



**INTERCONNECTION OF AND SERVICE TO QUALIFYING FACILITIES UNDER PUBLIC UTILITY REGULATORY POLICIES ACT (PURPA)  
Policy 427**

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**I. OBJECTIVE**

To provide, through joint integrated implementation with Prairie Power, Inc. and other Members of PPI, for interconnection of and service to a Qualifying Facility located in McDonough Power's service territory, consistent with the Waiver approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), PURPA, PPI Policy, and this Policy.

**II. DEFINITIONS**

To the extent the following terms are used in this policy, the following definitions shall apply. To the extent that the same term is used in this policy and PPI's Policy #509, the definition of such term contained in PPI's Policy #509 shall control, in the event of a conflict between the definitions.

**"PURPA"** means Sections 201 and 210 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act codified at 16 U.S. Code §796 and §824a-3, together with all rules or regulations promulgated thereunder as it relates to Qualifying Facilities (e.g., Code of Federal Regulations, Title 18, Part 292) all as they have been or may hereafter be amended.

**"Qualifying Facility" or "QF"** means a cogeneration facility or a small power production facility that is taking service under this Policy and that meets all the requirements for qualification set forth in PURPA and has not had its qualifying status revoked by FERC.

**"Cogeneration facility"** means a facility that produces electric energy and steam or forms of useful energy (such as heat) which are used for industrial, commercial, heating, or cooling purposes, but not including an electric generator that produces only a small token amount of useful thermal energy.

**"Small power production facility"** means a facility that produces electric energy using biomass, waste, renewable resources, including wind, solar energy and water, or which together with other facilities at the same site have a generating capacity equal to or less than 80 megawatts.

**"Waiver"** means the waiver of McDonough Power's obligation to purchase electricity from a QF and the waiver of the PPI's obligation to provide supplementary, back-up, maintenance, and interruptible power to a QF as approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) in the Order Granting Petition for Waiver, dated February 5, 1990, in FERC Docket No. IR-168-001.

**“Prairie Power, Inc.”** or **“PPI”** means Prairie Power, Inc., an Illinois not-for-profit corporation, or its successors in interest, which is an electric generation and transmission cooperative of which McDonough Power is a member and from which, by contract, McDonough Power obtains its wholesale supply of electricity.

**“Member”** means a Class A Member of PPI, which individually are Adams Electric Cooperative, Coles-Moultrie Electric Cooperative, Eastern Illini Electric Cooperative, Illinois Electric Cooperative, Jo-Carroll Energy Inc., McDonough Power Cooperative, Menard Electric Cooperative, Shelby Electric Cooperative, Spoon River Electric Cooperative, and Western Illinois Electrical Cooperative.

**“Members”** means one or more Member.

**“Generator Interconnection Agreement”** or **“GIA”** means an agreement and any associated procedures and processes, among PPI, the owner of a QF, McDonough Power, the member-consumer, and, the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO), all as applicable. The GIA shall be generally in the standard form developed by PPI or McDonough Power, governing the design, engineering, safe and reliable operations, procurement, construction, installation, ownership, operation, maintenance, facilities, metering, costs, cost recovery, and other matters related to the interconnection of the any electric generation facility to the electric transmission system of PPI or to the electric distribution system of McDonough Power consistent with the requirements of NERC Reliability Standard FAC-001.

### **III. APPLICABILITY**

This policy applies to a Qualifying Facility located in the service territory of McDonough Power. This policy does not apply to the delivery of electric energy by a member to the Cooperative from an eligible renewable electric generation facility where the member has elected to deliver such electric energy under PPI Policy #504 or McDonough Power Policy No. 421 or a Small DG under PPI Policy #510 or McDonough Power Policy No. 429

### **IV. PROVISIONS**

- A. Consistent with the joint integrated implementation by PPI, McDonough Power, and other Members to meet their respective obligations under PURPA, McDonough Power assents to the framework and processes set forth in PPI Policy No. 509 (Interconnection Policy for Co-generators and Small Power Producers under Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act (PURPA)), as that policy may be amended or revised from time to time. McDonough Power shall act in coordination with PPI in accordance with PPI Policy No. 509, to meet their respective obligations under PURPA, consistent with the Waiver.
- B. McDonough Power and PPI shall, in accordance with PPI Policy No. 509,

provide for the interconnection of a QF to McDonough Power's electric transmission or distribution system or PPI's electric transmission system. As set forth and designated in PPI Policy No. 509, such interconnection of a QF shall be in accordance with the applicable provisions and terms of:

1. The McDonough Power Agreement for Interconnection and any agreement entered into under that policy between McDonough Power and the QF; or
  2. A Generator Interconnection Agreement entered into among PPI, the QF, and such other parties as may be necessary or appropriate.
- C. Consistent with the Waiver and in accordance with the terms and conditions of PPI Policy No.509:
1. PPI shall purchase from the owner of the QF the electric energy and electric capacity (if any) supplied by the QF that McDonough Power would otherwise be required to purchase;
  2. McDonough Power shall not impose on the QF any duplicate charge or additional fees as a result of PPI's purchase of electric energy and electric capacity (if any) which would otherwise be purchased by McDonough Power;
  3. McDonough Power shall not impose on the QF any duplicate interconnection charges or charges for wheeling power to PPI across the lines of the Cooperative;
  4. McDonough Power shall make available to a QF located in its service territory supplementary, back-up, maintenance and interruptible power at rates determined by McDonough Power that are nondiscriminatory, just and reasonable, and in the public interest.
  5. No QF will be subject to duplicative interconnection charges or duplicative charges for Station Power from the Cooperative; and
  6. No QF interconnected directly with PPI will be required to build separate facilities to the Cooperative to receive Station Power.

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President and CEO

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Chairman of the Board

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