

MassACA.org Reservation Period Requirements

Once an Application for Cap Allocation (ACA) is determined to be complete and the Administrator has notified the applicant(s), the applicant(s) have **15 Business Days to pay the Reservation Fee** to reserve the Cap Allocation. Once the applicant has paid the **Reservation Fee**, the **Reservation Period** will commence. The **Application for Cap Allocation (ACAs)** table includes all ACA(s) submitted by a **Host Customer Entity**. ACAs in the reservation period will be listed as **Reserved** under the **ACA Status** column of the table.

Reservation Fees

After the Administrator reviews and determines a submitted ACA is complete, an applicant has 15 Business Days to submit a Reservation Fee of \$3.15 per kW AC to reserve a Cap Allocation.

- Any user associated with an ACA may pay the Application Fee.
- Payment may be made electronically via the **Fees** page, or an applicant may contact the Administrator@MassACA.org on how to submit a check or wire. Electronic payments are completed by Authorize.net, a third-party payment gateway.

Reservation Period

The initial Reservation Period is 18 months for Wind Net Metering Facilities and Anaerobic Digester Net Metering Facilities, and 9 months for Solar Net Metering Facilities and all Other Net Metering Facilities.

The Reservation period is calculated automatically once the Reservation Fee is paid for an ACA. For consistency, each reservation period is calculated using calendar days and does not rely directly on calendar months.

- **For Wind and Anaerobic Digestion Net Metering Facilities, the Reservation Period is 548 calendar days.**
- **For Solar and All Other Net Metering Facilities, the Reservation Period is 274 calendar days.**

Reservation Period: Special Public Facilities

For Facilities which qualify as **Special Public Facilities**, the Reservation Period is 27 months for Wind Net Metering Facilities and Anaerobic Digester Net Metering Facilities, and 18 months for Solar Net Metering Facilities and all Other Net Metering Facilities.

- **For Wind and Anaerobic Digestion Net Metering Facilities, the Reservation Period is 822 calendar days.**
- **For Solar and All Other Net Metering Facilities, the Reservation Period is 548 calendar days.**

Quarterly Reporting

Once a Facility is offered a Cap Allocation, or place on the Waiting List, a Quarterly Report must be submitted on each calendar quarter. Quarterly Reports are not required after a Facility has received an authorization to interconnect. Both HC Entity users and Representative linked to an ACA may submit quarterly reports.

- An unlimited number of Quarterly Reports may be submitted during a quarter, but at least one report must be received.
- Changes to Facility Design or equipment, Host Customer or Facility Ownership, or **Net Metering Capacity** must be reported.
- Special Public Facilities may submit non-ministerial permits and approvals during the first 9 months of the Reservation Period.
- Once the Facility receives **Authorization to Interconnect** from the Distribution Company, the applicant must provide a PDF copy via Quarterly Report, and also confirm the **as-built DC-STC capacity** for the facility and the date the facility came online.
- Failure to file a required **Quarterly Report** to the Administrator is grounds for loss of Cap Allocation or position on the Waiting List.

Requests for Additional Capacity under Caps with a Waiting List

Per Section 8(B)(v) of the System of Assurance for Net Metering Eligibility (Mass D.P.U. 23-20-B Attachment C, February 25, 2025), requests for additional capacity are permissible as long as there is available capacity under the applicable cap and no other Host Customer Entity is on the applicable Waiting List. Host Customers who request an increased Cap Allocation must submit the same Certifications required in Section 4 with respect to the additional capacity.

Cap Allocations allocated in Caps with an active Waiting List may not exceed the listed Cap Allocation. Any increase to the as-built size of a proposed facility may require an additional Cap Allocation.

Extended Reservation Period

If an applicant anticipates the facility will not receive **Authorization to Interconnect** (also referred to as *Permission to Operate*) within the **Reservation Period**, the applicant(s) may submit a **Request for Extension** to the Administrator. Additional documentation or fees may be required, depending on the type of extension requested, and are subject to approval by the Administrator. Extensions may be requested through the **Extension Request** process.

Extended Reservation Period for a Fee

A Request for Extension provides an additional six (6) months for the Facility to receive Authorization to Interconnect:

- The extension begins the first day after the initial Reservation Period expires
- The extension **must be requested no later than 30 days prior to the end of the initial Reservation Period**.
- A deposit of \$3.15 per kW AC is required, and will be held by the Administrator in escrow, and is refundable if the facility successfully interconnects within the six (6) month extension period or is granted an **Extended Reservation Period Pending Authorization to Interconnect** within the six (6) month extension period and then successfully interconnects.

Extended Reservation Period for Legal Challenges

Applicant(s) may seek an extended Reservation Period of six (6) months if they provide an attestation that a governmental permit or approval for the Facility was subject to a legal challenge during the initial or extended Reservation Period and the legal challenge remains pending.

- The extended Reservation Period for legal challenges expires at the end of the legal challenge.
- Any and all other Reservation Period timelines are suspended during a legal challenge.
- There is no fee for an extension under this provision.

Extended Reservation Period Pending Authorization to Interconnect

Applicant(s) may seek an extended Reservation Period Pending Authorization to Interconnect if they provide a letter of attestation that the Facility's interconnection depends only upon the receipt of Authorization to Interconnect, accompanied with a certificate of completion.

- A draft letter of attestation will be provided by the Administrator upon request.
- The Reservation Period may be extended until such notice is received or denied.
- Fees associated with the Request for Extension will not be forfeited solely as a result of seeking this extension.

Loss of Cap Allocation

Per D.P.U. 23-20-B, Attachment C, at Section 4(E), establishing the System of Assurance of Net Metering Eligibility, the Administrator may be required to revoke a Cap Allocation or position on the Waiting List. Action(s) on the part of the applicant which may result in loss of Cap Allocation or Position on the Waiting List include:

- 1) Failure to meeting applicable deadlines.
- 2) Making prohibited changes to the proposed facility, as specified in Section 8(C).
- 3) Making false assertions, as provided in Section 11.
- 4) Failure to comply with verification requirements, as provided in Section 9(B).
- 5) Submitting more than one ACA for the same facility and capacity that is not an expansion in one or more caps
- 6) Failure to submit required Quarterly Reports.

Failure to Meet Deadlines

The Administrator will enforce deadlines set forth in D.P.U. 23-20-B, Attachment C, specifically those identified in Sections 7, including but not limited to:

- 1) Deadlines for interconnection set during the initial reservation period, as specified in Section 7(A)(i).
- 2) Deadlines for interconnection set, or adjusted, by an extended reservation period, as specified in Section 7(B).
- 3) Deadline for Special Public Facilities to submit all non-ministerial permits and approvals to the Administrator, as specified in Section 7(A)ii. All permits must be submitted within **nine (9) months** of award of a Cap Allocation.

Failure to meet these deadlines will result in loss of Cap Allocation.

Requests for a standard Extension (Section 7(B)(i)) must be received no later than 30 calendar days before the expiration date of the initial reservation period (or subsequent extended reservation periods, if appropriate). If the request is not received by the Administrator prior to the last 30 calendar days of a Reservation Period, **an extension will not be awarded**.