

Solar + Battery Systems



Customers installing energy storage systems (ESS) as part of their new rooftop solar application may notice that we now provide two different, but equally important, numbers to describe the size of their system. Batteries are no longer included in the calculation of program size; however, they are included in the technical review for the purpose of determining possible grid impacts.

Removing battery output from the program size provides greater flexibility for customers to develop a configuration that suits their personal situation.



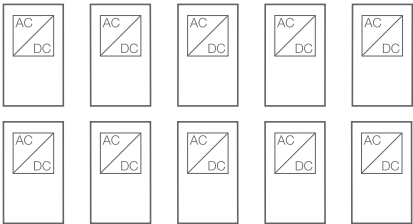
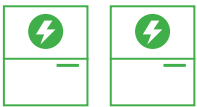
What does this mean?

Applications will have two sizes that serve two purposes:

1. Program Size: Used for determining program impact and the corresponding insurance requirement.
2. Technical System Size: Used for the technical review to determine impact on the circuit and utility grid and for determining prorated cost of system improvements (if needed).

The graphic below describes the difference using a very simple type of installation for demonstration purposes. Depending on the configuration, the actual method used to calculate technical system size may be different.

Here's an example* in calculating the different sizes:

 1 inverter = 5kW	 1 battery = 3kW
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1. Program Size:	2. Technical System Size:
10 inverters x 5kW/ea = 50kW	10 inverters x 5kW/ea = 50kW
(Note: Battery output not included.)	+ 2 batteries x 3kW/ea = 6kW
	<hr/> Total = 56kW

*The AC-coupled, coincident generation configuration as shown here is for demonstration purposes only. Calculation of technical system size may vary by configuration.



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