

Gainesville Regional Utilities (GRU)

Customer Guidelines for Electric Power Generation and Interconnection

GRU seeks to provide its customers with the best electric service possible. In some cases, customers may become interested in installing their own electric power generation equipment. In these cases, GRU stands ready to work with you to ensure that your generation equipment is installed in a proper and safe manner, and in accordance with all applicable codes, standards (especially IEEE 1547), regulations, laws and insurance requirements. In most of these cases, you will also need to coordinate the installation and approval of your electric power generator with the local code inspection authority. Your GRU engineer and conservation services representative can also help identify the appropriate contact for this purpose.

Generators Interconnected with GRU Distribution System

When installing a generator and planning to interconnect with the distribution system, we must review your plans to ensure that personnel safety and system reliability will not be compromised. Please be aware that a customer cost is involved which may include contracted services by the customer. If you are interested in selling some or all of the power that you generate, we have a rate tariff in place for the purchase of power from customers.

Customers may wish to install their new generator and interconnect it with GRU's electric distribution system. In these cases, you need to complete the attached application form and pay the application fee. GRU recommends the interconnection Agreement be fully reviewed before committing to any engineering firm or contractor. A check made out to GRU in the amount of the proper fee must accompany the application. An application fee schedule is attached. Submit your application to GRU's conservation services representative as indicated below.

Once we receive your application, we will review your proposed generator installation. If we approve your application, we will let you know if there are special steps you need to take during the generator installation process. We may request additional information regarding your planned installation. We will also ask you to execute an Interconnection Agreement in which you agree to operate your generator safely, maintain the unit properly, and maintain insurance as needed. We will furnish you an advance copy of this Agreement upon request.

You can give us a call at anytime during this review process to find out the status of your application. If your application is not approved for any reason, we will explain the reason and be available to discuss your plans.

As part of our application review process, we will examine the ability of GRU's electric distribution system to accept your new power generation unit. On certain parts of our system, we may need to replace existing equipment or add some new equipment in order to accommodate customer generation. GRU will then incur costs beyond what is normally required to operate and maintain the system to benefit all customers. To be fair to all customers, you will need to pay for any system upgrades that will be needed. If this is the case for your planned generator installation, we will advise you of the additional cost, and require your payment arrangement prior to execution of the interconnection agreement.

Submit your application to GRU's conservation services representative as follows:

GRU contact: _____
Title: _____
Address: _____

Phone: _____
Fax: _____
E-mail: _____

GRU APPLICATION FEE SCHEDULE

Distributed Generation Size	Application Fee*
Up to 10 kW	\$?
>10kW to 30kW	\$?
>30kW to 100kW	\$?
>30kW to 100kW	\$?
>100kW to 1MW	\$?
>1MW to 3MW	\$?
>3MW	\$?

* To be determined