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SCOPE: Use this plan ONLY for electrical review of utility-interactive central/string inverter systems not exceeding a combined system AC inverter output of 10kW on the roof of a single or duplex family dwelling or accessory building. The specific structural and fire requirements are covered under a separate permit. The photovoltaic system must interconnect to the load side of a single-phase AC service panel of 240Vac or less with a busbar rating of 225A or less. This plan is not intended for bipolar systems, hybrid systems or systems that utilize storage batteries, charge controllers, trackers, ac modules, more than two inverters or more than one DC combiner (non-inverter-integrated) per inverter. Systems must be in compliance with current California Building Standards Codes and all applicable Los Angeles Codes. Other Articles of the California Electrical Code (CEC) shall apply as specified in 690.3.

MANUFACTURER'S SPECIFICATION SHEETS MUST BE PROVIDED for proposed inverters, modules, combiner/junction boxes, racking systems, and rapid shutdown system or equipment. Installation instructions for bonding and grounding equipment and rapid shutdown systems shall be provided, and local AHJs may require additional details. Listed and labeled equipment shall be installed and used in accordance with any instructions included in the listing or labeling (CEC 110.3). Equipment intended for use with PV system shall be listed for the PV application (CEC 690.4(B)).

Job Address:		Permit #:	
Contractor/ Engineer Name:		License # and Class:	
Signature:	Date:	Phone Number:	

Total # of Inverters installed: ______ (If more than one inverter, complete and attach the "Supplemental

Calculation Sheets" starting on page 8 & "Load Center Calculations" on page 13 if a new load center is to be used)

Inverter 1 AC Output Power Rating:	Watts
Inverter 2 AC Output Power Rating (if applicable):	Watts
Combined Inverter Output Power Rating:	≤ 10,000 Watts

Site Conditions:

Ambient Temperature Adjustment Factors: select the box for the expected lowest ambient temperature (T_L) with the corresponding Ambient Temperature Correction Factor (C_F):

L)	If T _L is greate	r than	or equal	to -5'	°C, C _F =	= 1.12
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	lf	T_L	is	between	-6°C	and	-10°0	C, C _F	=1.14
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Average ambient high temperature $(T_H) \le 47^{\circ} C$

Note: For a lower T_L or a higher T_H , this plan is not applicable.

DC Information:			
Module Manufacturer:		Model:	
2) Module V _{oc} (from module nameplate):	Volts		
3) Module Isc (from module nameplate):	Amps		
Is Module I _{sc} below 9.6 Amps?	🗆 Yes 🛛 No	(If No, this plan is not applicable.)	
4) Module DC output power under standa	rd test condition	s (STC) =Watts (STC)	

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Identify each source circuit (string) for Number of modules Identify, by tag, which source circuits on the ro											
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	Identify, by tag, which source circuits on the roof are to be										
inverter 1 shown on the per source circuit for paralleled (if none, put N/A)											
roof plan with a lag inverter 1											
(e.g. A,B,C,)											
Combiner 1:											
Combiner 2:											
Total number of source circuits:											
6) Are DC/DC Converters used? Yes If No, skip to Step 7. If Yes enter info below.											
DC/DC Converter Model #: DC/DC Converter Max DC Input Voltage:	Volts Max										
Max DC Output Current: Amps DC Output Current: Volt	DC/DC										
Max # of DC/DC Converters in an Input Circuit: Converter Max DC Input Power: Watts											
7) Maximum System DC Voltage Use for systems without DC/DC converters.											
A. Module V _{oc} (STEP 2)x # of modules in series (STEP 5)x C _F (STEP 1)=	V										
Table 1. Maximum Number of PV Modules in Series Based on Module Rated V _{oc} for 600Vdc Rated Equipment (CEC 690.7)	Ť										
Max Rated Module Voc											
$\frac{1}{1000} = \frac{1}{1000} = 1$											
if $C_F = 1.14$ (Volts) 29.24 30.96 32.89 35.09 37.59 40.49 43.86 47.85 52.63 58.48 65.79 75.19 87.	2										
Max # of Modules for 600 Vdc 18 17 16 15 14 13 12 11 10 9 8 7 66											
Use for systems with DC/DC converters. The value calculated below must be less than DC/DC converter max	DC input										
voltage (STEP 6).											
B. Module V _{oc} (STEP 2) x # of modules per converter (STEP 6)x C _F (STEP 1)=	V										
Table 2. Largest Module V_{oc} for Single-Module DC/DC Converter Configurations (With 80V AFCI Cap) (CEC 690.7 and 690.11)											
Max Rated Module Vice											
if $C_{\rm f} = 1.12$ (Volts) 30.4 33.0 35.7 38.4 41.1 43.8 46.4 49.1 51.8 54.5 57.1 59.8 62.5 65.2 67.9 7	0.5										
if C _f = 1.14 (Volts)	.3										
DC/DC Converter Max DC Input (STEP #6) (Volts) 34 37 40 43 46 49 52 55 58 61 64 67 70 73 76	9										
8) Maximum System DC Voltage from DC/DC Converters to Inverter — Only required if Yes in Step 6 Maximum System DC Voltage =Volts											
9) Sizing Source Circuit Conductors											
Source Circuit Conductor Size = Min. #10 AWG copper conductor, 90° C wet (USE-2, PV Wire, XHHW-2, THWN-2, BHW-2) For up to 8 conductors in roof-mounted conduit exposed to suplight at least 16" from the roof covering. (CEC 310)											
	THWN-2, RHW-2). For up to 8 conductors in roof-mounted conduit exposed to sunlight at least ½" from the roof covering. (CEC 310)										

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 10) Are PV source circuits combined prior to the inverter? □ Yes □ No If No, use Single Line Diagram 1 and proceed to Step 12. If Yes, use Single Line Diagram 2 and proceed to Step 11 after this step. Is source circuit OCPD required? □ Yes □ No Source circuit OCPD size (if needed): 15 Amps Are the source circuits combined on the roof? □ Yes □ No If "Yes," the DC output of the combiner shall have a load break disconnecting means located in the combiner or within 1.8m (6ft) of the combiner (CEC 690.15(C)).
11) Sizing PV Output Circuit Conductors — If strings are combined (answered "Yes" in Step 10), Output Circuit Conductor Size = Min. #6 AWG copper conductor.
12) Inverter DC Disconnect Does the inverter have an integrated DC disconnect? Yes No If Yes, proceed to step 13. If No, the external DC disconnect to be installed is rated forAmps (DC) andVolts (DC)
 13) Inverter Information Manufacturer: Model: Max. Continuous AC Output Current Rating: Amps Integrated DC Arc-Fault Circuit Protection? □ Yes □ No (If No is selected, this plan is not applicable.)

Grounded or Ungrounded System?

Grounded Ungrounded

AC Information:

14) Sizing Inverter Output Circuit Conductors and OCPD Inverter Output OCPD rating = _____ Amps (Table 3) Inverter Output Circuit Conductor Size = AWG (Table 3) Inverter Continuous Output Current Rating (Amps) (Step 13) 12 16 20 24 28 32 36 40 48 Minimum OCPD Size (Amps) 15 20 25 30 35 40 45 50 60 12 10 10 Minimum Conductor Size (AWG, 75° C, Copper) 14 8 8 6 6 6

15) Point of Connection to Utility

Note: Only load side connections are permitted with this plan.

Is the PV OCPD positioned at the opposite end from input feeder location or main OCPD location?

- □ Yes, use Table 4, row 3 and circle the Max Combined PV System OCPD(s) at 120% based on the bus bar rating and main OCPD values.
- □ No, use Table 4, row 4 and circle the Max Combined PV System OCPD(s) at 100% based on the bus bar rating and main OCPD values.

Per 705.12(D)(2)(3): The value circled in Table 4 should be equal to or greater than the OCPD value selected from Table 3 (for a single inverter) or the OCPD value from Step S18 (for two inverters).

Table 4. Maximum Combined Supply OCP	Ds Base	d on Bu	is Bar Ra	ating (A	mps) pe	r CEC 7	05.12(D)(2)(3)(I	o)
Bus Bar Rating	100	125	125	200	200	200	225	225	225
Main OCPD	100	100	125	150	175	200	175	200	225
Max Combined PV System OCPD(s) at 120% of Bus Bar Rating	20	50	25	60*	60*	40	60*	60*	45
Max Combined PV System OCPD(s) at 100% Bus Bar Rating	0	25	0	50	25	0	50	25	0

*This value has been lowered to 60 A from the calculated value to reflect 10 kW AC size maximum.

Reduction of the main breaker and/or interconnection to center-fed panelboards are not permitted with this plan.

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16) Rapid Shutdown

The rapid shutdown initiation device shall be labeled according to CEC 690.56(C), and its location shall be shown on the site plan drawing. The rapid shutdown initiation device may be the inverter output or input circuits' disconnecting means, the service main disconnect, or a separate device as approved by the AHJ. The disconnecting means shall be identified for the purpose, suitable for their environment, and listed as a disconnecting means. A single rapid shutdown initiation device shall operate all disconnecting means necessary to control conductors in compliance with CEC 690.12.

Note: Check with the AHJ regarding approval where field verification of reduction of voltage within the time required by CEC 690.12 is performed.

Rapid shutdown shall be provided as required by CEC 690.12 with one of the following methods (Select one):

- □ The inverter(s) is within 10 feet of the array, and the location of the inverter is such that uncontrolled PV system conductors are no greater than 5 feet of length within the building. A remotely-controlled AC disconnecting means is required immediately adjacent to or as close as practicable to the inverters, and located within 10 feet of the array.
- The inverter(s) is within 10 feet of the array, and the location of the inverter is such that uncontrolled PV system conductors are no greater than 5 feet of length within the building. Reduction of the voltage for the inverter output within the time required by CEC 690.12 shall be verified in the field, or the inverter output is listed to UL 1741 with rapid shutdown capability.
- Remotely-controlled DC disconnecting means are located within 10 feet of the PV array and DC input of the inverter(s), and the locations of the disconnecting means are such that uncontrolled PV system conductors are no greater than 5 feet of length within the building. Reduction of the voltage for the inverter output within the time required by CEC 690.12 shall be verified in the field, or the inverter output is listed to UL 1741 with rapid shutdown capability.
- Remotely-controlled DC disconnecting means is located within 10 feet of the array at the DC input of inverter(s) connected to a module level DC-DC converter circuit where the DC-DC converter circuit meets the requirements for controlled conductors when disconnected from the inverter. Reduction of the voltage for the DC-DC converter output and the inverter output within the time required by CEC 690.12 shall be verified in the field, or the DC-DC converter output and the inverter output are listed to UL 1741 with rapid shutdown capability.
- □ A UL 1741-listed and identified inverter(s) with input and output rapid shutdown capability supplying module level DC-DC converter circuit where the DC-DC converter circuit meets the requirements for controlled conductors when disconnected from the inverter.
- - □ Racking system listed to UL 2703 using modules identified in the listing.
 - □ Other method subject to AHJ approval

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Markings

CA Electrical Code (CEC) Articles 690 and 705 and CA Residential Code (CRC) Section R331 require the following labels or markings be installed at these components of the photovoltaic system:



Informational note: ANSI Z535.4 provides guidelines for the design of safety signs and labels for application to products. A phenolic plaque with contrasting colors between the text and background would meet the intent of the code for permanency. No type size is specified, but 20 point (3/8") should be considered the minimum.

CEC 705.12 requires a permanent plaque or directory denoting all electric power sources on or in the premises and the rapid shutdown initiation device.

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DC Information:		
Module Manufacturer:		Model:
S2) Module V _{oc} (from m	odule nameplate):Vo	lts
	dule nameplate):Amı 9.6 Amps? □ Yes	
S4) Module DC output po	ower under standard test o	onditions (STC) =Watts (STC)
S5) DC Module Layout		
Identify each source circuit (string) for inverter 1shown on the roof plan with a Tag (e.g. A,B,C,)	Number of modules per source circuit for inverter 1	Identify, by tag, which source circuits on the roof are to be paralleled (if none, put N/A)
		Combiner 1:
		Combiner 2:
Total number of source circuits	s for inverter 1:	
S6) Are DC/DC Converte	rs used? □Yes □No	If No, skip to Step S7. If Yes, enter info below.
DC/DC Converter Model#:		DC/DC Converter Max DC Input Voltage:Volts Max DC Output
Max DC Output Current:	Amps	Current:Volts DC/DC Converter Max DC Input
Max # of DC/DC Converters in	an Input Circuit:	Power:Watts

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S7) Maximum System DC Voltage

A.

Use for systems without DC/DC converters.

. Mod	ule V _{oc} (STEP S2) =	x #	t of mod	lules in s	eries (S	TEP S5)_		x C⊧(ST	EP 1)		_=		V	
	Table S1. Maximum Number of PV Modules in Series Based on Module Rated V _{oc} for 600Vdc Rated Equipment (CEC 690.7											C 690.7)		
	Max. Rated Module V _{OC} (*1.12) (Volts)	29.76	31.51	33.48	35.71	38.27	41.21	44.64	48.70	53.57	59.52	66.96	76.53	89.29
	Max. Rated Module V _{OC} (*1.14) (Volts)	29.24	30.96	32.89	35.09	37.59	40.49	43.86	47.85	52.63	58.48	65.79	75.19	87.72
	Max # of Modules for 600 Vdc	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6

Use for systems with DC/DC converters. The value calculated below must be less than DC/DC converter max DC input voltage (STEP 6).

B. Module V _{oc} (STE	x # of modules per converter (STEP S6)x C _F (STEP 1)							=			v					
Table S2. Largest Module V _{oc} for <u>Single-Module</u> DC/DC Converter Configurations (With 80V AFCI Cap) (CEC 690.7 and 690.11)																
Max. Rated Module V _{oc} (*1.12) (Volts)	30.4	33.0	35.7	38.4	41.1	43.8	46.4	49.1	51.8	54.5	57.1	59.8	62.5	65.2	67.9	70.5
Max. Rated Module V _{OC} (*1.14) (Volts)	29.8	32.5	35.1	37.7	40.4	43.0	45.6	48.2	50.9	53.5	56.1	58.8	61.4	64.0	66.7	69.3
DC/DC Converter Max DC Input (STEP #6) (Volts)	34	37	40	43	46	49	52	55	58	61	64	67	70	73	76	79

S8) Maximum System DC Voltage from DC/DC Converters to Inverter — Only required if Yes in Step S6 Maximum System DC Voltage =______Volts

S9) Sizing Source Circuit Conductors

Source Circuit Conductor Size = Min. #10 AWG copper conductor, 90° C wet (USE-2, PV Wire, XHHW-2, THWN-2, RHW-2) For up to 8 conductors in roof-mounted conduit exposed to sunlight at least $\frac{1}{2}$ " from the roof covering. (CEC 310) Note: For over 8 conductors in the conduit or mounting height of lower than $\frac{1}{2}$ " from the roof, this plan is not applicable.

S10) Are PV source circuits combined prior to the inverter?	Mes	No	
,		40	
If No, use Single Line Diagram 1 with Single Line Diagram 3 and procee	dtoStepS	12.	

If Yes, use Single Line Diagram 2 with Single Line Diagram 4 and proceed to Step S11 after this step.

Is source circuit OCPD required? □ Yes □ No

Source circuit OCPD size (if needed): 15 Amps

Are the source circuits combined on the roof?

Yes
No

If "Yes," the DC output of the combiner shall have a load breaker disconnecting means located in the combiner or within 1.8m (6ft) of the combiner.

S11) Sizing PV Output Circuit Conductors — If strings are combined (answered "Yes" in Step S10), Output Circuit Conductor Size = Min. #6 AWG copper conductor.

S12) Inverter DC Disconnect

Does the inverter have an integrated DC disconnect?	□ Yes	□No	If Yes, proceed to S	Step S13.
If No, the external DC disconnect to be installed is rated for		_Amps (DC) and	Volts (DC)	

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S13) Inverter Information Manufacturer:	Model:
Max.ContinuousACOutputCurrentRating:	Amps
Integrated DC Arc-Fault Circuit Protection?	Yes No (If No is selected, this plan is not applicable.)
Grounded or Ungrounded System?	Grounded Ungrounded
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AC Information:

S14) Sizing Inverter Output Circuit Conductors and OCPD Inverter Output OCPD rating = Amps (Table3) Inverter Output Circuit Conductor Size = AWG (Table 3) Table S3. Minimum Inverter Output OCPD and Circuit Conductor Size Inverter Continuous Output Current Rating (Amps) (Step 14) 12 Minimum OCPD Size (Amps) Minimum Conductor Size (AWG, 75° C, Copper)

Load Center Calculations (Omit if a load center will not be installed for PV OCPDs)

Calculate the sum of the maximum AC outputs from each inverter. Inverter #1 Max Continuous AC Output Current Rating [STEP S13] Inverter #2 Max Continuous AC Output Current Rating [STEP S13]	× 1.25 = × 1.25 =	Amps Amps
Total inverter currents connected to load center (sum of above)	=	Amps
Conductor Size:AWG Overcurrent Protection Devic <u>e:</u> Amps Load center bus bar rating:Amps Can the load center accept more than two breakers? Yes □ No □		
If Yes, the sum of 125% of the inverter output circuit currents and the protecting the busbar shall not exceed 120% of the ampacity of the b If No, the sum of ampere rating of the two PV overcurrent devices shall no	ousbar.	

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Items required: roof layout of all panels, modules, clear access pathways and approximate locations of electrical disconnecting means, roof access points, and rapid shutdown initiation device.