PV TOOLKIT DOCUMENT #3 Expedited Permitting Process



Solar PV Standard Plan — Simplified Central/String Inverter Systems for One-and Two-Family Dwellings

Building and Safety Division Effective Date January 1, 2021

SCOPE: Use this plan ONLY for utility-interactive central/string inverter systems not exceeding a system AC inverter output rating of 10kW on the roof of a one- or two-family dwelling or accessory structure. The photovoltaic system must interconnect to the load side of a single-phase AC service panel of nominal 120/240Vac with a bus bar rating of 225A or less. This plan is not intended for bipolar systems, hybrid systems or systems that utilize storage batteries, charge controllers, trackers, 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 local amendments of the authority having jurisdiction (AHJ). Other Articles of the California Electrical Code (CEC) shall apply as specified in 690.3.

MANUFACTURER'S SPECIFICATION SHEETS MUST BE PROVIDED for proposed inverter, modules, combiner/junction boxes and racking systems. Installation instructions for bonding and grounding equipment 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 identified and listed for the application (CEC 690.4[B]).

Job Address:	Permit #:
Contractor/Engineer Name:	License # and Class:
Signature: Date:	Phone Number:
Total # of Inverters installed: (If more the Calculation Sheets" and the "Load Center Calculation	nan one inverter, complete and attach the "Supplemental ns" 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
Ambient Temperature Adjustment Factors: select the with the corresponding Ambient Temperature Correc	box for the expected lowest ambient temperature (T_L) ction Factor (C_F) :
1) \square If T_L is greater than or equal to -5° C, $C_F = 1.2$	12
\square If T _L is between -6° and -10° C, C _F = 1.14	
Average ambient high temperature $(T_H) \le 47^\circ$ (С
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):Volt	ts
3) Module I _{sc} (from module nameplate):Amps Is module I _{sc} less than 13 Amps? Yes	No (If No, this plan is not applicable.)
4) Module DC output power under standard test co	anditions (STC) = Watts (STC)

5) 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									
Total number of source circuits fo	r invert	er 1:														
6) Are DC/DC Converters u	sed?		Yes	_ I	No	If No	o, skip	to !	Step	7. If \	⁄es er	nter i	nfo b	elow	'.	
DC/DC Converter Model #:						D	C/DC C	onve	rter N	∕lax D0	Input	: Volta	ge:		_ Volts	5
Max DC Output Current:				Amps		М	ax DC	Outp	ut Cu	rrent:					_ Volts	5
Max # of DC/DC Converters in a	Input	Circui	t:			D	C/DC C	onve	rter N	/lax DC	Input	Powe	r:		Watts	
	7) Maximum System DC Voltage — Only use for systems without DC/DC converters.															
☐ A. Module V _{oc} (STEP 2) =		x	# mod	lules i	n serie	s (STEF	95)	_x C _i	: (STE	P1) _		_=.				_V
Table 1. Maximum Number	of PV N	lodule	s in Se	eries I	Based o	on Mo	dule Ra	ated \	/ _{oc} for	600 V	dc Rate	ed Equ	ipmer	nt (CEC	690.7	7)
Max. Rated Module V_{oc} (*1.12 (Volts		31.5	33	3.48	35.71	38.27	41.21	44	.64	48.70	53.57	59.52	2 66.	96 7	5.53	89.29
Max. Rated Module V_{oc} (*1.14 (Volts		30.9	96 32	2.89	35.09	37.59	40.49	43	.86	47.85	52.63	58.48	65.	79 7	5.19	87.72
Max # of Modules for 600 Vdo		17		16	15	14	13		12	11	10	9	8		7	6
Only use for DC/DC converters. The	e value	calcul	ated k	oelow	must k	oe less	than D	C/DC	conve	erter m	ax DC	input	/oltag	e (STE	P 6).	
\square B. Module V_{oc} (STEP 2) =		x # of	modu	iles pe	er conv	erter (STEP 6		x	C _F (STE	P 1) =_		=		\	/
Table 2. Largest Module V _{oc} f		e-Moc	lule D	C/DC	Conve	rter Co	nfigura	tions	(with	1 80 V <i>i</i>	AFCI C	ap) (CE	EC 690).7 and	690.1	11)
Max. Rated Module V _{oc} (*1.12 (Volts		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		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		37	40	43	46	49	52	55	58	61	64	67	70	73	76	79
	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, RHW-2) For up to 8 conductors in roof-mounted conduit exposed to sunlight at least ½" from the roof covering (CEC 310) Note: For over 8 conductors in the conduit or mounting height of lower than ½" from the roof, use Comprehensive Plan.																

10) Inverter DC Disconnect Does the inverter have an integrated DC disconnec If no, the external DC disconnect to be installed is rated			No Am _l			o step		(DC)	
11) Inverter Information Manufacturer: Max. Continuous AC Output Current Rating: Max. Short Circuit Current Per Input:Am Does PV Module ISC (Step 3) exceed value above? [Integrated DC Arc-Fault Circuit Protection? □ Yes Grounded or Ungrounded System? □ Ground	_Am ps □ Ye	ps s 🗆 No (If	No is se	no, thi	s plan i	s not a			rlan)
AC Information:									
12) Sizing Inverter Output Circuit Conductors and Inverter Output OCPD rating =Amps (Table Inverter Output Circuit Conductor Size =AV	e 3)		1						
Table 3. Minimum Inverter	Outpu	ıt OCPD	and Circ	cuit Con	ductor S	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
Single-line diagram #2 should be filled out. Only use this section for connections on the load side connections (Per CEC 705.12(B)(2)(3)(d)): [Combined Inverter output OCPD size + Main Oc.	side o	of the s	service	discor	nnectir	ng mea	ns.	gram # 	1 or
Table 4. Maximum Combined Supply OCPDs	Based	on Bus	Bar Rati	ng (Am	os) per C	CEC 705.	12(D)(2)	
Bus Bar Rating	100	125	125	200	200	200	225	225	225
	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
*This value has been lowered to 60 A from the calculated value to	reflec	t 10 kW	AC size m	ıaximum					
Reduction of the main breaker is not permitted with this plan. Otherwise, use Comprehensive Standard Plan.									
Only use this section for connections on the supply sutility meter and the service disconnecting means). Substituting Utility- and AHJ-approved meter socket addressed Adapter name/model: Service equipment listed for the purpose of Description / model number(s):	Select apter f PV i	t one:	 onnect	ion.		ng mea	ans (be	etwee	n the

14) Rapid Shutdown2

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.

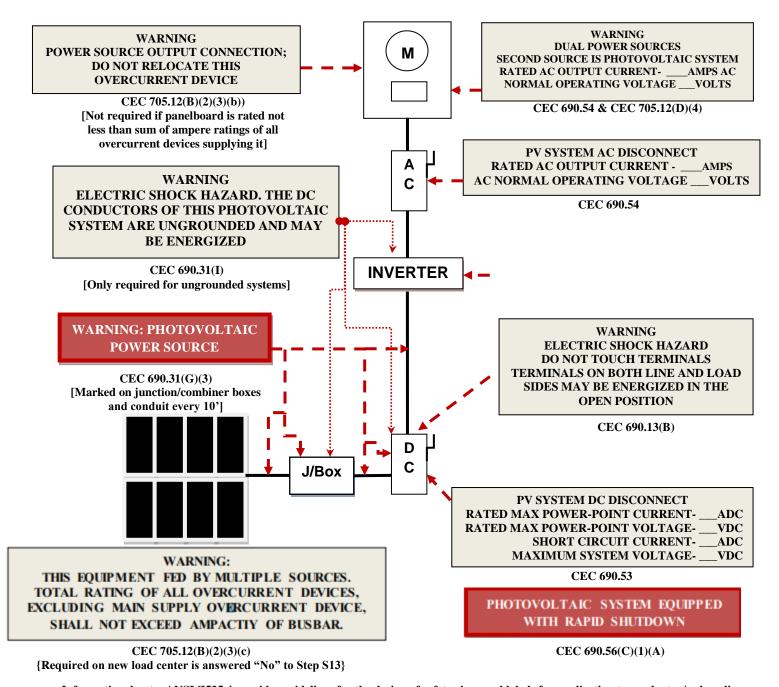
Rapid shutdown shall be provided as required by CEC 690.12 with one of the following methods (Select one): ☐ The inverter(s) is within 10 feet of the array, and the location of the inverter is such that uncontrolled PV system conductors are no greater than 5 feet of length within the building. A remotely-controlled 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. ☐ A UL 1741-listed rapid shutdown system: Manufacturer: Testing Agency Name: ____ System Model Number: System Components: _____

15) Grounding and Bonding of Modules and Racking System (select one):							
	Racking system listed to UL 2703 using modules identified in the listing.						
	Other method subject to AHJ approval						

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Markings

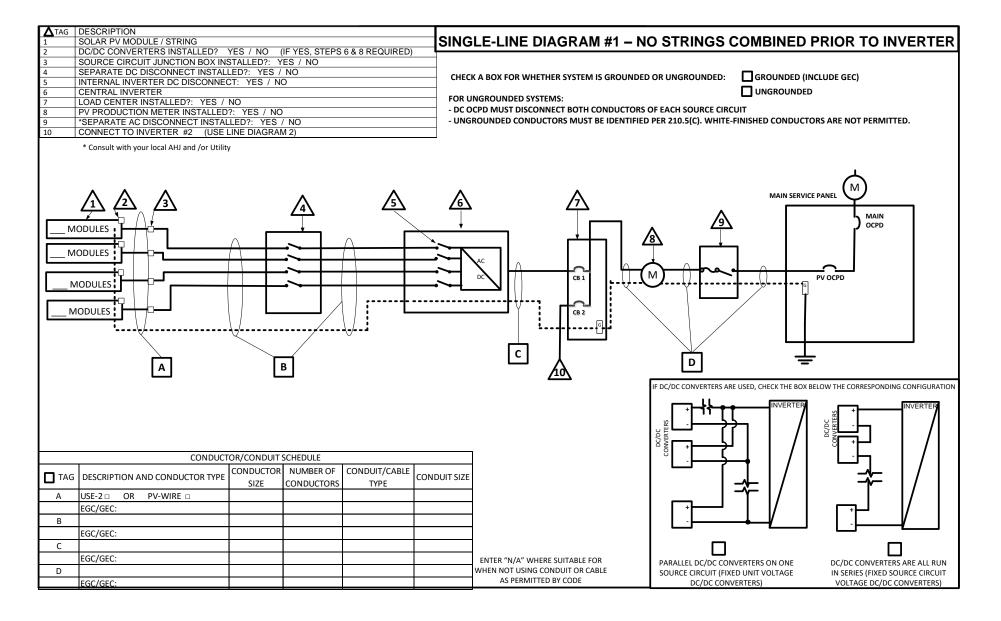
CEC Articles 690 and 705 and CRC Section R324 require the following labels or markings be installed at these components of the photovoltaic system:



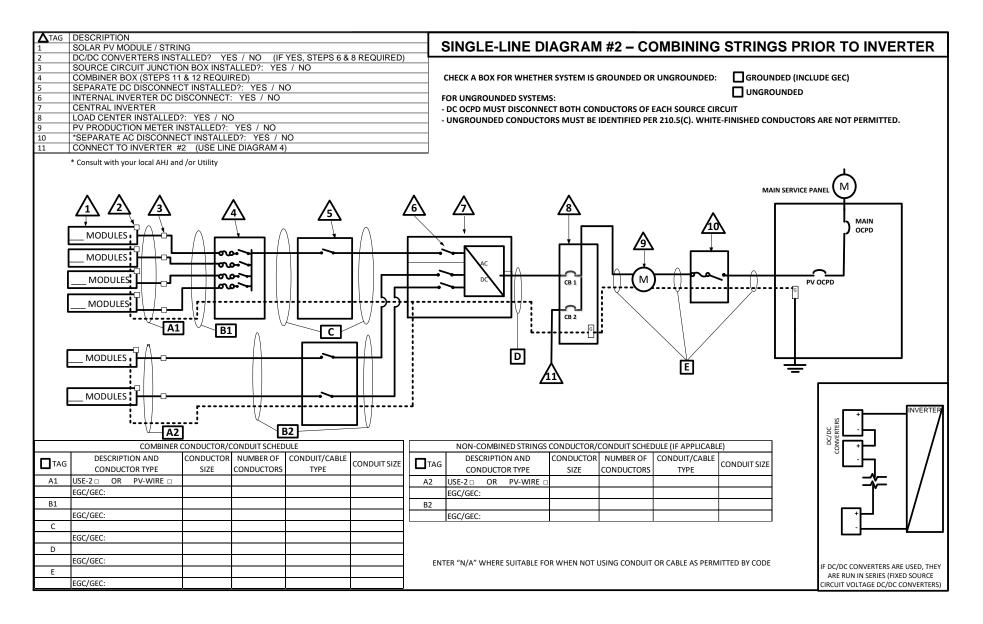
Informational note: ANSI Z535.4 provides guidelines for the design of safety signs and labels for application to products. A phenolic plaque with contrasting colors between the text and background would meet the intent of the code for permanency. No type size is specified, but 20 point (3/8") should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

CEC 705.12 requires a permanent plaque or directory denoting all electric power sources on or in the premises.

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Supplemental Calculation Sheets for Inverter #2 (Only include if <u>second</u> inverter is used)

DC Information:

Module Manufacturer:		Model:							
2) Module V _{oc} (from mod	ule nameplate):Volts								
3) Module I _{sc} (from module Is module I _{sc} less than 13 and 15		No (If No, this plan is not applicable.)							
4) Module DC output pow	er under standard test con	ditions (STC) = Watts (STC)							
Module Manufacturer: _		Model:							
S2) Module V _{oc} (from modu	le nameplate):Volts	S3) Module I _{sc} (from module nameplate):Amps							
S4) Module DC output p	ower under standard test o	conditions (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 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 Current:	Amps	Max DC Output Current:Volts							
Max # of DC/DC Converters in	an Input Circuit:	DC/DC Converter Max DC Input Power: Watts							

	mum System DC V	_															
Only use for systems without DC/DC converters.																	
□ A.	Module V _{oc} (STEP 2) =			_x # mo	odules ir	n series	(STEP	5)	x	C _F (STE	P 1) _		=				_V
Table 1.	Maximum Number o	f PV M	odules i	n Series	Based o	on Mod	dule Ra	ited V	oc fo	r 600 V	dc Rate	ed Equ	ipmer	nt (CE	EC 690.	7)	Only
Max. Rate	d 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	use for DC/DC
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I May # of Modules for 600 Vdc 18 17 16 15 14 13 12 11 10 9 8 7 6												value calculat					
ed below	must be less than DC	/DC cor	nverter r	nax DC i	nput vo	Itage (S	STEP 6)										
	. Module V _{oc} (STEP 2)	=	x	# of mod	dules pe	er conve	erter (S	TEP 6	5)	x	C _F (STE	P 1) =_		=	·	\	/
	_argest Module V _{oc} fo	r Single	-Modul	e DC/DC	Conve	rter Co	nfigura	tions	(wit	:h 80 V	AFCI C	ap) (CE	C 690	.7 ar	nd 690.	11)	
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Note: For over 8 conductors in the conduit or mounting height of lower than ½" from the roof, use Comprehensive Plan. 10) Inverter DC Disconnect Does the inverter have an integrated DC disconnect? Yes No If Yes, skip to step 11. If no, the external DC disconnect to be installed is rated for Amps (DC) and Volts (DC)																	
11) Inverter Information Manufacturer: Model: Max. Continuous AC Output Current Rating: Amps Max. Short Circuit Current Per Input: Amps Does PV Module ISC (Step 3) exceed value above? □ Yes □ No (If no, this plan is not applicable.) Integrated DC Arc-Fault Circuit Protection? □ Yes □ No (If No is selected, Comprehensive Standard Plan) Grounded or Ungrounded System? □ Grounded □ Ungrounded)										
AC Information:																	
S15) Sizing Inverter Output Circuit Conductors and OCPD Inverter Output OCPD rating =Amps (Table 3) Inverter Output Circuit Conductor Size =AWG (Table 3)																	
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Minimum Conductor Size (AWG, 75° C, Copper)

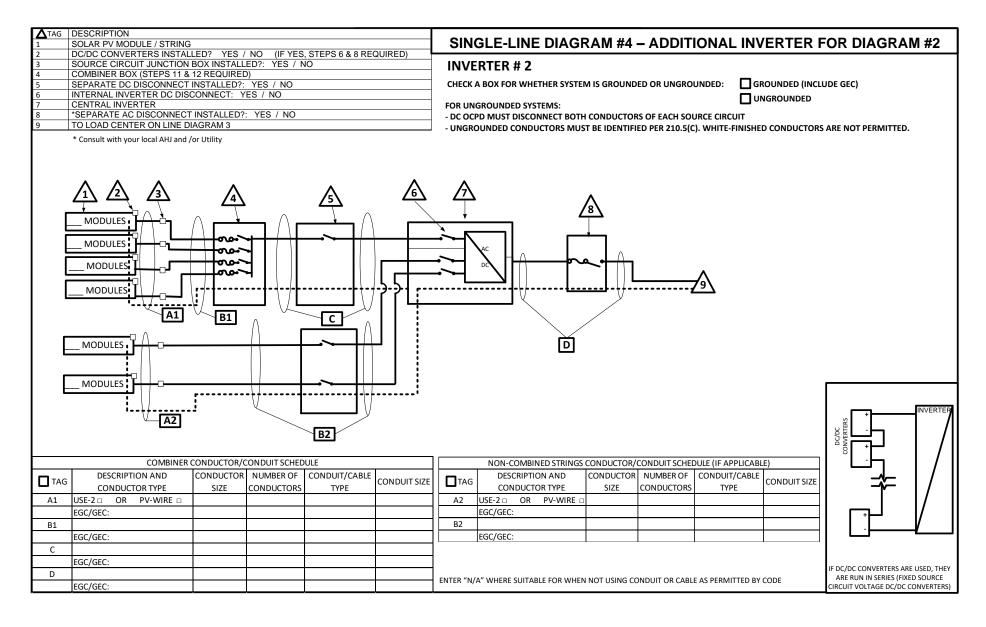
Load Center Calculations (Omit if a load center will not be installed for PV OCPDs)

S20) Load Center Output: Calculate the sum of the maximum AC outputs from each inverter. Inverter #1 Max Continuous AC Output Current Rating [STEP S14] × 1.25 = Amps Inverter #2 Max Continuous AC Output Current Rating [STEP S14] × 1.25 = Amps 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 No
If Yes, the sum of 125% of the inverter output circuit currents and the rating of the overcurrent device protecting the busbar shall not exceed 120% of the ampacity of the busbar. If No, the sum of the ampere rating of the two PV overcurrent devices shall not exceed the rating of the busbar.

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1	DESCRIPTION SOLAR PV MODULE / STRING	SINGLE-LINE DIAGRAM #3 – ADDITIONAL INVERTER FOR DIAGRAM #1
3	DC/DC CONVERTERS INSTALLED? YES / NO (IF YES, STEPS 6 & 8 REQUIRED) SOURCE CIRCUIT JUNCTION BOX INSTALLED?: YES / NO	INVERTER # 2
4	SEPARATE DC DISCONNECT INSTALLED?: YES / NO	
5	INTERNAL INVERTER DC DISCONNECT: YES / NO	
6	CENTRAL INVERTER	CHECK A BOX FOR WHETHER SYSTEM IS GROUNDED OR UNGROUNDED: GROUNDED (INCLUDE GEC)
7	*SEPARATE AC DISCONNECT INSTALLED?: YES / NO	
8	TO LOAD CENTER ON LINE DIAGRAM 1	FOR UNGROUNDED SYSTEMS:
[] [] [* Consult with your local AHJ and /or Utility MODULES MODULES MODULES MODULES MODULES B B	- DC OCPD MUST DISCONNECT BOTH CONDUCTORS OF EACH SOURCE CIRCUIT - UNGROUNDED CONDUCTORS MUST BE IDENTIFIED PER 210.5(C). WHITE-FINISHED CONDUCTORS ARE NOT PERMITTED.
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Α	USE-2 □ OR PV-WIRE □	/
	EGC/GEC:	
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⊢ □	FOC/OFC	—
	EGC/GEC:	ENTER "N/A" WHERE SUITABLE FOR WHEN PARALLEL DC/DC CONVERTERS ON ONE DC/DC CONVERTERS ARE ALL RUN
С		NOT USING CONDUIT OR CABLE AS SOURCE CIRCUIT (FIXED UNIT VOLTAGE IN SERIES (FIXED SOURCE CIRCUIT
	EGC/GEC:	PERMITTED BY CODE DC/DC CONVERTERS) VOLTAGE DC/DC CONVERTERS)

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SOLAR PV STANDARD PLAN Roof Layout Diagram for One- and Two-Family Dwellings

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