

## Rebate Application

Instructions (All capitalized terms are defined in the Terms and Conditions)

1. Complete and submit a Rebate Reservation Worksheet and Rebate Application to reserve the rebate funding for your Solar PV system installation (Required)
2. Submit the Santee Cooper Application to Interconnect Small Generation (for service under the current Distributed Generation Rider) and all interconnect fees.
3. Receive approval to interconnect from Santee Cooper.
4. Install solar photovoltaic (PV) system within 60 days following the date of approval to interconnect or by November 30, 2019, whichever comes first. Customers are responsible for acquiring the required local permits and submitting the final passed inspection report and NABCEP Installer Letter to Santee Cooper. They must contact Santee Cooper for final acceptance testing and meter change out.

*By submitting this application, Customer acknowledges that Customer is obligated to comply with Santee Cooper's Distributed Generation (DG) Rider, including its General Terms and Conditions for electric service, and to comply with Santee Cooper's rules and regulations governing electric service.*

*Customer hereby gives notice of intent to Santee Cooper to operate an interconnected renewable energy generating facility pursuant to the current Santee Cooper Interconnection Standard. Customer must receive approval to interconnect prior to participating in the Santee Cooper Solar Business Program ("Program") and prior to interconnecting to Santee Cooper's system.*

### Step 1 Customer Information

Business Customer Name (as it appears on Santee Cooper bill)

Federal Tax ID or Last 4 digits of Social Security Number

Installation Address

City

State

Zip

Electric Account Billing Address (if different from Installation Address)

City

State

Zip

Santee Cooper Account Number(s) associated with the Installation Address (located on Santee Cooper bill)

Approximate Conditioned Space in Business (sq-ft)

Contact Name

Contact Phone Number

Email

### Trade Ally or Qualified Installer's Name

Trade Ally or NABCEP Qualified Installer's Name

NABCEP Certification #

### Step 2 Solar PV System Information

kW DC

Total System Nameplate Capacity

PV Module Manufacturer (Mfg)

Module Model Number

Qty

STC Rating (Watts DC)

Inverter Mfg.

Inverter Model Number

Qty

Inverter Power Rating (AC)

Weighted Inverter Efficiency %

## Step 3 Rebate Estimator

To estimate the rebate, the system power output (watts AC) is calculated as the rated power output of the system (watts DC) multiplied by the inverter efficiency.

Number of Modules		Rated Watts (DC) per Module		Inverter Efficiency (%)		\$/Watt (AC) Rebate		Rebate Amount (\$)
	X		X		X	\$1.20	=	
Use the cells below if you are a Non-Profit customer*								
	X		X		X	\$1.45	=	

Note: Rebates are capped at 6 kW AC for a maximum rebate of \$7,200 per qualifying Santee Cooper Customer Meter Base.  
\*Customers applying for the additional rebate offered for non-profit organizations shall sufficiently demonstrate their non-profit status under Section 501 of the United States Internal Revenue Code.

Customers who interconnect a Solar PV System to Santee Cooper's grid will be subject to the requirements, credits, and fees outlined in the most recent Distributed Generation Rider. The energy credits and fees outlined in the current Distributed Generation Rider (DG-16) are as follows.

Energy Credits	Monthly Fees
Summer (June-September): \$0.0416/kWh Non-Summer (October-May): \$0.0384/kWh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Metering Charge: \$2.00 per month</li> <li>• Stand-By Charge: \$4.70/kW per month</li> </ul>

Energy charges will be based on the customer's usage and applicable rate schedule. To download a copy of the latest Distributed Generation Rider, please visit: <https://www.santeecooper.com/committed-to-south-carolina/environmental-stewardship/distributed-generation.aspx>

Based on the Rebate Estimator above, your estimated standby fee is \_\_\_\_\_ per month.

## Step 4 Terms and Conditions

Santee Cooper's Solar Business Program ("Program") offers rebates to qualifying Customers to facilitate the installation of solar photovoltaic (PV) systems." The Terms and Conditions set forth the participation requirements for Customers applying for rebates through the Program. By signing below, the Customer named in Step-1 "Customer" is agreeing to comply with and be bound by these terms.

**Trade Allies or Qualified Installers.** Customers are required to use an installer who is a member of Santee Cooper's Solar Electric Trade Ally network ("SE Trade Ally") or a NABCEP-certified PV Installation Professional ("Qualified Installer") for the purchase and installation of their solar PV systems in order to be eligible for rebates in the Program. Trade Allies are independent contractors with respect to the Program, and are not authorized to make representations or incur obligations on behalf of Santee Cooper. Participation as a Trade Ally does not constitute an endorsement by Santee Cooper, nor does it certify or guarantee the quality of work performed. A listing of Trade Allies is available online at [www.santeecoopersolar.com](http://www.santeecoopersolar.com), email at [solar@santeecooper.com](mailto:solar@santeecooper.com) or 843-347-3399 ext 3144. There may be a case where the NABCEP-certified PV Installation Professional is not listed on the NABCEP website as being affiliated with the company completing the installation. In this case, the NABCEP-certified PV Installation Professional is required to submit a signed letter attesting to their design and installation responsibilities on the project, as well as list the customer's name, address, and Santee Cooper electric account number.

**Program Funding.** The 2018 Program term is from December 1, 2018 to November 30, 2019. Program funds are limited and rebates are subject to funding availability. Rebate applications are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis until the conclusion of the Program term, or until Program funds are no longer available, whichever occurs first. Customers requesting rebates after all available Rebate Program funding for the Program period is committed, will be offered the option to be placed on a waiting list, in the order that the applications are received by Santee Cooper for consideration in the subsequent Program period.

**Customer Eligibility.** To be eligible for the Program, applicants must comply with the Customer and system eligibility requirements as set forth in the Santee Cooper Solar Business Program Manual ("Program Manual"). Application and required documentation must be submitted to Santee Cooper within 60 days of the installation of the solar PV system in order to be eligible to receive rebates. The solar PV system must pass Santee Cooper's final acceptance testing and have a meter change out in order to be eligible to

receive rebates. The Program participation process is outlined in more detail in the Program Manual. Customers qualified to receive rebates and bill credits through the Solar Share Business program are not eligible to receive rebates or bill credits through the Solar Business program. Customers applying for the additional rebate offered for non-profit commercial businesses shall sufficiently demonstrate their non-profit status under Section 501 of the United States Internal Revenue Code. An IRS determination letter showing the organization's tax-exempt status will be considered a valid document to verify the non-profit status.

**Program Participation Process.** To be considered for rebates offered by the Program, Customer must:

1. Have applied to Interconnect and received a Letter of Approval from Santee Cooper;
2. Utilize a Program approved Trade Ally or a NABCEP Qualified Installer to complete the solar PV system installation; and
3. Complete and submit a Solar Business Rebate Application ("Rebate Application") within 60 days of the installation, no later than 5pm EST on November 30, 2019.
4. Complete and pass Santee Cooper final acceptance testing and have a meter change out.

The Rebate Application is incorporated herein by reference and constitutes a part of these Terms and Conditions.

Customer understands that submission of an application, even if correct and complete, does not guarantee payment of rebates. Payment of the rebate amount is based on Santee Cooper's approval of installed measures and Customer meeting all eligibility and Program requirements.

Once interconnected to the Santee Cooper grid, Customer shall adhere to Santee Cooper policies as outlined in the Interconnection Standard and rebated systems cannot be disconnected or moved without Santee Cooper approval. Installed generation capacity must not exceed the limits set forth by the current Distributed Generation Rider.

Customer shall maintain liability insurance, as outlined in Santee Cooper's Interconnection Standard, for as long as the solar PV system is interconnected to Santee Cooper's system.

Applications for increasing the size of an existing solar PV system are subject to the Program Manual, Terms & Conditions, rebate levels, and other applicable Program criteria in place at the time of acceptance. The total rebate each metered account may receive is limited to 6 kW (AC) of funding, including past programs.

**Program Rebate.** Rebates for the installation of solar PV systems are set as a one-time payment of \$1.20/watt, \$0.90/watt or \$0.60/watt based on the solar PV system's rated capacity (watt AC) and the current tier at time of submittal. Solar Business Rebates are capped at 6 kW AC per Meter Base. Rebate payments will be in the form of a check and made out to Customer, or its designated assignee.

In addition to the rebate, Solar Business Customers will receive energy credits as outlined in Santee Cooper's most recent DG Rider. Solar Business participants will be paid the rebate upon verified completion of all of the solar PV system requirements.

Santee Cooper reserves the right to make final determination of Customer eligibility, qualifying measures, system savings, project cost-effectiveness and final rebate amounts. Please allow up to six (6) weeks for rebate payment after final approval of Rebate Application.

**Inspections.** As part of the Rebate Application review process, Santee Cooper may request additional documentation and conduct any site inspection activities necessary to confirm eligibility. Failure to provide or complete any of the requested information or Program requirements may result in the return of the Rebate Application and denial of rebates through the Program.

The site visit is not a safety review and is not intended for any other purposes than verifying equipment rebate eligibility. Customer agrees to cooperate and provide Santee Cooper or its designated agent's access to the solar equipment and meters for as long as the system is installed. Customer will provide any requested information relating to the facilities, systems, and installed equipment, as requested by Santee Cooper to allow for verification of compliance with Program terms, accuracy of project documentation, and for verification of energy savings. In the case of a rented or leased residence, Customer certifies that Customer has obtained appropriate permission from the building owner.

**Tax Liability.** Customer acknowledges that receipt of any rebate pursuant to the Terms and Conditions may result in taxable income to the Customer, even if Customer does not directly receive a payment, and that Customer is solely responsible for payment and reporting with respect to Customer's taxes. A 1099 will be sent to the person or entity receiving the rebate. Customer should consult his or her own tax advisor with respect to the tax treatment of rebates provided pursuant to the Terms and Conditions. Nothing in these Terms and Conditions is intended to constitute tax advice and cannot be used for the purpose of avoiding penalties under the Internal Revenue Code.

**Energy Benefits.** In exchange for the rebates provided by Santee Cooper, Customer agrees to transfer to Santee Cooper all Environmental Attributes, as defined below, associated with the Solar Business Program. Environmental attributes means any and all credits, benefits, emissions reductions, offsets and allowances, howsoever entitled, resulting from the avoidance of the emission of any substance to the air, soil or water at or by Santee Cooper generating facilities through reduced generation of energy or other savings or offsets on account of the Solar Business program sponsored solar PV system installation. Customer will not claim ownership of any environmental attributes.

**Customer Information.** By signing this application, Customer authorizes and acknowledges that Santee Cooper may duplicate, disseminate, release and disclose Customer's information relating to a Customer Application (including the entirety of its contents), and any other information related to the Customer's participation in the Program, including but not limited to account information and billing data, energy usage, and tax identification numbers to any third party utilized by Santee Cooper for the purposes of processing the Customer Application, to verify or audit Program records or system installation, operation and results, or as required to comply with state and/or federal law, fraud prevention, regulation, and other legal action; in those cases, Santee Cooper and its subcontractors shall comply with all legal requirements of the jurisdiction of the individual whose Customer data would be disclosed before making such disclosure.

Santee Cooper reserves the right to publicize Customer's participation in this Program. Customer may opt out of such publication in writing provided to Santee Cooper.

**Project Installations.** Customer acknowledges that while the Program may provide rebates for the installation of solar PV systems, Santee Cooper will not install any equipment. Customer is solely responsible for the selection of equipment to be installed and for the selection of a Trade Ally or Qualified Installer to complete the installation of equipment. Customer acknowledges that responsibility for delivery and workmanship related to any equipment or services the Customer procures with a Trade Ally or Qualified Installer

exclusively rests with that Trade Ally or Qualified Installer.

**Fraud.** Customer represents and warrants that it is eligible and authorized to participate in the Program, and that Customer's participation in the Program will not result in the violation or breach by Customer of law, Customer's contractual obligations, or other duties to or rights of any third party. Any person who knowingly files an application containing any materially false information or who purposely or misleadingly conceals information subjects such person to criminal and civil penalties. Any and all funds determined to have been acquired on the basis of inaccurate or fraudulent information must be returned to Santee Cooper. Any Customer found to be engaged in fraudulent activity or misrepresentation of any kind will be removed from the Program. This section shall not limit other remedies that may be available for the filing of a false or fraudulent application, including, but not limited to, referral to law enforcement authorities.

**No Warranties.** Santee Cooper does not make any warranties or representations of any kind with respect to the design, manufacture, construction, safety, performance or effectiveness of any potential energy savings, equipment installed, and/or services rendered by any person or entity in connection with the Program. SANTEE COOPER DISCLAIMS ALL WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PERMITTED UNDER LAW, WHETHER STATUTORY OR OTHERWISE, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION ANY WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.

**Indemnification.** Customer shall indemnify, hold harmless, and/or defend and protect (at Santee Cooper's option) Santee Cooper, directors, employees, contractors, agents, and service providers (collectively, the "Indemnified Parties") against all claims, losses, expenses, damages, demands, judgments, causes of action, suits, costs (including attorney's fees and expenses) and liability of every kind and character whatsoever ("Claims") arising out of Customer's act or omission. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this indemnification is in addition to any other indemnity and/or insurance obligations between the participant and the Indemnified Parties.

**Limitation of Liability.** To the fullest extent allowed by law, Santee Cooper's total liability, regardless of the number of claims, is limited to the amount of the rebate payment approved in accordance with the Program Terms and Conditions, and Santee Cooper and its affiliates, directors, employees, contractors, agents, and service providers shall not be liable to the Customer or any other party for any other obligations.

Notwithstanding anything in these Terms and Conditions to the contrary, Santee Cooper, directors, officers, employees and/or agents shall not be liable hereunder for any type of damages, whether indirect, incidental, consequential, exemplary, reliance, punitive or special damages, including damages for loss of use regardless of the form of action, whether in contract, indemnity, warranty, strict liability or tort, including negligence of any kind.

**Compliance with Law.** Customer, at its own expense, is responsible for meeting all requirements and complying with all local and state laws, rules and codes concerning the Program, including without limitation, the installation and maintenance of eligible equipment. Customer shall, at its own expense, obtain and maintain licenses and permits needed to install eligible equipment.

**Governing Law.** The laws of the State of South Carolina shall govern the interpretation, validity, and effect of these Terms and Conditions, the parties' performance thereunder, and all matters incident thereto. Any legal action associated with the Program must be initiated with any court of competent jurisdiction within the State of South Carolina.

**Program Changes.** Santee Cooper reserves the right to change or cancel the Program or its Terms and Conditions at any time by providing Customer with notice via mail, fax transmission, or email at the address provided in Step 1, provided that material changes will only be effective if Customer communicates their assent directly or indirectly by the acceptance of Program benefits or by failing to opt out of the Program or terminate this Agreement within ten (10) business days of its receipt of notice of the proposed change, update or modification. Applications with an approved Rebate Reservation, for which the Customer has completed the required Program requirements, will be processed to completion under the Terms and Conditions in effect at the time of the issuance of the Rebate Reservation by Santee Cooper. The terms of this section, Program Changes, will no longer be applicable after a Customer receives a rebate payment, if any.

**Entire Agreement.** The terms set forth herein, including all attachments and incorporated references, constitute a complete statement of the Terms and Conditions applicable to the Program and supersede all prior representations or understandings, whether written or oral. Santee Cooper shall not be bound by or be liable for any statement, representation, promise, inducement or understanding of any kind that is not set forth herein. To the extent there is any conflict between the language of the Program Manual and these Terms and Conditions, these Terms and Conditions shall prevail.

## Acceptance of Terms and Conditions

By signing below, I certify that:

1. I have the authority to accept the Terms and Conditions;
2. I understand and agree to be bound by and comply with the terms set forth, herein and such other terms as set forth in the Program Manual;
3. The information provided to Santee Cooper in and as part of the Solar Business Program Rebate Application is accurate and complete and I will notify Santee Cooper immediately of any changes to the information

Authorized by (please print)

Signature of Authorized Customer

Date

## Step 5

### Rebate Payment Information

The rebate(s) will be made payable to the Santee Cooper commercial Customer specified in Step-1 and mailed to the address as indicated below. Mail rebate check to (check one):

- Billing Address     Other (complete release selection below)

### Rebate Release Information (Authorizing payment to be sent to someone other than the Customer)

*Important: Complete this section only if rebate payment is to be directed to someone other than the Customer indicated above. Please note that the federal government may require that a 1099 be issued to you, the Customer, for the rebate amount paid to your contractor. Please consult with your tax professional for tax implications.*

I AM AUTHORIZING THIS REBATE PAYMENT TO THE INDIVIDUAL OR BUSINESS NAMED BELOW AND I UNDERSTAND THAT I WILL NOT BE RECEIVING THE REBATE PAYMENT CHECK FROM SANTEE COOPER. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT MY RELEASE OF PAYMENT TO THE INDIVIDUAL OR BUSINESS NAMED BELOW DOES NOT EXEMPT ME FROM THE REBATE REQUIREMENTS OUTLINED IN THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

Authorized by (please print)

Signature of Authorized

Date

Check should be made payable to:

Payee: Individual or Business Name

Contact Phone Number

Payee Federal Tax ID (EIN) or SSN

Payee Mailing Address

City

State

Zip

### Send Completed Applications to:

Santee Cooper Energy Support Services  
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Myrtle Beach, SC 29579  
Email: [Solar@santeecooper.com](mailto:Solar@santeecooper.com)  
Fax: (843) 347-8781