

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

NOTICE OF FINAL RULEMAKING**RM40-2025-01, IN THE MATTER OF 15 DCMR CHAPTER 40 – DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA SMALL GENERATOR INTERCONNECTION RULES,**

1. The Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia (Commission), pursuant to its authority under D.C. Official Code Sections 2-505 and 34-802,¹ hereby gives notice of its final rulemaking action adopting certain amendments to Chapter 40 (District of Columbia Small Generator Interconnection Rules) of Title 15 (Public Utilities and Cable Television) of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (DCMR).

2. On September 12, 2025, the Commission published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NOPR), initiated by a petition filed on August 18, 2025, by ConnectDER, Tesla Inc., and Enphase Energy Inc. The NOPR was published in the District of Columbia Register (72 DCR 010043), amending 15 DCMR § 4002.8 and § 4099.

3. The Commission received comments from stakeholders and members of the public on the NOPR. The Office of the People’s Counsel of the District of Columbia (OPC) requested clarifying language to 15 DCMR § 4002.8(c)(4) to affirmatively state that only one meter collar adapter may be installed per meter, rather than the proposed language that states meter collar adapters may not be stacked. In addition, OPC proposed adding language to §§ 4002.8(b) and (d) to ensure that OPC is served with the manufacturer applications and EDC’s response to the application, consistent with 15 DCMR § 115.2. The Commission considers the changes to the language of 15 DCMR § 4002.8(c)(4) to be clarifying language that will ensure consistent interpretation and application. The Commission also considers the changes to §§ 4002.8(b) and (d) to be clarifying and non-substantive in nature. Since this requirement already exists for parties that are involved in proceedings before the Commission, the language does not increase the burden for any party or stakeholder.

4. The Commission approved the proposed amendments at the Commission’s October 30, 2025, Open Meeting, with the amendments becoming effective upon publication of this Notice of Final Rulemaking in the *District of Columbia Register*.

The clarifying language added to Section 4002 is shown in underline.

Chapter 40, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA SMALL GENERATOR INTERCONNECTION RULES, of Title 15 DCMR, PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CABLE TELEVISION, is amended as follows:

Section 4002, APPLICABLE STANDARDS, is amended as follows:

¹ D.C. Official Code §§ 2-505 and 34-802.

Subsection 4002.8 is added to read as follows:

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4002.8 Meter Collar Adapters

With respect to meter collar adapters, the following provisions apply:

- (a) An EDC shall approve a meter collar adapter model for installation for specific compatible meter configurations and customer applications, provided that the meter collar adapter model meets the following criteria:
 - (1) The meter collar adapter model is approved or listed by a nationally recognized testing laboratory;
 - (2) The meter collar adapter model is approved for use by an EDC, unless sufficient rationale for disapproval is provided by an EDC in accordance with Section 4002.8(b) of these rules;
 - (3) All meter collar model installations, access, testing, inspections, servicing and removals shall only be performed by a qualified person as agreed between the EDC and the meter collar manufacturer;
 - (4) The meter collar adapter model design does not impede access to the sealed meter socket compartment, or to the meter itself by a qualified person;
 - (5) The meter collar adapter model is compatible with the National Electric Code;
 - (6) The meter collar adapter model is compatible to the specific meter configurations and customer applications to ensure that the meter collar adapter is capable of being safely and reliably inserted into a meter socket to maintain a secure connection with both the meter socket and the utility meter.
- (b) An EDC shall approve or disapprove a meter collar adapter model for installation in its service area no later than 90 days after a meter collar manufacturer submits a request for approval of the meter collar adapter and an EDC's procedures shall be updated within ninety (90) days of approval.
 - (1) A meter collar manufacturer that submits a request to an EDC for approval shall file the request with the Commission in *Formal Case No. 1050*, **and shall be served on the Office of the People's Counsel of the District of Columbia and other parties in accordance with 15 DCMR § 115.2.**

- (2) An EDC shall provide an explanation to the requesting meter collar manufacturer explaining the reasons any meter collar adapter model application was denied. Such explanation shall be filed with the Commission in *Formal Case No. 1050*, **and shall be served on the Office of the People's Counsel of the District of Columbia and other parties in accordance with 15 DCMR § 115.2.**
- (3) An EDC shall provide public notice of all decisions approving a meter collar adapter model by posting the information on the utility's website and providing an update to the Commission in *Formal Case No. 1050*, **and shall be served on the Office of the People's Counsel of the District of Columbia and other parties in accordance with 15 DCMR § 115.2.**
- (c) An EDC shall authorize the installation and operation of an EDC-approved meter collar adapter for a customer installation, provided the meter collar adapter meets the following criteria:
 - (1) The meter collar adapter is qualified to be connected to the supply side of the service disconnect pursuant to the applicable provisions of the National Electric Code;
 - (2) The meter collar adapter is rated for the meter socket into which it is intended to be installed;
 - (3) The meter collar adapter does not exceed the weight bearing limits of a meter socket;
 - (4) **Only one meter collar adapter may be installed per meter base.**
 - (5) The meter collar adapter does not disable the excessive heating detection capability of AMI meters.
- (d) An EDC shall uninstall an approved meter collar adapter in the aggregate if any deficiencies are found after installation that result in safety or operational concerns, if these concerns cannot be remediated by a customer for a specific installation or by a meter collar adapter manufacturer, in the aggregate. An EDC shall notify the Commission of plans to undertake such an action with an appropriate filing in *Formal Case No. 1050*, **and shall be served on the Office of the People's Counsel of the District of Columbia and other parties in accordance with 15 DCMR § 115.2.**

Section 4099, DEFINITIONS, is amended as follows:

The following definition is added to Subsection 4099.1 to read as follows:

4099.1 When used in this chapter, the following terms and phrases shall have the following meaning:

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“Meter Collar Adapter” – also referred to as a meter socket adapter or MSA, means an electrical device that is installed between a residential electric meter and the meter socket, for the purpose of facilitating the deployment of customer-owned or customer-leased technology. Meter socket adapter use cases include, but are not limited to, interconnection for solar installations, isolation of battery energy storage systems, and load management for electric vehicle chargers and other new loads.

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