

Hi Jono

Sorry about the timing but my brief comments are;

- We need an agreed process and timeline for under 10kW DG. At present it is a nightmare to get these solar connections implemented - it can take months to get Vector to implement a solar installation if you can get a hold of their team who never answer either their phone nor their emails (I can only elicit a response by escalating every time I need to get hold of them). Additionally part of this process is that Vector never seems to update their list of approved inverters so reject applications even using approved inverters. What would be preferred is for connection of >10kW DG to be developed within the Registry similar to the Switching process with strict and quick timelines. This is essential as we see Solar installations ramp up over the next few years.
- I agree with separate Medium and Large DG. For Medium DG, Distributors need to know their own networks. Allowing the cost and time for them to investigate their own networks especially on an ad-hoc basis is just pushing time and cost onto the retailers and customers. Also as a retailer understanding where they have capacity could enable us to target potential EG sites in these areas.
- At present few if any Distributors actively engage in helping DG connect. Are the new requirements able to sort this issue?
- Why should DG have to pay the costs for a network to add a transformer that they then take ownership of - this is surely a network cost if they then take ownership. This needs some thought if you are serious about adding DG of any size.

Take care

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