# Presentation to the PJM Net Energy Metering Senior Task Force

**Metering Considerations** 



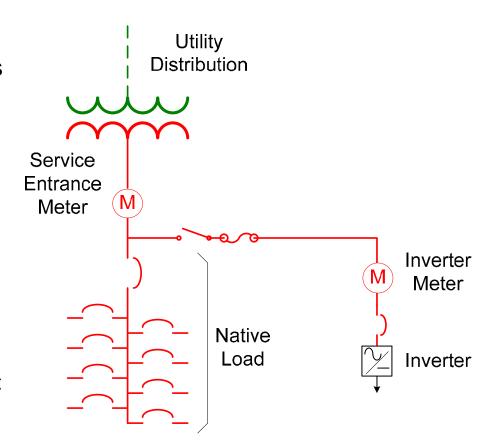
## Metering Subjects

- Metering Definitions
- Solar Renewable Energy Certificate NJ Guidelines
- Settlements Metering vs Real Time Metering
  - Why worry about clouds
- Meter Data Registers & Communication



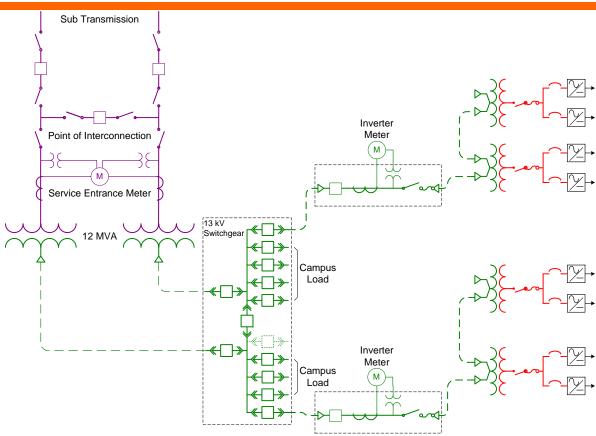
#### Meter Locations for PV connections

- When solar is added to an existing residential service:
  - The Service Entrance Meter is changed to a meter that measures energy in both directions.
  - A 2<sup>nd</sup> meter is installed to measure Inverter production.
    - Inverter meters are used to earn SRECs
    - NJ Inverter meters are to be revenue grade performance (C12.1-2008)
    - Inverter meters are typically not installed, read or maintained by the utility
    - Inverter meters originally were not required for < 10 kW systems.</li>
    - All new systems have Inverter meters.



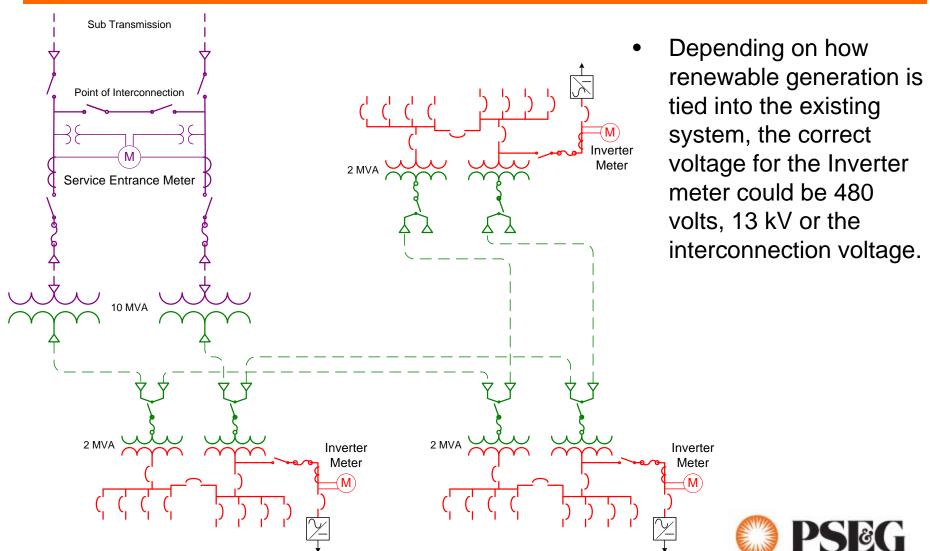


#### **SREC Meter Locations**



- 3/9/12 NJ Clean Energy clarified rules for Inverter meter location.
- The inverter meter must be located at a point that will reflect the electrical generation that is delivered to the customer's facility and/or to the point of interconnection.

#### **Another Case**



#### Distributed Generation Connections

- Net Metering under State Tariff
- Non Export Generation Behind the Meter
- Merchant Generation under State Tariff
- Merchant Generation in PJM Energy Market
- Merchant Generation in PJM Capacity Market

### Settlements Metering vs Real Time Metering

- PJM Capacity Market participants must provide Real Time Data.
- To support power quality and other operational concerns, EDCs may need Real Time Data.
- For Large (> 100 MW generators) Real Time Metering systems may be designed to be independent and redundant to Settlements Metering Systems. (Independent instrument transformers)
- For Distributed Generation (< 20 MW) shared instrument transformers may make sense. Metering CTs may be better sized to the customer load / PV system capacity. Metering CTs provide better low current performance than Relay CTs.

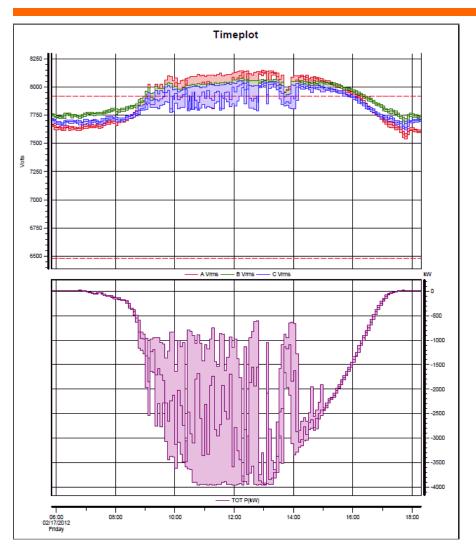
## Settlements / Real Time Metering

- Meter Enclosure containing
  - Settlements Metering,
    - +kWh, -kWh
  - Real Time Metering,
    - +kWh, -kWh
    - +kVARh, -kVARh
    - voltage
  - And Communication equipment.





## Why should clouds matter?



- Feeder voltage
   management may be
   challenged by some
   distributed generation
   installations.
- Clouds may cause PV output to fall by 80%.
- For moderately large PV systems near the end of a feeder, voltage swings may be problematic.

## Meters – Data Registration / Comm

- Several kinds of meters can be used for Net Metering:
  - 1. Electromechanical meter w/ kWh register (dials)
  - 2. Solid State meter with total kWh (-kWh) displayed
  - 3. Solid State dumb meter with a smart system [System reads meter frequently to create interval data.]
  - 4. Solid State meter with interval data and remote communications
- While two (single direction) meters could be used, this is not expected to be broadly utilized.



#### Many Meters Measurement vs. Registration

- Meters have different internal connections and terminal arrangements for different configurations of electrical services.
- For a method of registering and communicating energy data, a utilty will use several different inventory items:
  - Self Contained Meters: Fm 1S, 2S, 12S, & 16S
    - Self Contained may be Class 200, 320, or 480.
  - Transformer Rated: Fm 3S, 4S, 35S, 36S, & 9S

## Meter Registration @ PSE&G

- The largest volume of Net Meters are on residential services. These are metered with a residential solid state meters with (2) total kWh registers.
  - Fm 2S, Class 200
  - Fm 2S, Class 320
  - Fm 12S, Class 200
- The remaining meters are capable of storing (2) channels of interval data (15 min or 30 min). Data may be read either:
  - Visual read of Total kWh display values (< 150 kW only)</li>
  - POTs (wired) modem
  - Digital wireless modem



#### Data to model PV as Generators

- Small PV net metering installations may have lower cost meters installed.
- Estimating Exported energy from total monthly export data requires three assumptions:
  - What is the shape of the generation profile?
  - What is the shape of the load profile?
  - Will there be enough net meter points on each PJM bus to make estimates statistically valid?

#### Another Question

 Does the exported energy of many small consumers, each with small PV installations (<6 kW) have a discernable impact on generator bus totals?