Guidance for Community Solar Subscriber Organization Names

1. The Subscriber Organization (SO) is the entity which is the official MD PSC-approved participant in MD’s Community Solar (CS) Pilot Program and thus should have all applications, agreements, and accounts set up in the exact same name so that all documentation in the process matches and avoids MD PSC and utility confusion during transfers and assignments.

2. The SO and the location is approved by the MD PSC through the CS application process. No other affiliated or subsidiary entities are approved by the PSC to participate in the CS Pilot Program.

3. The Interconnection Agreement (IA) is set up to establish agreement between the parties for the physical interconnection and includes contact information, operating parameters and system settings, and assignment language. If the project is sold or transferred, these documents shall be updated so that current information is on file at all times. If an affiliated entity holds the IA, and another entity is the SO, then confusion arises when projects are transferred or sold. It is possible that the utility could lose track of who owns and operates the project which could lead to questions about who is responsible for safety, billing, and access issues. To ensure the utility has the necessary entity and project information at all times, the SO must be the entity signing the IA.

4. There is no requirement within the applicable regulations which would require the utility to accept multiple entities in the path along the process from SO application to operation of a CSEGS.

5. All project assignments should be vetted by the MD PSC and the official name should be the same throughout the process. If a project is sold, then the SO application, the IA, and the billing accounts should all be updated to the new name after the MD PSC approves that entity as the SO.

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