

WAC 480-103-002 Definitions. (1) "Administrator" means a person or entity that organizes and administers a community solar project on behalf of a community solar company. The administrator may be responsible for applying for the renewable energy system incentive on behalf of the system's owners and for performing other administrative tasks including, but not limited to:

(a) Receiving renewable energy incentive payments;

(b) Allocating and paying appropriate amounts of such payments to owners; and

(c) Communicating with WSU and the commission about any changes in program participants.

(2) "Applicant" means any person, corporation, partnership, government agency, or other entity that applies for service from a community solar company.

(3) "Business day" means a day when the commission's offices are open as provided in WAC 480-07-120.

(4) "Commission" means the Washington utilities and transportation commission.

(5) "Customer" means any person, corporation, partnership, government agency, or other entity that has applied for, or is currently receiving, utility service within the state of Washington.

(6) "Community solar company" means a person, firm, or corporation, other than an electric utility or community solar cooperative, that owns a community solar project within the state of Washington and provides community solar project services to project participants.

(7) "Community solar project" means a solar energy system within the state of Washington that has a direct current nameplate generating capacity (i.e., maximum rated output) that is no larger than one thousand kilowatts.

(8) "Community solar project services" means the provision of electricity generated by a community solar project, or the provision of the financial benefits associated with electricity generated by a community solar project, to multiple project participants, and may include other services associated with the use of the community solar project such as system monitoring and maintenance, warranty provisions, performance guarantees, and customer service.

(9) "Deposit" means any moneys provided to the community solar company as an advance toward a purchase of an interest in a community solar project or moneys provided to the company as a guarantee of future payments due to the company.

(10) "Electric utility" means a consumer-owned utility or investor-owned utility as those terms are defined in RCW 19.280.020.

(11) "Private consumer information" means the name, street address, email address, telephone number, and any other personally identifying information of a customer, project participant, or applicant, as well as information related to the quantity, technical configuration, type, destination, and amount of use of service or products the customer, project participant, or applicant obtains or requests from a community solar company.

(12) "Project participant" means a customer who enters into a lease, power purchase agreement, loan, or other financial agreement with a community solar company to obtain a beneficial interest in, other than direct ownership of, a community solar project.

(13) "Solar energy system" means any device or combination of devices or elements that rely upon direct sunlight as an energy source for use in the generation of electricity.

(14) "WSU" means the Washington State University energy program.

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