Party shall within five working days thereafter choose one arbitrator. The two arbitrators so chosen shall within fifteen working days select a third arbitrator.
- G.5 Where a Party has failed to choose an arbitrator under section G.4 within the time allowed, the other Party may apply to a court to appoint a single arbitrator to resolve the dispute.
- G.6 A person may be appointed as an arbitrator if that person:
- a) is independent of the Parties;
 - b) has no current or past substantial business or financial relationship with either Party, except for prior arbitration; and
 - c) is qualified by education or experience to resolve the dispute.
- G.7 The arbitrator(s) shall provide each of the Parties with an opportunity to be heard orally and/or in writing, as may be appropriate to the nature of the dispute.
- G.8 The Arbitration Act, 1991 (Ontario) shall apply to an arbitration conducted under this Schedule G.
- G.9 The decision of the arbitrator(s) shall be final and binding on the Parties and may be enforced in accordance with the provisions of the Arbitration Act, 1991 (Ontario). The Party against which the decision is enforced shall bear all costs and expenses reasonably incurred by the other Party in enforcing the decision.
- G.10 A copy of the decision of the arbitrator(s) from which any confidential information has been expunged shall be made available to the public by Northern Ontario Wires Inc. upon request.

- G.11 Subject to section G.12, each Party shall be responsible for its own costs and expenses incurred in the arbitration of a dispute and for the costs and expenses of the arbitrator(s) if appointed to resolve the dispute.
- G.12 The arbitrator(s) may, if the arbitrator(s) consider it just and reasonable to do so, make an award of costs against or in favour of a Party to the dispute. Such an award of costs may relate to either or both the costs and expenses of the arbitrator(s) and the costs and expenses of the Parties to the dispute.
- G.13 If a dispute is settled by the Parties during the course of an arbitration, the Parties shall prepare and execute minutes setting forth the terms of the settlement. Such terms shall bind the Parties, and either Party may request that the arbitrator(s) record the settlement in the form of an award under section 36 of the Arbitration Act, 1991 (Ontario). The subject-matter of the dispute shall not thereafter be the subject of any civil or other proceeding, other than in relation to the enforcement of the terms of the settlement.
- G.14 If a Party fails to comply with the terms of settlement referred to in section G.13, the other Party may submit the matter to arbitration under section G.3 if the settlement has not been recorded in the form of an award under section 36 of the Arbitration Act, 1991 (Ontario).
- G.15 A copy of the minutes referred to in section G.13 from which all confidential information has been expunged shall be made available to the public by Northern Ontario Wires Inc. upon request.
- G.16 The Parties may not, by means of the settlement of a dispute under section G.2 or section G.13, agree to terms or conditions that are inconsistent with or contrary to the Code or this Agreement.

SCHEDULE H

Provisions Applicable if Facility Financed by a Lender (sections 19.3, 20.3 and 21.1)

- H.1 For the purposes of this Schedule, "lender" means a bank or other entity whose principal business is that of a financial institution and that is financing or refinancing the Facility.
- H.2 Where notice of a Default has been served on the Customer under section 19.3, an agent or trustee for and on behalf of a lender ("Security Trustee") or a receiver appointed by the Security Trustee ("Receiver") shall upon notice to Northern Ontario Wires Inc. be entitled (but not obligated) to exercise all of the rights and obligations of the Customer under this Agreement and shall be entitled to remedy the Default specified in the notice within the applicable cure period referred to in section 19.4. Northern Ontario Wires Inc. shall accept performance of the Customer's obligations under this Agreement by the Security Trustee or Receiver in lieu of the Customer's performance of such obligations, and will not exercise any right to terminate this Agreement under section 19.3 due to a Default if the Security Trustee, its nominee or transferee, or the Receiver acknowledges its intention to be bound by the terms of this Agreement and such acknowledgment is received within 30 days of the date of receipt by the Customer of the notice of Default.
- H.3 The Customer may, without the prior written consent of Northern Ontario Wires Inc., assign by way of security only all or any part of its rights or obligations under this Agreement to a lender. The Customer shall promptly notify Northern Ontario Wires Inc. upon making any such assignment.
- H.4 The Customer may disclose confidential information of Northern Ontario Wires Inc. to a lender or a prospective lender.