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#### March 15, 2019

Ms. Katherine S. Wickwire, Chair Town of Cortlandville Planning Board The Raymond G. Thorpe Municipal Building 3577 Terrace Road Cortland, New York 13045

RE: McLean Solar I, LLC McLean Road Cortland, New York

Dear Ms. Wickwire:

As requested by the Cortland County Planning Board, we offer this letter as additional information regarding the above captioned project.

The project is proposed to be a +/- 12.00 acres community solar project with +/-0.59 acres of disturbance. The project will contain 6,864 each Hanwha 365 watt modules, 80 each Tabuchi 25 kW 3 phase inverters and preliminary estimates indicate that this site will produce +/- 3,507,504 kWh of electricity annually. The (80 each) Inverters will be connected to circuit breakers in (10 each) electrical panelboards, which will then be routed to (2 each) Pad-mounted Electrical Switchgear and Transformers, before interconnecting to the National Grid distribution system (Equipment information is attached). There will be up to 2,000 linear feet of electrical cable in conduit buried to sufficient depths as required by the National Electric Code. The electricity generated by this project will be fed into the National Grid Distribution System as a Community Distributed Generation (CDG) project. Local residents, businesses, and municipalities in the Greater Cortland area who are National Grid ratepayers will have the option of subscribing to purchase a portion of the energy from this project to offset their electric usage, at a discount to the rates that they would otherwise purchase their electricity from National Grid.

The connection point for this project is on McLean Road, please refer to the site plans for additional information. The details for the solar panels are shown on Drawing C200 including the panel height (12') and the posts to support the panels. All post supports be driven or augered for this project.

A concern was raised regarding the "glare" from the solar panels impacting the surrounding properties. We have attached literature regarding the topic of glare and glint as it relates to solar panels. While this literature is focused on the impacts of solar systems near an Airport, the same conclusions can be made regarding impacts to surrounding properties. Please note that "light absorption, rather than reflection, is central to the function of solar PV panels". The proposed panels for this project are PV panels, therefore their intended function is to absorb light. Further, "modern PV panels reflect as little as two percent of incoming sunlight, about the same as water and less than soil or even wood shingles". In addition to these facts, the solar panels for this project are proposed to be fixed panels and will face south. There are homes located south of the proposed project, however these homes are separated from the panels by over 200 feet of trees and the homes are also 40 to 50 feet lower in elevation than the panels. Due to the angle of the panels, even if the +/- 2% of sunlight that isn't absorbed by the panels is reflected, the homes will not

58 Exchange Street Binghamton, New York 13901 Phone: 607.722.1100 Fax: 607.722.2515 E-mail: info@keyscomp.com www.keyscomp.com be impacted. Therefore, it is our opinion that there are no concerns with glare impacting adjacent properties.

Our office has contacted the Cortland County Highway Department regarding using the existing driveway entrance and we were notified that the only requirement will be that prior to the start of construction the contractor will need to submit for a County Permit 136. A note has been added to the project plans indicating that no work shall be started within the County right-of-way until an approved permit is received.

An Erosion and Sedimentation Control plan was prepared for the project which addresses potential stormwater impacts from the project and demonstrates mitigation measures to prevent excess erosion. Please note that the current property is crop row with exposed soils (refer to Drawing C105) and the final cover for the solar project will be a well maintained grass area. The improved cover from exposed earth to grass will significantly reduce the erosion runoff from the project site. Maintenance requirements are included on the Erosion and Sedimentation Plan for the project.

As discussed during the January 2019 Planning Board meeting, this project is located within an area identified as prime farmland. This matter was reviewed, and the Planning Board did not have any objections to the project's location.

Please find attached a copy of the decommissioning plan for the project.

Please contact our office if you have any questions or comments.

Respectfully,

Keystone Associates Architects, Engineers and Surveyors, LLC

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Enclosures

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# APPENDIX A GLARE LITERATURE



# Solar and Glare



#### I. Introduction

A common misconception about solar photovoltaic (PV) panels is that they inherently cause or create "too much" glare, posing a nuisance to neighbors and a safety risk for pilots. While in certain situations the glass surfaces of solar PV systems can produce glint (a momentary flash of bright light) and glare (a reflection of bright light for a longer duration), light absorption, rather than reflection, is central to the function of a solar PV panel - to absorb solar radiation and convert it to electricity. Solar PV panels are constructed of dark-colored (usually blue or black) materials and are covered with anti-reflective coatings. Modern PV panels reflect as little as two percent of incoming sunlight, about the same as water and less than soil or even wood shingles (SEIA/Sandia 2013). Some of the concern and misconception is likely due to the confusion between solar PV systems and concentrated solar power (CSP) systems. CSP systems typically use an array of mirrors to reflect sunlight to heat water or other fluids to create steam that turns an electric generator. These typically involve large ground-mounted reflectors, usually in remote desert locations, and are not installed in residential or commercial areas or near airports.

Solar PV system on the left compared to a parabolic trough CSP system on the right. Photo Copyright DOE/NREL/ORNL



II. PV on or near airports







# Solar and Glare

As of June 2013, there were over 30 solar projects in operation at airports in 15 different states (Barrett 2013). Solar installations have been successfully located at or near US international airports in Boston, New York, San Francisco, and Denver, among others. Yet concerns over glint (a quick reflection) and glare (a longer reflection) often arise when a PV system is proposed on or near an airport. Pilots are familiar with both glint and glare as reflection is a common phenomenon, especially off of bodies of water or in the form of glare from the sun itself. However, issues can arise if the solar PV system were to cast glare into an air traffic control tower.<sup>1</sup>

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has been actively reviewing the impact of glare from solar panels to streamline an evaluation process that ensures safety while creating more opportunity for solar installations on or near airports. The FAA filed notice of its Interim Policy for review of solar energy systems on federally obligated airports (i.e. airports which receive federal funding) in October of 2013.<sup>2</sup> This policy requires that a sponsor of a federally obligated airport must request FAA review and approval to install solar on its "airport layout plan." Federally-obligated airports must also notify the FAA of its intent to construct any solar installation by filing FAA form 7460-1. The interim FAA policy also requires the use of the Solar Glare Hazard Analysis Tool for on-airport solar development.

#### III. FAA and the Solar Glare Hazard Analysis Tool

In order to understand and model glare in accordance with FAA standards, Sandia National Laboratories developed the Solar Glare Hazard Analysis Tool (SGHAT). Standardized safety metrics define what glare intensity will cause unwanted visual impacts to Air Traffic Control towers and airplane pilots. SGHAT can be used to evaluate the potential of a particular PV array to produce glare intensity, predicting when and where glare will occur from a prescribed PV array at user-defined observation points (i.e. from the Air Traffic Control Tower or from a series of points along an aircraft landing route) and be combined with Google maps for an easy user interface. In instances where glare may be a concern, the tool can prescribe minor adjustments to the tilt, direction, and location of the panels to alleviate any issues. SGHAT will predict annual energy production for the various adjusted positions (SEIA/Sandia PPT).

#### **IV. Role for Local Governments**

Local governments may wish to include airport guidance within their local zoning ordinances that address solar PV. The North Carolina Solar Center *Template Solar Energy Development Ordinance for North Carolina*<sup>3</sup> includes a section on airports and recommends aviation notification steps for both on-airport solar projects and installations within 5 nautical miles of an airport. In addition to amendments to local zoning codes, local governments have the opportunity to conduct outreach to airports,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> <u>http://ncsc.ncsu.edu/wp-content/uploads/Template-Solar-Ordinance\_V1.0\_12-18-13.pdf</u>





<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> <u>http://www.unionleader.com/article/20120830/NEWS02/708309966/0/newhampshire</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> <u>http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-10-23/pdf/2013-24729.pdf</u>



### Solar and Glare

organizations and local stakeholders about methods for predicting and managing glare impacts from solar panels near airports or other locations. Such outreach furthers the safety goals of the FAA and the solar energy development goals of municipalities and communities. Spreading awareness of the safety of PV systems along with FAA guidance and glare measurement tools will help foster informed communities and enable the deployment of safe and productive solar PV projects in locations where glint and glare may be of concern.

#### V. Useful Links

Sandia Solar Glare Mapping Tools: https://share.sandia.gov/phlux

#### V. Citations

Barrett, S., June 2013, Glare Factor: Solar Installations And Airports, *Solar Industry, Volume 6, Number 5*. <u>http://www.solarindustrymag.com/issues/SI1306/FEAT\_02\_Glare\_Factor.html</u>.

Federal Register 2013, etc.: http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-10-23/pdf/2013-24729.pdf

#### SEIA/Sandia Webinar on Solar PV and Glare:

http://www.seia.org/sites/default/files/resources/Final%20FAA%20Webinar%20Slides%20August%202 013.pdf

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APPENDIX B DECOMMISSIONING PLAN

#### Cortlandville Solar Projects - Decommissioning Plan

At the completion of the expected life of the Solar Energy Facility, the entire system shall be removed by the applicant or the subsequent owner. The Applicant' lease agreement with the landowner has a primary term of 20 years, followed by options for (3) five-year extensions. The lease agreement stipulates that at the conclusion of either the primary or renewal term, the premises shall be restored to its original condition, including the removal of the system mounting pads or other support structures and left in neat and clean order. The agreement allows for a removal term of up to 180 days for the Tenant to remove the system. The agreement also stipulates that if the tenant fails to remove the system prior to the expiration of the removal term, then the landlord shall have the right to remove the system to a public warehouse and restore the premises to its original condition at Tenant's reasonable cost.

The decommissioning process will be completed as follows:

- All items with resale value, including transformers and solar panels, will be removed from the site and sold for fair market value.
- All aluminum, steel, and other metal parts without resale value will be sold for scrap value
- All items with no resale or scrap value will be removed from the site, and recycled where applicable, otherwise disposed of in accordance with all local laws and regulations.

Note: It is widely believed that the resale value and scrap value alone will exceed the costs of system removal. Solar panels themselves, which carry a limited power warranty of >80% of their rated capacity after 25 years, may cover most, if not all, of the costs of decommissioning.

Based on NYSERDA's estimate of decommissioning costs for a 2 MW project (enclosed), each 2 MW-AC project in the Cortlandville Portfolio would carry the following budgetary costs for decommissioning:

Item	Esti	mated Cost
Remove Rack Wiring	\$	2,459.00
Remove Panels	\$	2,450.00
Dismantle Racks	\$	12,350.00
Remove Electrical Equipment	\$	1,850.00
Breakup and Remove Concrete Pads	\$	1,500.00
Remove Racks	\$	7,800.00
Remove Cable	\$	6,500.00
Remove Ground Screws and Power Poles	\$	13,850.00
Remove Fence	\$	4,950.00
Grading	\$	4,000.00
Seed Disturbed Area	\$	250.00
Truck to Recycling Center	\$	2,250.00
Total	\$	60,209.00
Total after 20 years (2.5% inflation rate)	\$	98,659.46

#### FACT SHEET DECOMMISSIONING SOLAR PANEL SYSTEMS



This fact sheet provides information to local governments and landowners on decommissioning of large-scale solar panel systems.

As local governments develop solar regulations and landowners negotiate land leases, it is important to understand the options for decommissioning solar panel systems and restoring project sites to their original status.

From a land use perspective, solar panel systems are generally considered large-scale when they constitute the primary use of the land, and can range from less than one acre in urban areas to 10 or more acres in rural areas. Depending on where they are sited, large-scale solar projects can have habitat, farmland, and aesthetic impacts. As a result, large-scale systems must often adhere to specific development standards.

#### Abandonment and decommissioning defined

**Abandonment** occurs when a solar array is inactive for a certain period of time.

- Abandonment requires that solar panel systems be removed after a specified period of time if they are no longer in use. Local governments establish timeframes for the removal of abandoned systems based on aesthetics, system size and complexity, and location. For example, the Town of Geneva, NY, defines a solar panel system as abandoned if construction has not started within 18 months of site plan approval, or if the completed system has been nonoperational for more than one year.<sup>1</sup>
- Once a local government determines a solar panel system is abandoned, and has provided thirty (30) days prior written notice to the owner it can take enforcement actions, including imposing civil penalties/fines, and removing the system and imposing a lien on the property to recover associated costs.

**Decommissioning** is the process for removing an abandoned solar panel system and remediating the land.

• When describing requirements for decommissioning sites, it is possible to specifically require the removal of infrastructure, disposal of any components, and the stabilization and re-vegetation of the site.

#### What is a decommissioning plan?

Local governments may require to have a plan in place to remove solar panel systems at the end of their lifecycle, which is typically 20-40 years. A decommissioning plan outlines required steps to remove the system, dispose of or recycle its components, and restore the land to its original state. Plans may also include an estimated cost schedule and a form of decommissioning security (see Table 1).

#### What is the estimated cost of decommissioning?

Given the potential costs of decommissioning and land reclamation, it is reasonable for landowners and local governments to proactively consider system removal guarantees. A licensed professional engineer, preferably with solar development experience, can estimate decommissioning costs, which vary across the United States. Decommissioning costs will vary depending upon project size, location, and complexity. Table 1 provides an estimate of potential decommissioning costs for a ground-mounted 2-MW solar panel system. Figures are based on estimates from the Massachusetts solar market. Decommissioning costs for a New York solar installation may differ. Some materials from solar installations may be recycled, reused, or even sold resulting in no costs or compensation. Consider allowing a periodic reevaluation of decommissioning costs during the project's lifetime by a licensed professional engineer, as costs could decrease and the required payment should be reduced accordingly.

 Table 1: Sample list of decommisioning tasks and estimated costs

Tasks	Estimated Cost (\$)
Remove Rack Wiring	\$2,459
Remove Panels	\$2,450
Dismantle Racks	\$12,350
Remove Electrical Equipment	\$1,850
Breakup and Remove Concrete Pads or Ballasts	\$1,500
Remove Racks	\$7,800
Remove Cable	\$6,500
Remove Ground Screws and Power Poles	\$13,850
Remove Fence	\$4,950
Grading	\$4,000
Seed Disturbed Areas	\$250
Truck to Recycling Center	\$2,250
Current Total	\$60,200
Total After 20 Years (2.5% inflation rate)	\$98,900



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#### How can decommissioning be ensured?

Landowners and local governments can ensure appropriate decommissioning and reclamation by using financial and regulatory mechanisms. However, these mechanisms come with tradeoffs. Including decommissioning costs in the upfront price of solar projects increases overall project costs, which could discourage solar development. As a result, solar developers are sometimes hesitant to provide or require financial surety for decommissioning costs.

It is also important to note that many local governments choose to require a financial mechanism for decommissioning. Although similar to telecommunications installations, there is no specific authority to do so as part of a land use approval for solar projects (see Table 2). Therefore, a local government should consult their municipal attorney when evaluating financial mechanisms.

The various financial and regulatory mechanisms to decommission projects are detailed below.

**Table 2:** Relevant Provisions of General City, Town, and VillageLaws Relating to Municipal Authority to Require Conditions,Waivers, and Financial Mechanisms

Site Plan Review	General City Law	Town Law	Village
Conditions	27-a (4)	274-a (4)	7-725-a (4)
Waivers	27-a (5)	274-a (5)	7-725-a (5)
Performance bond or other security	27-a (7)	274-a (7)	7-725-a (7)
Subdivision	General City Law	Town Law	Village Law
Waivers	33 (7)	277 (7)	7-730 (7)
Performance bond or other security	33 (8)	277 (9)	7-730 (9)
Special	General City Law	Town Law	Village Law
Conditions	27-b (4)	274-b (4)	7-725-b (4)
Waivers	27-b (5)	274-b (5)	7-725-b (5

*Source*: Referenced citations may be viewed using the NYS Laws of New York Online

Excerpts from these statutes are also contained within the "Guide to Planning and Zoning Laws of New York State," New York State Division of Local Governments Services, June 2011: www.dos.ny.gov/lg/publications/Guide\_ to\_planning\_and\_zoning\_laws.pdf

#### **Financial mechanisms**

#### **Decommissioning Provisions in Land-Lease Agreements.**

If a decommission plan is required, public or private landowners should make sure a decommissioning clause is included in the land-lease agreement. This clause may depend on the decommissioning preferences of the landowner and the developer. The clause could require the solar project developer to remove all equipment and restore the land to its original condition after the end of the contract, or after generation drops below a certain level, or it could offer an option for the landowner to buy-out and continue to use the equipment to generate electricity. The decommissioning clause should also address abandonment and the possible failure of the developer to comply with the decommissioning plan. This clause could allow for the landowner to pay for removal of the system or pass the costs to the developer.

**Decommissioning Trusts or Escrow Accounts.** Solar developers can establish a cash account or trust fund for decommissioning purposes. The developer makes a series of payments during the project's lifecycle until the fund reaches the estimated cost of decommissioning. Landowners or third-party financial institutions can manage these accounts. Terms on individual payment amounts and frequency can be included in the land lease.

**Removal or Surety Bonds.** Solar developers can provide decommissioning security in the form of bonds to guarantee the availability of funds for system removal. The bond amount equals the decommissioning and reclamation costs for the entire system. The bond must remain valid until the decommissioning obligations have been met. Therefore, the bond must be renewed or replaced if necessary to account for any changes in the total decommissioning cost.

**Letters of credit.** A letter of credit is a document issued by a bank that assures landowners a payment up to a specified amount, given that certain conditions have been met. In the case that the project developer fails to remove the system, the landowner can claim the specified amount to cover decommissioning costs. A letter of credit should clearly state the conditions for payment, supporting documentation landowners must provide, and an expiration date. The document must be continuously renewed or replaced to remain effective until obligations under the decommissioning plan are met.<sup>2</sup>

#### **Nonfinancial mechanisms**

Local governments can establish nonfinancial decommissioning requirements as part of the law. Provisions for decommissioning large-scale solar panel systems are similar to those regulating telecommunications installations, such as cellular towers and antennas. The following options may be used separately or together.

• Abandonment and Removal Clause. Local governments can include in their zoning code an abandonment and removal clause for solar panel systems. These cases effectively become zoning enforcement matters where project owners can be mandated to remove the equipment via the imposition of civil penalties and fines, and/or by imposing a lien on the property to recover the associated costs. To be most effective, these regulations should be very specific about the length of time that constitutes abandonment. Establishing a timeframe for the removal of a solar panel system can be based on system aesthetics, size, location, and complexity. Local governments should include a high degree of specificity when defining "removal" to avoid ambiguity and potential conflicts.

<sup>2</sup> See a letter of credit submitted to the Vermont Public Service Board by NextSun Energy, LLC. http://psb.vermont.gov/sites/psb/files/docketsandprojects/Solar/Exhibit%20Petitioner%20JL-7%20(Revised%20326.14).pdf • Temporary Variance/Special Permit Process. As an alternative to requiring a financial mechanism as part of a land use approval, local governments could employ a temporary variance/special permit process (effectively a re- licensing system). Under this system, the locality would issue a special permit or variance for the facility for a term of 20 or more years; once expired (and if not renewed), the site would no longer be in compliance with local zoning, and the locality could then use their regular zoning enforcement authority to require the removal of the facility.

# What are some examples of abandonment and decommissioning provisions?

The New York State Model Solar Energy Law provides model language for abandonment and decommissioning provisions: www.cuny.edu/about/resources/sustainability/reports/NYS\_ Model\_Solar\_Energy\_LawToolkit\_FINAL\_final.pdf

The following provide further examples that are intended to be illustrative and do not confer an endorsement of content:

- Town of Geneva, N.Y., § 130-4(D): ecode360.com/28823382
- Town of Olean, N.Y., § 10.25.5:
   www.cityofolean.org/council/minutes/ccmin2015-04-14.pdf

#### Is there a checklist for decommissioning plans?

The following items are often addressed in decommissioning plans requirements:<sup>3</sup>

- Defined conditions upon which decommissioning will be initiated (i.e., end of land lease, no operation for 12 months, prior written notice to facility owner, etc.).
- Removal of all nonutility owned equipment, conduit, structures, fencing, roads, and foundations.
- Restoration of property to condition prior to solar development.
- The timeframe for completion of decommissioning activities.
- Description of any agreement (e.g., lease) with landowner regarding decommissioning.
- The party responsible for decommissioning.
- Plans for updating the decommissioning plan.
- Before final electrical inspection, provide evidence that the decommissioning plan was recorded with the Register of Deeds.

#### **Additional Resources**

Template Solar Energy Development Ordinance for North Carolina (see Appendix G at pg. 21 for Sample Decommissioning Plan): nccleantech.ncsu.edu/wp-content/ uploads/Template-Solar-Ordinance\_V1.0\_12-18-13.pdf

Land Use Planning for Solar: training.ny-sun.ny.gov/ images/PDFs/Land\_Use\_Planning\_for\_Solar\_Energy.pdf

Zoning Guide for Solar: training.ny-sun.ny.gov/images/ PDFs/Zoning\_for\_Solar\_Energy\_Resource\_Guide.pdf

Information on First Solar's recycling program for all of their modules: www.firstsolar.com/en/Technologiesand-Capabilities/Recycling-Services

PV Cycle: Europe's PV recycling program: **www.pvcycle.org**/

Solar Energy Industries Association (SEIA) information on solar panel recycling: www.seia.org/policy/environment/pv-recycling

Silicon Valley Toxics Coalition: svtc.org/

Silicon Valley Toxic Coalition Solar Scorecard: www.solarscorecard.com/2015/2015-SVTC-Solar-Scorecard.pdf

End-of-life PV: then what? - Recycling solar panels: www.renewableenergyfocus.com/view/3005/end-oflife-pv-then-what-recycling-solar-pv-panels/

NY-Sun, a dynamic public-private partnership, will drive growth in the solar industry and make solar technology more affordable for all New Yorkers. NY-Sun brings together and expands existing programs administered by the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA), Long Island Power Authority (LIPA), PSEG Long Island, and the New York Power Authority (NYPA), to ensure a coordinated, well-supported solar energy expansion plan and a transition to a sustainable, self-sufficient solar industry.

<sup>3</sup> North Carolina Solar Center, NC Sustainable Energy Center. December 2013. Template Solar Energy Development Ordinance for North Carolina. https://nccleantech.ncsu.edu/wp-content/uploads/Template-Solar-Ordinance\_V1.0\_12-18-13.pdf



APPENDIX C EQUIPMENT



# Three-phase 25kW Solar Inverter M25-6



# 6 MPPT Inverter

#### Designed for Distributed Solar

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#### M25-6: Three-phase 25kW Solar Inverter (Model Number : TPD-250P6-US)

Frequency change detective method

Input (DC)	
Nominal Input power per string	4300 W (5200 W / output limited)
Max. input voltage	1000 V
Operation voltage range	200-1000 V
MPPT voltage range	200 V to 800 V
Nominal input voltage range	500 V to 800 V
Min. input voltage / starting voltage	200 V/200 V
Operating input current per string	10 A
Max. short circuit current per string	20 A
Number of MPP tracker inputs	6
Efficiency	
Max. Efficiency	98.7%
CEC Efficiency	97.5%
Protection	
Islanding Operation Detection: Active	Frequency shifting method

General Data	
Dimensions W x H x D	950 x 640.6 x 300 mm (37.4 x 25.2 x 11.8 in)
Weight	69 kg (152.1 lb)
Operating temperature range	$-20^{\circ}$ C to $+60^{\circ}$ C ( $-4^{\circ}$ F to $+140^{\circ}$ F) Rated output until $+40^{\circ}$ C ( $+104^{\circ}$ F)
Internal consumption (night)	< 8 W
Cooling concept	Cooling Fan
Enclosure Rating	NEMA3
Controller/Interface	Master Box* (Required)/RS485
Certification	ETL(UL 1741/1699B, CSA C22.2 No. 107.1-01, IEEE 1547a, CEC) , FCC class A
Topology	Transformer-less

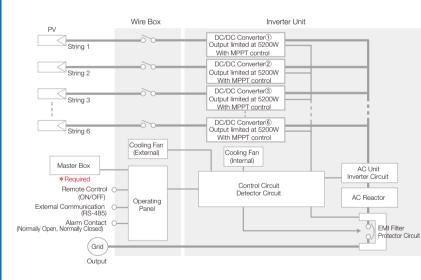
\* Master Box is required to use three-phase 25 kW inverter.

# Output (AC: Grid connected) Rated output power\* 25000 W Grid connection type Three-phase, 4-wire type Rated AC voltage 480 V (277 V WYE) Rated power frequency 60 Hz Rated output current 30 A Power factor at rated output power ≥ 0.99

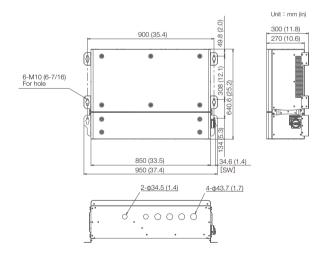
\* When the Power factor is 100% during inverter operation.

#### Block Diagram

Islanding Operation Detection: Passive



#### Dimensions



Some specifications or aspects of appearance may be changed without notice to improve the product.







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#### **INNOVATIVE ALL-WEATHER TECHNOLOGY**

Optimal yields, whatever the weather with excellent low-light and temperature behavior.



#### **ENDURING HIGH PERFORMANCE**

Long-term yield security with Anti LID Technology, Anti PID Technology<sup>1</sup>, Hot-Spot Protect and Traceable Quality Tra.Q<sup>™</sup>.



#### **EXTREME WEATHER RATING**

High-tech aluminum alloy frame, certified for high snow (5400 Pa) and wind loads (2400 Pa).



#### **A RELIABLE INVESTMENT**

Inclusive 12-year product warranty and 25-year linear performance warranty<sup>2</sup>.

#### THE IDEAL SOLUTION FOR:











A REAL PROPERTY.



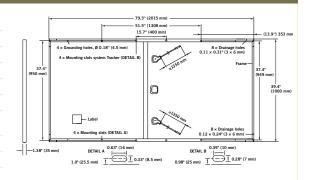
- <sup>1</sup> APT test conditions according to IEC/TS 62804-1:2015, method B (-1500V, 168h)
- $^{\rm 2}~$  See data sheet on rear for further information



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#### MECHANICAL SPECIFICATION

Format	79.3 in × 39.4 in × 1.38 in (including frame) (2015 mm × 1000 mm × 35 mm)
Weight	51.8lbs (23.5kg)
Front Cover	0.13 in (3.2 mm) thermally pre-stressed glass with anti-reflection technology
Back Cover	Composite film
Frame	Anodized aluminum
Cell	$6 \times 24$ multicrystalline Q.ANTUM solar half-cells
Junction box	2.76-3.35 in $\times$ 1.97-2.76 in $\times$ 0.51-0.83 in (70-85 mm $\times$ 50-70 mm $\times$ 13-21 mm), Protection class IP67, with bypass diodes
Cable	$4 \text{ mm}^2$ Solar cable; (+) $\geq$ 53.1 in (1350 mm), (-) $\geq$ 53.1 in (1350 mm)
Connector	Multi-Contact MC4-EV02, JMTHY PV-JM601A, IP68 or Renhe 05-8, IP67

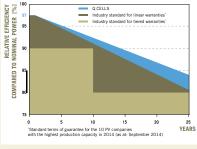


#### ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

PO	WER CLASS			360	365	370	375
MI	NIMUM PERFORMANCE AT STANDARD TEST COND	ITIONS, STC <sup>1</sup>	(POWER TOLE	RANCE +5 W / -0 W)			
	Power at MPP <sup>1</sup>	P <sub>MPP</sub>	[W]	360	365	370	375
	Short Circuit Current <sup>1</sup>	I <sub>sc</sub>	[A]	9.87	9.92	9.96	10.01
Minimum	Open Circuit Voltage <sup>1</sup>	V <sub>oc</sub>	[V]	46.80	47.03	47.26	47.49
Minii	Current at MPP	I <sub>MPP</sub>	[A]	9.35	9.41	9.47	9.54
_	Voltage at MPP	V <sub>MPP</sub>	[V]	38.52	38.79	39.05	39.32
	Efficiency <sup>1</sup>	η	[%]	≥18.1	≥18.3	≥18.6	≥18.8
MI	NIMUM PERFORMANCE AT NORMAL OPERATING C	ONDITIONS, N	IMOT <sup>2</sup>				
	Power at MPP	P <sub>MPP</sub>	[W]	267.7	271.4	275.2	278.9
Ξ	Short Circuit Current	I <sub>sc</sub>	[A]	7.95	7.99	8.03	8.06
Minimum	Open Circuit Voltage	V <sub>oc</sub>	[V]	43.94	44.16	44.38	44.59
Σ	Current at MPP	IMPP	[A]	7.35	7.40	7.46	7.51
	Voltage at MPP	V <sub>MPP</sub>	[V]	36.44	36.68	36.91	37.14

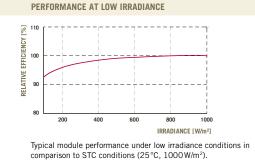
<sup>1</sup>Measurement tolerances P<sub>MPP</sub> ±3%; I<sub>sc</sub>, V<sub>oc</sub>±5% at STC: 1000 W/m<sup>2</sup>, 25±2°C, AM 1.5G according to IEC 60904-3 · <sup>2</sup>800 W/m<sup>2</sup>, NMOT, spectrum AM 1.5G

**Q CELLS PERFORMANCE WARRANTY** 



At least 97 % of nominal power during first year. Thereafter max. 0.54 % degradation per year. At least 92 % of nominal power up to 10 years. At least 84 % of nominal power up to 25 years.

All data within measurement tolerances. Full warranties in accordance with the warranty terms of the Q CELLS sales organization of your respective country.



TEMPERATURE COFFEICIENTS

Temperature Coefficient of $\mathbf{I}_{sc}$	α	[%/K]	+0.04	Temperature Coefficient of $\mathbf{V}_{\text{oc}}$	β	[%/K]	-0.29
Temperature Coefficient of P <sub>MPP</sub>	γ	[%/K]	-0.39	Normal Operating Module Temperature	NMOT	[° <b>F</b> ]	109 ±5.4 (43 ±3 °C)

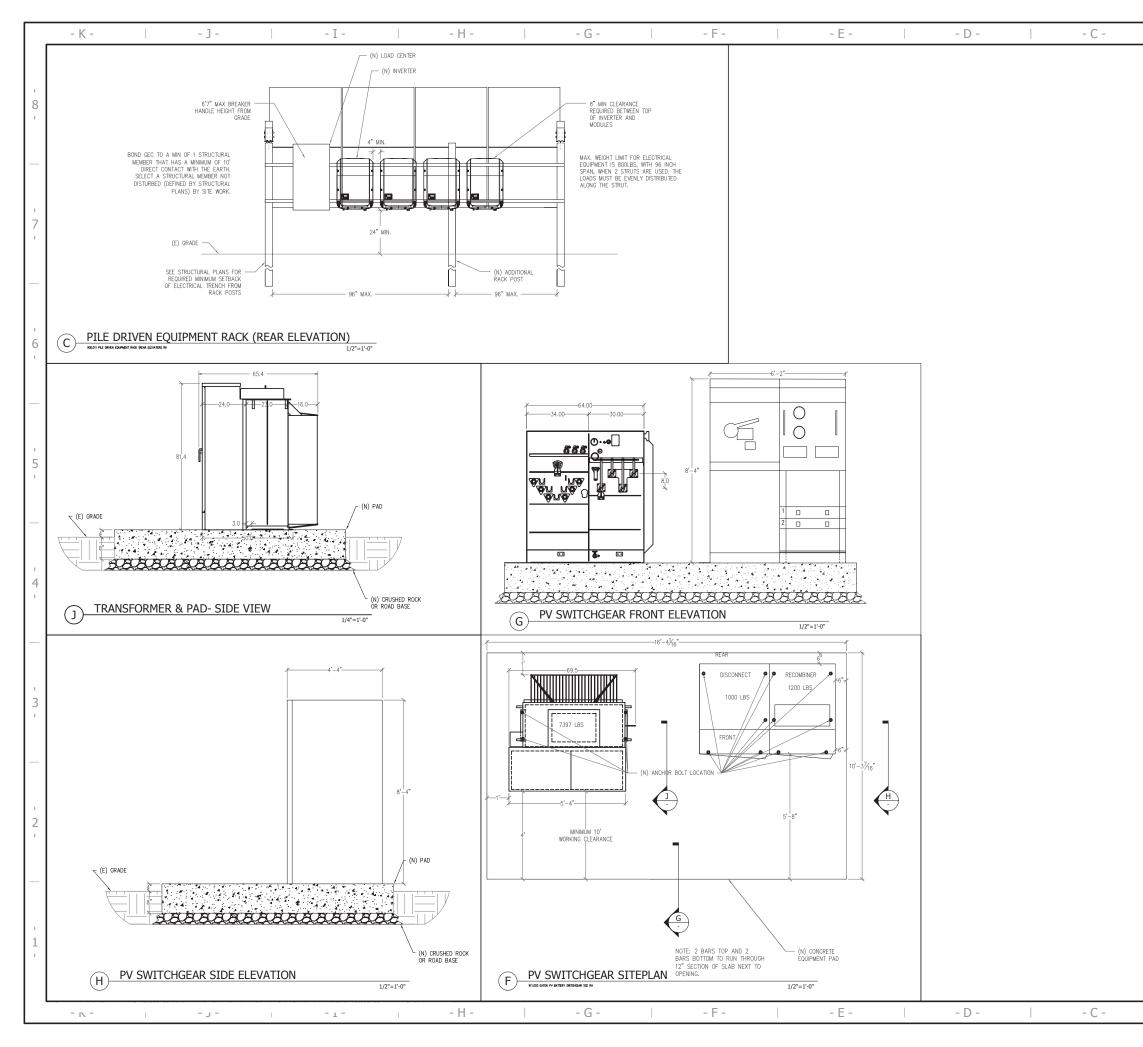
PROPERTIES FOR SYSTEM D	ESIGN			
Maximum System Voltage V <sub>sys</sub>	[V]	1500 (IEC) / 1500 (UL)	Safety Class	Ш
Maximum Series Fuse Rating	[A DC]	20	Fire Rating	C (IEC) / TYPE 1 (UL)
Max. Design Load, Push / Pull (UL) <sup>2</sup>	[lbs/ft²]	75 (3600 Pa) / 33 (1600 Pa)	Permitted module temperature on continuous duty	−40°F up to +185°F (−40°C up to +85°C)
Max. Test Load, Push / Pull (UL) <sup>2</sup>	[lbs/ft²]	113 (5400 Pa) / 50 (2400 Pa)	<sup>2</sup> see installation manual	

QUALIFICATIO	INS AND CERT	TIFICATES	PACKAGING INFORMATION	
UL 1703; CE-compliant; IEC 61215:2016, IEC 61730:2016 application class A		Number of Modules per Pallet	29	
		application class A	Number of Pallets per 53' Trailer	26
$\wedge$			Number of Pallets per 40' High Cube Contained	er 22
		Pallet Dimensions ( $L \times W \times H$ )	$81.9 \text{ in} \times 45.3 \text{ in} \times 46.7 \text{ in}$ (2080 mm × 1150 mm × 1190 mm)	
	(2		Pallet Weight	1635 lbs (742 kg)

NOTE: Installation instructions must be followed. See the installation and operating manual or contact our technical service department for further information on approved installation and use of this product.

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