



# UNAUTHORIZED SMALL GENERATOR INTERCONNECTIONS

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District of Columbia

**We support renewable energy and partner with our customers to ensure safe and reliable interconnection of renewable energy into the electric grid.**

To interconnect customer-owned small generator facilities to the electric grid, Pepco follows and complies with the *District of Columbia Small Generator Interconnection Rules* (SGIR) stated in Title 15, Chapter 40 of the *D.C. Municipal Regulations* (DCMR).

## Unauthorized Interconnections

- Include operating equipment that has not passed an electrical inspection or received approval from a local, county or jurisdictional inspector
- Include operating equipment that does not comply with:
  - applicable D.C. regulations
  - IEEE<sup>1</sup> Standards for Distributed Energy Resources
  - UL<sup>2</sup> Certification
- Include generator systems that have been installed or are operating without written authorization from Pepco
- Increase your project costs if the design fails to meet jurisdictional and interconnection requirements

## Potential Hazards

- Endanger Pepco workers, who will not have a record of the system
- Pose a safety risk to the customer, system components, facility, and general public
- Can cause voltage overload problems on the grid, preventing safe and reliable electric service
- Can lead to a cease-and-desist notification
- Can lead to disconnection of electric service

## How Can You Ensure Your System is Authorized?

- **Review, understand, and comply with the regulations and documents discussed herein.** For small generators, Pepco complies with the SGIR. Pepco prohibits the interconnection of generator facilities that do not comply with these regulations
- **Sign and submit the appropriate documentation and pay the application fee.** If you are interconnecting a small generator, sign and submit the *District of Columbia Interconnection Application and Agreement* and the application fee. Refer to our *Small Generator Interconnection Application Checklist* or our *Net Energy Metering and Small Generator Interconnection Application Checklist* for more details
- **Obtain written approval from Pepco.** Pepco will review your application and, once we receive all components, send you an Approval to Install. Only then can you install your system. Prior to operating your system, wait for us to send you an Authorization to Operate

For more information or to report unauthorized interconnections contact

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