

North Star Electric Cooperative

Interconnection Checklist

1. Familiarize yourself with the Minnesota Statewide Contract for Interconnection. These describe the interconnection process and comprise the Interconnection Agreement which will be required later should you commit to an interconnection installation.
2. Contact the state of MN for the status of state rebate availability. Historically, these rebate funds have been limited. Call the State at 1-800-657-3710 for more info or check with your installation vendor.
3. Once you've decided to proceed with an interconnected installation, complete and return the **Application for Interconnection (enclosed)** to North Star Electric Cooperative. This document lists the specifications of the equipment to be installed and estimates on performance. Your solar or wind equipment vendor can provide most of this information.
4. Complete and return the **Uniform Statewide Contract** form. A copy also signed by a North Star Electric representative will be provided to you.
5. **The interconnection fee is \$100.** This covers the cost of special metering equipment and the inspection involved with interconnection. The fee must be paid to North Star Electric prior to interconnection.
6. **Provide proof of insurance - minimum \$300,000 liability.** (Item #12 of MN Rules)
7. Interconnections requiring a change to the electric service provided by North Star Electric (NSEC) shall receive a work order to determine site/service needs. *Most interconnections do not require changes to the electrical service.* Any costs assessed will be charged according to NSEC current service upgrade charges. Ask your vendor or electrician if changes in your electric service are necessary.
8. The cogenerating installation (solar panels, wind mill, inverters, disconnects, etc.) must be inspected and approved by a State of Minnesota electrical inspector prior to inspection and approval by North Star Electric Cooperative.
9. Notify North Star Electric Cooperative when your system has been State inspected, and approved.
10. North Star Electric Cooperative performs a field inspection/test of the interconnection and installs a "two-channel" meter which records energy purchased from the utility and the energy sold to the utility.