



FERC Qualifying Facility Status

A generating facility proposing to sell electricity to the City of Concord must be a "Qualifying Facility" as defined by the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 ("PURPA") and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") regulations implementing PURPA. A "Qualifying Facility" is one that meets certain federal guidelines and qualifies to receive avoided cost payments from the utility. Depending on the project, a customer may need to fill out FERC Form 556, which is available on the FERC website.

Projects 1 MW and smaller are no longer required to file an FERC Form 556 to obtain QF status as long as they meet the QF requirements. To determine if you are exempt from the requirement to file a Form 556 for your facility, based on the small size of your facility, download the Form 556 from the FERC website and complete section 7. If the value you obtain in line 7g is less than or equal to 1,000 KW, then your facility is exempt from the Form 556 filing requirement.

Although facilities 1 MW and smaller are exempt from the requirement to file, there is no prohibition against filing the Form No. 556 application either for self-certification or Commission certification for these facilities.

Facilities larger than 1 MW in size as defined by maximum net power production capacity must file a FERC Form No. 556 either as a self-certification (or self-recertification) or as an application for Commission certification.

Instructions for Obtaining FERC Qualifying Facility Status can also be found at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's website located at www.ferc.gov.