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### Central/String Inverter Systems for One and Two Family Dwellings

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 mor	e than one inverter, complete and attach the "Supplemental
Calculation Sheets" starting on pa	ge 8 & "Load Cent	er Calculations" on page 13 if a new load center is to be used
Inverter 1 AC Output Powe	er Rating:	Watts

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

Site Conditions:

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Ambient Temperature Adjustment Factors: select the box for the expected lowest ambient temperature  $(T_1)$  with the corresponding Ambient Temperature Correction Factor (C<sub>F</sub>):

L)	□ If T <sub>L</sub>	is greater	than or	equal t	o -5°C,	C <sub>F</sub> = 1.12
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 $\Box$  If T<sub>1</sub> is between -6°C and -10°C, C<sub>F</sub> = 1.14

Average ambient high temperature  $(T_{H}) \leq 47^{\circ} C$ 

Note: For a lower  $T_1$  or a higher  $T_{\mu}$ , this plan is not applicable.

Module Manufacturer:	Model:
2) Module V <sub>oc</sub> (from module namepla	e):Volts
3) Module Isc (from module nameplat	: Amps

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5) <u>DC Mo</u>	dule Layout																	
Identif	y each source																	
circui	t (string) for	1	Numb	er of	mod	ules		Ido	ntify	by ta	σ whi	ich so	urco	rircuit	c 0r	tha	roof	are to be
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(e.g	g. A,B,C,)																	
								Con	nbine	r 1:								
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								Con	nbine	r 2:								
Total mus																		
	mber of source cire C/DC Converters us			100				IF N	o chi	n to 6	top 7	If Vo	c onto	rinfo	hal	0.00		
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-	onverter Model #:				-								•		-			olts Max
Max DC (	Output Current:				An	nps		DC	Outpu	ut Cur	rent:					v	olts D	C/DC
Max # of	DC/DC Converters	s in ar	ո Inpւ	ıt Circ	uit: _		_	Con	verte	r Max	C DC li	nput l	Power	::		Wat	tts	
-	num System DC Vo systems without D	-		orters	_													
	,																	
	A. Module $V_{oc}$ (ST	EP 2)		X	# of r	nodu	les in	1 serie	es (ST	EP 5) <sub>-</sub>		_x C <sub>F</sub>	(STEP	1)		=	·\	1
	Table 1. Maxim	um Num	nber of	PV Mod	lules in	Series I	Based	on Mo	dule Ra	ted V <sub>oc</sub>	for 600	Vdc Rat	ed Equip	oment (O	CEC 6	90.7)		
	Max. Rated Modu if C <sub>F</sub> = 1.12(		29.76	31.51	33.48	3 35.7	71 38	8.27	41.21	44.64	48.70	53.57	59.52	66.96	5 7	6.53	89.29	
	Max. Rated Modu	le V <sub>oc</sub>	29.24	30.96	32.89	35.0		7.59	40.49	43.86	47.85	52.63	58.48	65.79	) 7	5.19	87.72	
	if $C_F = 1.14$		10	17	16			14	12	12	11	10				-	6	
	Max # of Modules for 60		18	17	16	15	, .	14	13	12	11	10	9	8		7	6	
	systems with DC/E (STEP 6).	DC cor	nverte	ers. Th	ie val	ue cal	lculat	ted b	elow	must	be les	s thar	DC/D	)C con	vert	ter m	iax DC	input
	B. Module V <sub>oc</sub> (ST	EP 2)		_ x #	of mo	dules	per	conve	erter (	STEP	6)	x C <sub>F</sub>	(STEF	° 1)		=		V
	Table 2. Largest M	Module	V <sub>oc</sub> for	Single-N	<u> Aodule</u>	DC/DC	Conve	erter Co	onfigura	tions (V	Vith 80\	/ AFCI C	ap) (CEO	C 690.7 a	and 6	90.11)		
	Max. Rated Module $V_{OC}$ if $C_F = 1.12$ (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	70.5	
	Max. Rated Module $V_{OC}$ if $C_F = 1.14$ (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	
-	num System DC Vo m System DC Volta	-	from	DC/D	C Co	nvert	ers to _Volt		erter ·	— Onl	ly req	uired	if Yes	in Ste	p 6			
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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 for Amps (DC) and Volts (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 OC Inverter Output OCPD rating = Amps (Ta									
Inverter Output Circuit Conductor Size =	-	6 (Table	e 3)						
Table 3. Minimum Inverter 0	Output (	OCPD ar	nd Circu	it Condı	ictor Siz	е			
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
Minimum Conductor Size (AWG, 75° C, Copper)	14	12	10	10	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 OCPD	s Based	on Bus	Bar Rati	ng (Am	os) per C	CEC 705.	12(D)(2	)(3)(b)	
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):

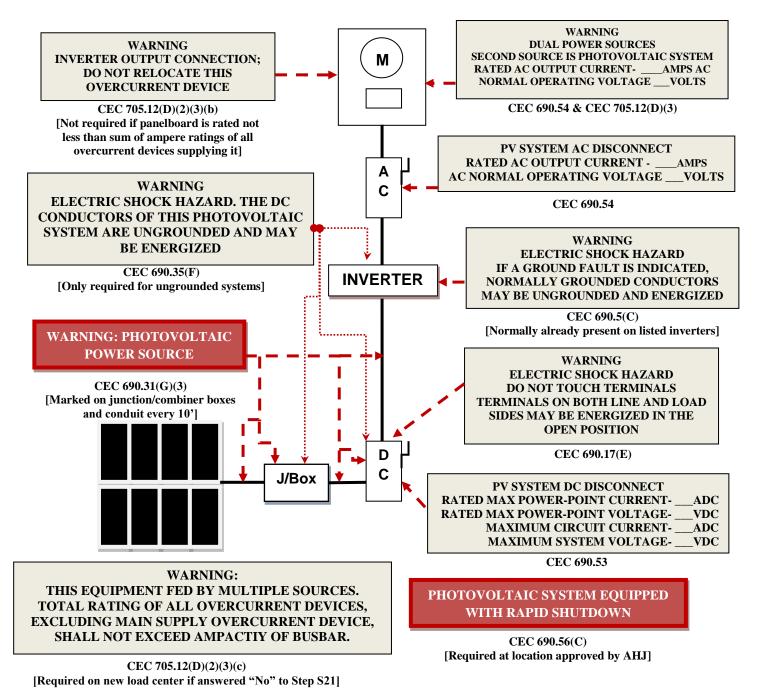
- The inverter(s) is within 10 feet of the array, and the location of the inverter is such that uncontrolled PV system conductors are no greater than 5 feet of length within the building. A remotely-controlled AC disconnecting means is required immediately adjacent to or as close as practicable to the 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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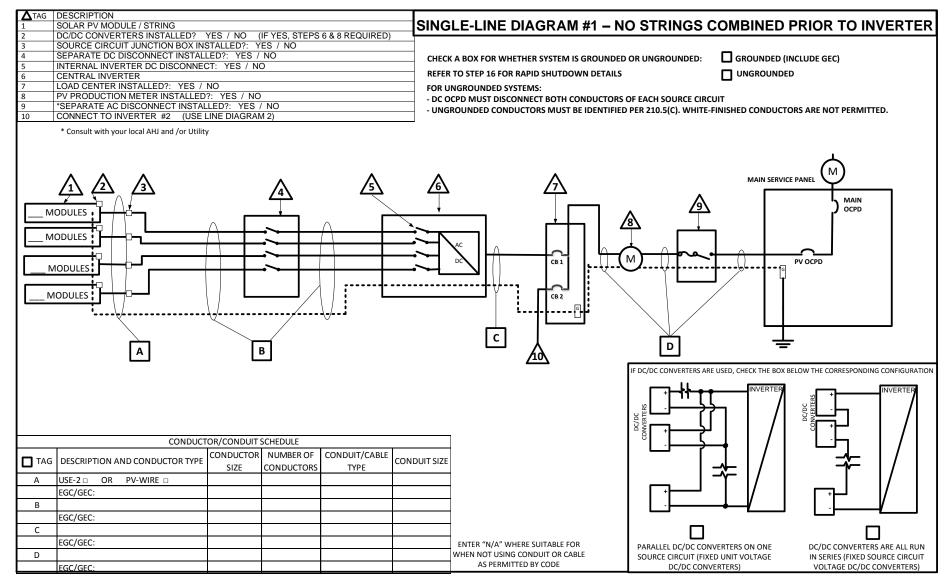
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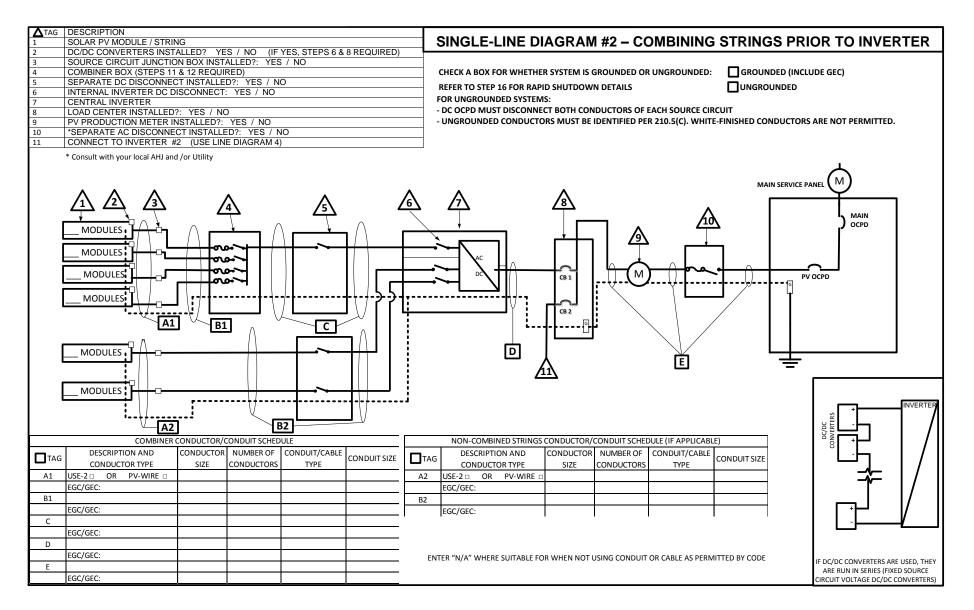
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# **EPARTMENT OF EURLOING AND SAFETY SOLAR PV STANDARD PLAN - SIMPLIFIED Central/String Inverter Systems for One and Two Family Dwellings Supplemental Calculation Sheets for Inverter #2 (Only include if <u>second</u> inverter is used)**

DC Information:									
Module Manufacturer: _		Model:							
S2) Module V <sub>oc</sub> (from m	odule nameplate):Vo	lts							
	dule nameplate): Amı 9.6 Amps?   □ Yes								
S4) Module DC output p	ower under standard test c	onditions (STC) = Watts (STC)							
S5) DC Module Layout									
Identify each source circuit (string) for inverter 1 shown 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	for inverter 1:								
S6) Are DC/DC Converter	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

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Use for systems without DC/DC converters.

. Mod	ule V <sub>oc</sub> (STEP S2) =	x#	of mod	ules in s	eries (S	TEP S5)		x C <sub>F</sub> (STI	EP 1)		_=		V	
	Table S1. Maximum Nu	imber of	PV Mod	ules in S	eries Bas	sed on N	1odule R	ated V <sub>oc</sub>	for 600	/dc Rate	d Equipr	ment (CE	C 690.7)	
	Max. Rated Module V <sub>oc</sub> (*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 <sub>OC</sub> (*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 <sub>oc</sub> (STEP	S2) = _		x#	of mod	lules p	er conv	verter (	STEP S	5)	x C <sub>F</sub>	(STEP	1)		_=		V
Table S2. Largest N	Module	$V_{\text{oc}}$ for	Single-	Module	<u>e</u> DC/D(	C Conve	erter Co	nfigura	tions (V	Vith 80	V AFCI	Cap) (C	EC 690.	7 and 6	690.11)	
Max. Rated Module V <sub>oc</sub> (*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 <sub>oc</sub> (*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
imum System DC V kimum System DC V	•							erter	— On	ly rec	quire	d if Ye	s in S	tep S	6	

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?	<b>Y</b> es	No
If No, use Single Line Diagram 1 with Single Line Diagram 3 and proceed t	o Step S1	.2.

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?  $\Box$  Yes  $\Box$  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 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. Continuous AC Output Current Rating:	Amps
Integrated DC Arc-Fault Circuit Protection?	Yes In No (If No is selected, this plan is not applicable.)
Grounded or Ungrounded System?	Grounded Ungrounded

AC Information:

Inverter Output OCPD rating =Amps (Tab	le 3)								
Inverter Output Circuit Conductor Size =A	WG (T	able 3	)						
Table S3. Minimum Inverter Output OCPD and Circuit Con	nducto	r Size							
Inverter Continuous Output Current Rating (Amps) (Step 14)	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40	48
Minimum OCPD Size (Amps)	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	60
Minimum Conductor Size (AWG, 75° C, Copper)	14	12	10	10	8	8	6	6	6

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

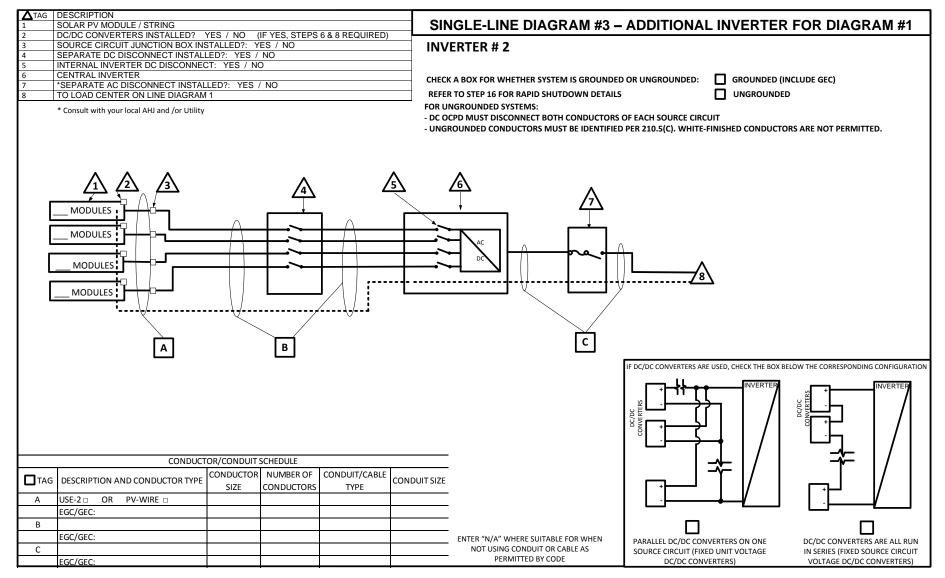
S18) Load Center Output: Calculate the sum of the maximum AC outputs from each inverter. Inverter #1 Max Continuous AC Output Current Rating [STEP S13]	× 1.25 = Amps
Inverter #2 Max Continuous AC Output Current Rating [STEP S13]	
Total inverter currents connected to load center (sum of above)	= Amps
Conductor Size:AWG Overcurrent Protection Device:Amps Load center bus bar rating:Amps Can the load center accept more than two breakers? Yes I No I	
If Yes, the sum of 125% of the inverter output circuit currents and th protecting the busbar shall not exceed 120% of the ampacity of the If No, the sum of ampere rating of the two PV overcurrent devices shall no	busbar.

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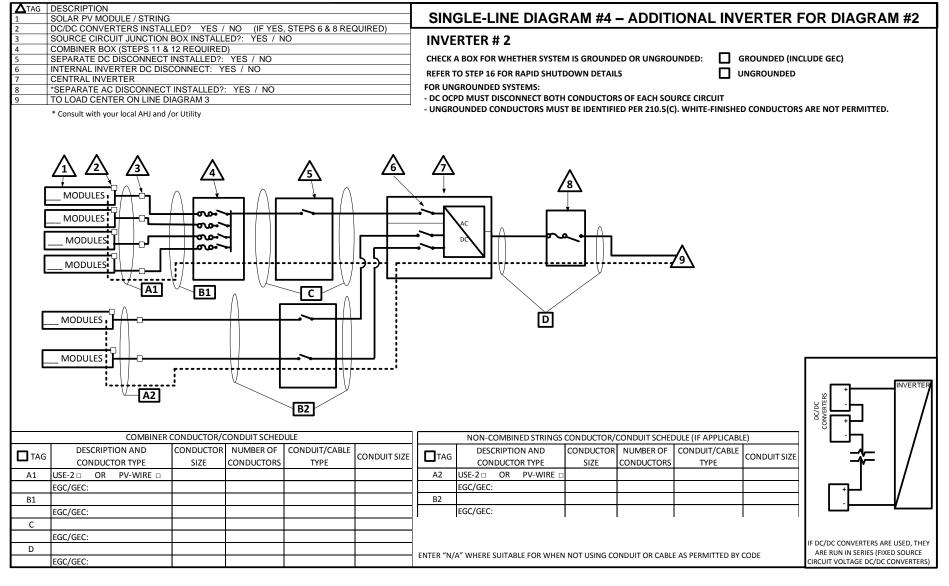
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Items required: roof layout of all panels, modules, clear access pathways and approximate locations of electrical disconnecting means, roof access points, and rapid shutdown initiation device.

