



# Renewable Energy System Cost Recovery Certification 82.16 RCW

First, contact the utility serving your property to confirm it is participating in this program and to receive its application procedures for this incentive payment.

**Instructions for Filing:** Please mail or fax the following documents to the Washington State Department of Revenue at the address below:

- Certification Form
- One-line diagram for this system

The Department will: (1) forward this form to the Climate and Rural Energy Development Center at Washington State University, and (2) advise the applicant within 30 days of receipt of this form whether the renewable energy system qualifies for the investment cost recovery incentive program.

If you have purchased property with a certified renewable energy system, you must reapply for certification as the new owner.

See the attachment for a list of applicable definitions. Additional information about the program is available on our website at dor.wa.gov.

If my certificate is approved, I give the Department of Revenue my permission to email my approved certificate to:

Name of Utility: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to:**

Department of Revenue  
Taxpayer Account Administration  
PO Box 47476  
Olympia WA 98504-7476

**FAX to:** (360) 586-0527

**For Official Use Only – Approval Signatures**

Department of Revenue

Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Climate & Rural Energy Development Center – WSU

Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

**Department of Revenue Tax Reporting Number**  
**(If you do not have a number, one will be assigned.)**

**Name, Address, and Phone Number of Applicant**

Telephone No. (        ) **(Required)**

**Location of Renewable Energy System**  
*(If different from above address)*

Does the electricity produced meet the definition of “customer generated electricity?”  
 Yes       No

**What does the renewable energy system produce electricity with?**

- ◆ Solar inverters and solar modules manufactured in Washington
- ◆ A solar inverter manufactured in Washington
- ◆ A solar module manufactured in Washington
- ◆ Solar equipment manufactured outside of Washington
- ◆ Wind generator powered by blades manufactured in Washington
- ◆ Wind generation equipment with an inverter manufactured in Washington
- ◆ Wind equipment manufactured outside of Washington
- ◆ An anaerobic digester

Can the electricity be transformed or transmitted for entry into or operation in parallel with electricity transmission and distribution systems?  Yes     No

What is the permit number and the date the renewable energy system received its final electrical inspection from the local jurisdiction?

Permit No: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*The information provided is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief under penalty of perjury.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## Definitions applicable to Renewable Energy System Cost Recovery Certification

"Customer-generated electricity" means a community solar project or the alternating current electricity that is generated from a renewable energy system located in Washington and installed on an individual's, businesses', or local government's real property that is also provided electricity generated by a light and power business. Except for community solar projects, a system located on a leasehold interest does not qualify under this definition. Except for utility-owned community solar projects, "customer-generated electricity" does not include electricity generated by a light and power business with greater than one thousand megawatt hours of annual sales or a gas distribution business.

"Photovoltaic cell" means a device that converts light directly into electricity without moving parts.

"Renewable energy system" means a solar energy system, an anaerobic digester as defined in RCW 82.08.900, or a wind generator used for producing electricity.

"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.

"Solar inverter" means the device used to convert direct current to alternating current in a photovoltaic cell system.

"Solar module" means the smallest nondivisible self-contained physical structure housing interconnected photovoltaic cells and providing a single direct current electrical output.

### **Must you be a customer of a light and power business to be a recipient of an incentive payment?**

Yes, only owners of qualifying renewable energy systems located on interconnected properties belonging to customers of a light and power business are eligible to receive incentive payments. This is because the electricity generated by the renewable energy system must be able to be transformed or transmitted for entry into or operated in parallel with electricity transmission and distribution systems.

### **Must the renewable energy system be owned or can it be leased?**

The renewable energy system must be owned by the individual, business, or a local governmental entity. Leasing a renewable energy system does not constitute ownership.