

## **Community Development Department Building Safety Division**

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

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. Other Articles of the California Electrical Code (CEC) shall apply as specified in Section 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 also be provided. 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[D]).

Job Address:	Permit #:						
Contractor/ Engineer Name:	License # and Class:						
Signature: Date:	: Phone Number:						
Total # of Inverters installed: (If more than one inverter, complete and attach the "Sup Calculation Sheets" and the "Load Center Calculations" 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							
Location Ambient Temperatures (Check box next to wh	nich lowest expected temperature is used):						
<ol> <li>Lowest expected ambient temperature for the location (T<sub>L</sub>) = Between -1 to -5 °C</li> <li>Lowest expected ambient temperature for the location (T<sub>L</sub>) = Between -6 to -10 °C</li> <li>Average ambient high temperature (T<sub>H</sub>) = 47 °C</li> <li>Note: For a lower T<sub>L</sub> or a higher T<sub>H</sub>, use the Comprehensive Standard Plan</li> </ol>							
DC Information:							
Module Manufacturer:	Model:						
2) Module V <sub>oc</sub> (from module nameplate):Volts	3) Module I <sub>sc</sub> (from module nameplate):Amps						
4) Module DC output power under standard test conditions (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							Identify, by tag, which source circuits on the roof are to be paralleled (if none, put N/A)									
									Combine	er 1:						
									Combine	er 2:						
Total number of source circuits for inverter 1:																
6) Are DC/DC Cor	nverte	ers use	d? [	☐ Yes		No		If No	, skip to	STEP	7. If Ye	s, ent	er inf	o belo	ow.	
DC/DC Converter N	/lodel	#:						0	C/DC Co	nverte	· Max D	C Inpu	ıt Volt	age: _		Volts
Max DC Output Cu	rrent:						Amps	N	∕lax DC C	output \	oltage/	:				Volts
Max # of DC/DC Co	nverte	ers in a	n Input	Circuit	t:			_   [	C/DC Co	nverte	Max D	C Inpu	ıt Pow	/er:		Watts
7) Max. System [	OC Vo	ltage -	- Use A	1 or A2	for sy	stems	with	out D	C/DC con	verters	, and B	1 or B2	2 with	DC/D	C conve	rters.
A1. Module V	oc (STE	EP 2) =		x	# in se	eries (	STEP 5	5)	x 1	L.12 (If -	·1≤T <sub>L</sub> ≤-!	5°C, ST	EP 1)	=		V
A2. Module V	oc (STE	EP 2) =		x	# in se	eries (	STEP 5	5)	x 1	L.14 (If -	·6≤T <sub>L</sub> ≤-:	10°C, S	STEP 1	.) =		V
Table 1. Maxi	mum N	Number	of PV N	lodules	in Serie	es Base	d on N	Module	Rated VO	DC for 60	00 Vdc F	Rated E	quipm	ent (CE	EC 690.7	)
Max. Rated Mod VOC (*1		29.76	31.51	33.48	35.7	71 38	3.27	41.21	44.64	48.70	53.57	59.5	52 6	6.96	76.53	89.29
(Vo	olts)	23.70	31.31	33.10	33.7	- 3.	<i>,,</i> ,		11.01	10.70	33.37	33.5	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	0.50	70.55	05.25
Max. Rated Mod VOC (*1		29.24	30.96	32.89	35.0	09 3	7.59	40.49	43.86	47.85	52.63	58.4	18 6	5.79	75.19	87.72
(Vo	olts) s for	10							10		10				_	
600		18	17	16	15		14	13	12	11	10	9		8	7	6
Use for DC/DC con-	verter	s. The v	value ca	alculate	ed belo	ow mu	st be	less tl	nan DC/D	C conv	erter m	ax DC	input	voltag	ge (STEF	P #6).
☐ B1. Module V	oc (ST	EP 2)	x	# of m	odule	s per c	onver	rter (S	TEP 6)	x 1.1	2 (If -1:	≤T <sub>L</sub> ≤-5'	°C, STI	EP 1) =	=	_ V
B2. Module V	oc (ST	EP 2)	x	# of m	odule	s per c	onver	rter (S	TEP 6)	x 1.1	4 (If -6:	≤T <sub>L</sub> ≤-10	o°C, S	TEP 1)	=	_ V
Table 2. Larges	st Mod	ule VOC	for <u>Sing</u>	gle-Moc	<u>lule</u> DC	/DC Cc	nverte	er Con	figuration	s (With 8	30V AFC	I Cap) (	CEC 69	90.7 an	nd 690.1:	1)
Max. Rated Module VOC (*1.12) (Volts)	30.4	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 VOC (*1.14) (Volts)	29.8	32.5	35.1	37.7	40.4	43.0	45.6	5 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)	34	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) Maximum Source Circuit Current Is Module I <sub>SC</sub> below 9.6 Amps (STEP 3)?  Yes No (if No, use Comprehensive Standard Plan)																

10) 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.							
11) Are PV source circuits combined prior to the inverter? )?							
12) Sizing PV Output Circuit Conductors – If a combiner box will NOT be used from [STEP 11], Output Circuit Conductor Size = Min. #6 AWG copper conductor							
13) Inverter DC Disconnect  Does the inverter have an integrated DC disconnect?   Yes  No If yes, proceed to STEP 14.  If no, the external DC disconnect to be installed is rated for Amps (DC) andVolts (DC)							
14) Inverter information  Manufacturer: Model:  Max. Continuous AC Output Current Rating: Amps Integrated DC Arc-Fault Circuit Protection?							
AC Information:							
15) Sizing Inverter Output Circuit Conductors and OCPD Inverter Output OCPD rating = Amps (Table 3) Inverter Output Circuit Conductor Size = AWG (Table 3)							
Table 3. Minimum Inverter Output OCPD and Circuit Conductor 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							

#### 16) Point of Connection to Utility

Only load side connections are permitted with this plan. Otherwise, use Comprehensive Standard Plan.

Is the PV OCPD positioned at the opposite end from input feeder location or main OCPD location? 

Yes No If Yes, circle the Max Combined PV System OCPD(s) at 120% value as determined from STEP 15 (or STEP S20), bus bar Rating, and Main OCPD as shown in Table 4.

If No, circle the Max Combined PV System OCPD(s) at 100% value as determined from STEP 15 (or STEP S20), bus bar Rating, and Main OCPD as shown in Table 4.

Per 705.12(D)(2): [Inverter output OCPD size [STEP #15 or S20] + Main OCPD Size]≤[bus size × (100% or 120%)]

Table 4. Maximum Combined Supply OCPDs Based on Bus Bar Rating (Amps) per CEC 705.12(D)(2)									
Bus bar Rating	100	125	125	200	200	200	225	225	225
Main OCPD	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
Max Combined PV System OCPD(s) at 100% of bus bar Rating	0	25	0	50	25	0	50	25	0

<sup>\*</sup>This value has been lowered to 60 A from the calculated value to reflect 10kW AC size maximum.

Reduction of the main breaker is not permitted with this plan. Otherwise, use Comprehensive Standard Plan.

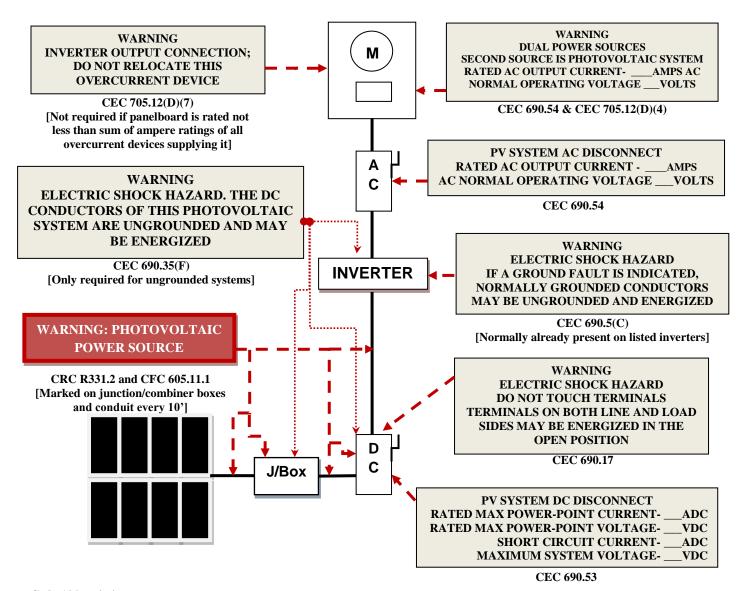
#### 17 & 18 & 19) Labels and Grounding and Bonding

This content is covered by the labels on Page 4 and the Single Line Diagram(s). For background information, refer to the Comprehensive Standard Plan.

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#### **Markings**

CEC Articles 690 and 705 and CRC Section R331 require the following labels or markings be installed at these components of the photovoltaic system:



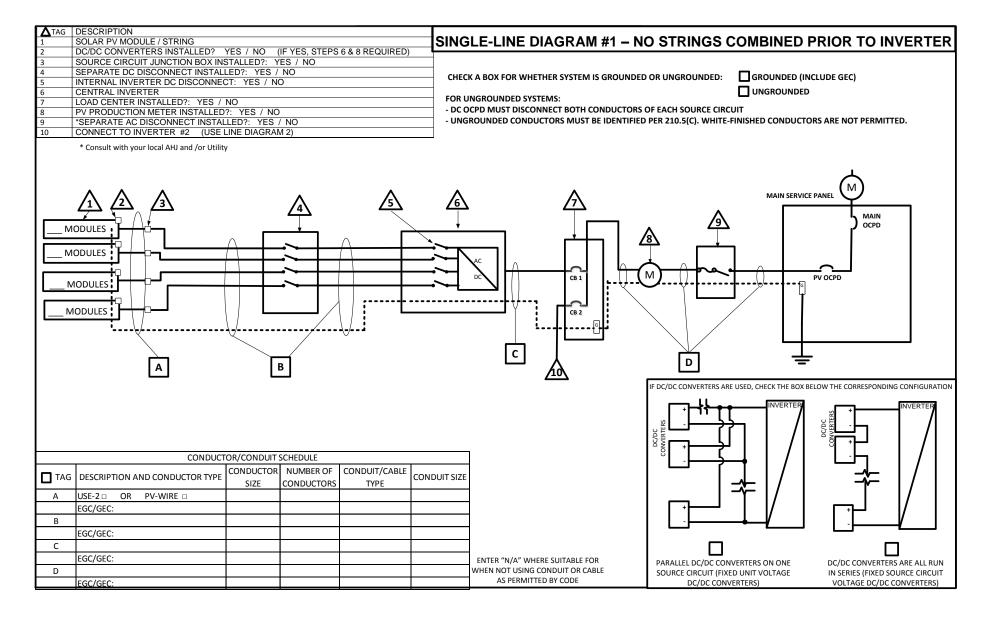
#### **Code Abbreviations:**

California Electrical Code (CEC) California Residential Code (CRC) California Fire Code (CFC)

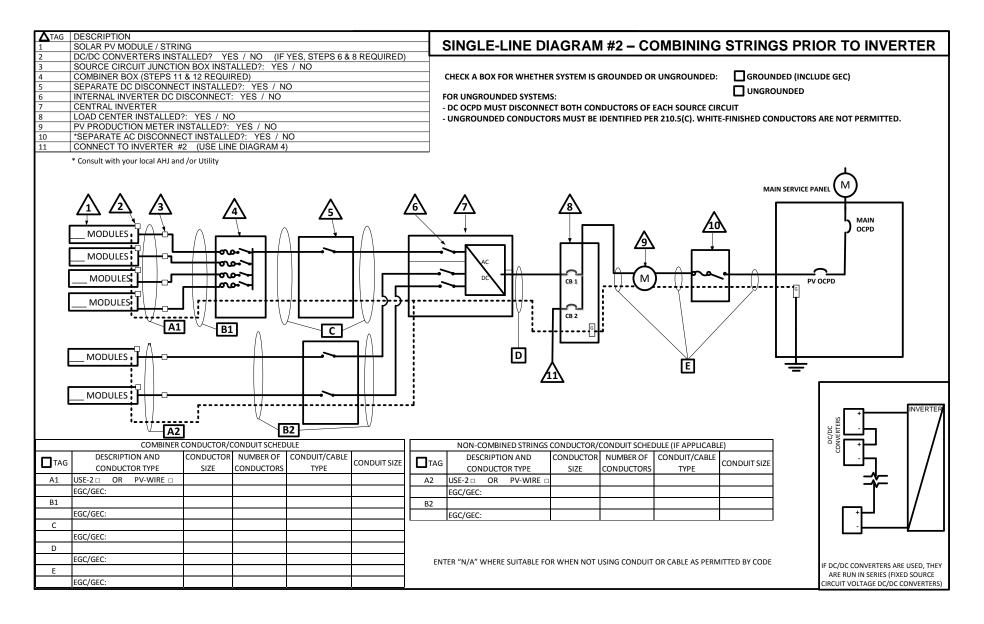
Informational note: ANSI Z535.4 provides guidelines for the design of safety signs and labels for application to products. A phenolic plaque with contrasting colors between the text and background would meet the intent of the code for permanency. No type size is specified, but 20 point (3/8") should 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:			
S2) Module V <sub>oc</sub> (from module namep	olate):Volts	3) Module I <sub>sc</sub> (from module namepla	ite):Amps		
S4) Module DC output power under s	standard test condi	ns (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 modul per source circuit 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 in	verter 1:				
S6) Are DC/DC Converters used?	Yes No	If No, skip to STEP#S7. If Yes, en	ter info below.		
DC/DC Converter Model #:		DC/DC Converter Max DC Input Vol	tage:Volts		
Max DC Output Current:	Amps	Max DC Output Voltage:	Volts		
Max # of DC/DC Converters in a source of	ircuit:	DC/DC Converter Max DC Input Pow	ver:Watts		

S7) Max. System DC Volta	ge – Use	A1 or	A2 for s	systems	witho	ut DC/D	C conve	erters, a	nd B1	or B2 v	vith D	C/DC	conve	rters.
☐ A1. Module V <sub>OC</sub> (STEP S	2) =		_ x # in	series	(STEP S	55)	x 1	.12 (If -:	1≤T <sub>L</sub> ≤-!	5°C, STI	EP S1)	) =		V
A2. Module V <sub>oc</sub> (STEP S	2) =		_ x # in	series	(STEP S	55)	x 1	.14 (If -6	5≤T <sub>L</sub> ≤-:	10°C, S	TEP S	1) =		V
Table 1. Maximum Numbe	r of PV N	/lodules	in Serie	es Basec	l on Mo	odule Ra	ted VOC	for 600	Vdc R	ated Eq	uipm	ent (C	EC 690	.7)
Max. Rated Module VOC (*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 7	6.53	89.29
Max. Rated Module VOC (*1.14) (Volts)	29.24	30.96	32.89	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 Vdc	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	3	7	6
Use for DC/DC converters. The value calculated below must be less than DC/DC converter max DC input voltage (STEP #S6).  B1. Module $V_{OC}$ (STEP#S2) x # of modules per converter (STEP S6) x 1.12 (If -1 $\leq$ T <sub>L</sub> $\leq$ -5°C, STEP S1) = V  B2. Module $V_{OC}$ (STEP#S2) x # of modules per converter (STEP S6) x 1.14 (If -6 $\leq$ T <sub>L</sub> $\leq$ -10°C, STEP S1) = V														
Table 2. Largest Module \	OC for Si	ngle-Mo	odule D0	C/DC Coi	nverter	Configur	ations (\	Vith 80V	' AFCI C	Cap) (CEO	C 690.	7 and	590.11	
Max. Rated Module VOC (*1.12) (Volts) 30	.4 33.0	35.7	38.4	41.1	13.8 4	6.4 49.	51.8	54.5	57.1	59.8	62.5	65.2	67.9	70.5
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DC/DC Converter Max DC Input (STEP #6) (Volts)	4 37	40	43	46	49 5	52 55	58	61	64	67	70	73	76	79
S8) Maximum System DC Voltage from DC/DC Converters to Inverter – Only required if Yes in STEP S6  Maximum System DC Voltage = Volts														
S9) Maximum Source Circu Is Module I <sub>sc</sub> below 9.6 An				Yes		No	(if N	o, use	Comp	rehens	sive S	Standa	ard Pla	an)
S10) 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.														
S11) Are PV source circuits combined prior to the inverter?														
S12) Sizing PV Output Circuit Conductors – If a Combiner box will NOT be used from [STEP#S11], Output Circuit Conductor Size = Min. #6 AWG copper conductor														
S13) Inverter DC Disconnect  Does the inverter have an integrated DC disconnect?   If No, the external DC disconnect to be installed is rated for Amps (DC) and Volts (DC)														

S14) Inverter information:  Manufacturer: Model:									
Max. Continuous AC Output Current Rating: Amps									
Integrated DC Arc-Fault Circuit Protection?									
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)									
Table 3. Minimum Inverter Output OCPD and Circuit Conductor 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

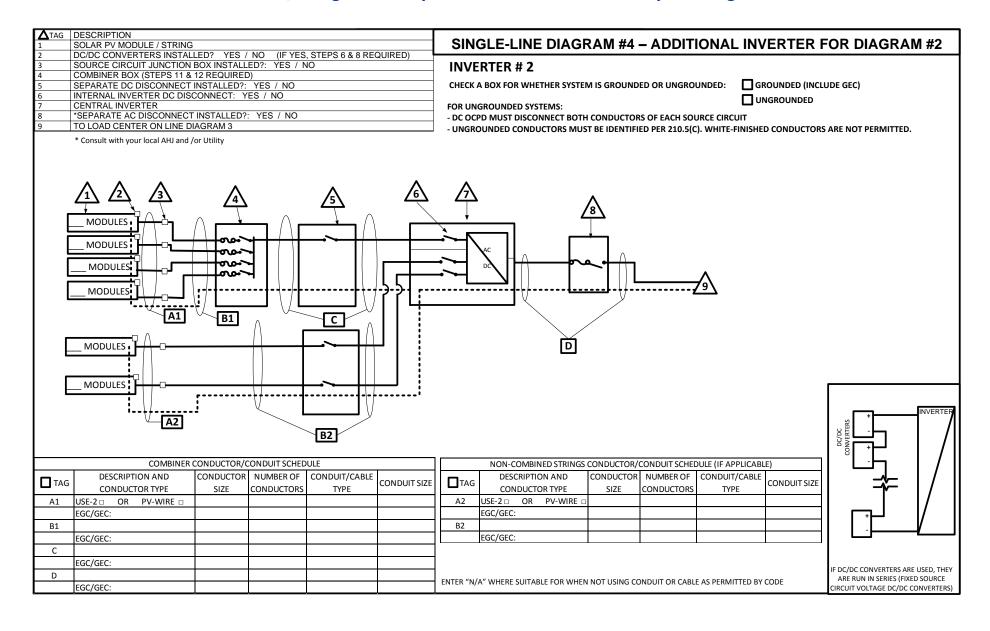
# Load Center Calculations (Omit if a load center will not be installed for PV OCPDs)

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						
The sum of the ampere ratings of overcurrent devices in circuits supplying power to a bus bar or conductor shall						
not exceed 120 percent of the rating of the bus bar or conductor.						

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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	INVERIER # 2
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	☐ UNGROUNDED
[	*Consult with your local AHJ and /or Utility  MODULES  MODULES  MODULES  MODULES  MODULES  MODULES  MODULES  MODULES  MODULES  MODULES	FOR UNGROUNDED SYSTEMS: - 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.
		IF DC/DC CONVERTERS ARE USED, CHECK THE BOX BELOW THE CORRESPONDING CONFIGURATION  INVERTER  OD  OD  OD  OD  OD  OD  OD  OD  OD  O
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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.