

Feed-In Tariff (FIT) Program

Program Overview



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Please refer to the FIT Rules, FIT Standard Definitions, and FIT Contract for terms and conditions applicable to the Program

References:

FIT Rules v. 2.1
Standard Definitions v. 2.1
FIT Contract v. 2.1

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SECTION 1: INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

The Feed-in Tariff (FIT) Program was enabled by the *Green Energy and Green Economy Act, 2009*. The Ontario Power Authority (OPA) is responsible for implementing the FIT Program.

Ontario's FIT Program is North America's first comprehensive guaranteed pricing structure for renewable electricity production. The program provides a way to contract for renewable energy generation. It includes standardized program rules, prices and contracts for anyone interested in developing a qualifying renewable energy project. Prices are designed to cover project costs and allow for a reasonable return on investment over the contract term.

Qualifying renewable technologies include biogas, renewable biomass, landfill gas, solar photovoltaic (PV), waterpower and windpower.

The FIT website, at <http://fit.powerauthority.on.ca/> contains all available information for those interested in the program. Please review the website before submitting an application.

An understanding of the following four documents is also essential before starting an application:

- FIT 2.1 Rules
- The most current price schedule
- FIT 2.1 Standard Definitions
- FIT 2.1 Contract

1.2 Purpose

The FIT Program overview is intended to provide potential applicants with a simplified version of the FIT Rules as well as guidelines for developing a renewable energy project under the FIT Program. Please note that the FIT Rules, Standard Definitions and Contract remain the legal requirements of the program and should be reviewed by all who are interested in participating in the program. If applicants decide to apply to the FIT Program, they should also consult the registration instructions (which will guide you through the registration process) and the application instructions (which will guide you through the process for completing and submitting an application form). Both of these documents can be found on the FIT website.

This document also provides an overview of the scope of the requirements for developing a renewable energy project under the FIT Program. It is not intended to provide a complete listing of all the requirements. You are responsible for ensuring the technical, regulatory and financial viability of your project BEFORE beginning the FIT Program application process. You should also investigate all of the requirements for owning and operating a renewable generating facility, including determining a business structure, obtaining

financing, securing connection capacity, assessing business income and property tax impacts and tracking costs and revenues. Consulting with experienced professionals and seeking legal advice prior to making a significant investment is strongly advised.

1.3 Program Review

The OPA will review the FIT program at regularly scheduled intervals in accordance with the FIT rules. The OPA will also conduct an annual price review in order to determine the appropriateness of the current pricing regime.

1.4 Confidentiality

Prospective applicants to the FIT Program should be aware that the information they provide to the OPA is subject to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (Ontario)* (FIPPA), and may become generally available to the public. Information that a FIT Program applicant considers to be commercially sensitive or otherwise confidential should be clearly marked as such, but may nevertheless be subject to FIPPA. The OPA’s privacy policy is available at <http://fit.powerauthority.on.ca/privacy-policy>.

SECTION 2: ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

2.1 Technology and Project Size

The FIT Program is open to a variety of applicant types, project sizes and renewable fuel types. The principal requirements are that your project be located in Ontario and be fueled by a renewable fuel source.

Qualifying renewable fuel sources include:

	Solar PV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ground-mounted • rooftop
	Wind	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • on-shore
	Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • naturally flowing water
	Bioenergy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • biogas (on- and off-farm) • renewable biomass • landfill gas

Waterpower projects must not be greater than 50 MW per project. Solar PV projects must not be greater than 10 MW per project.

2.2 Residential Land Use

The general rule is that ground-mounted solar projects are prohibited from being located on property on which residential is a lawfully permitted use or on property abutting another property on which residential is a lawfully permitted use.

The first exception to this rule is for properties on which agricultural use is lawfully permitted, where the residential lawfully permitted use is ancillary to that agricultural lawfully permitted use. To take advantage of this first exception both the project property and abutting properties must meet these requirements.

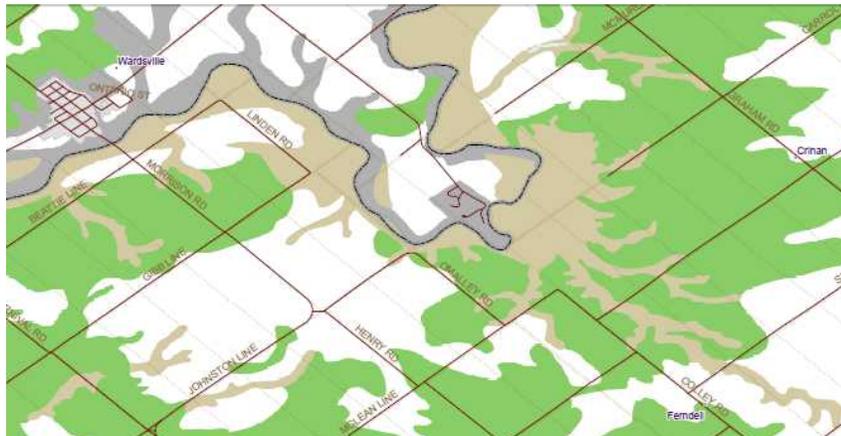
The second exception is for certain “rural” properties with multiple permitted primary uses where residential use is one such permitted primary use. To take advantage of this second exemption, project must adhere to certain setback requirements and visually screen the project from abutting residential properties, residences, and open road allowances.

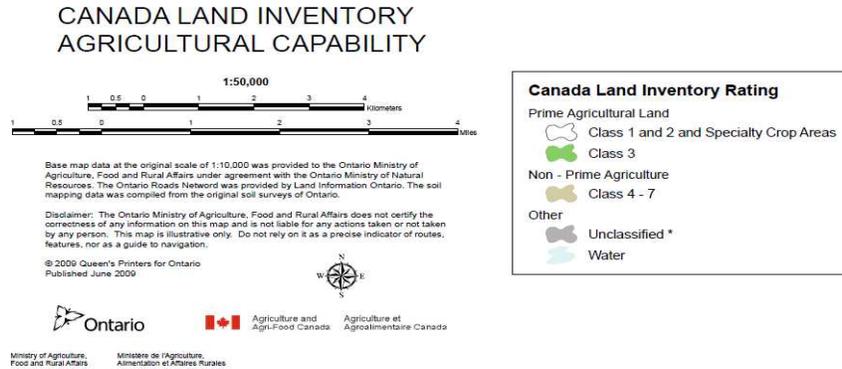
2.3 Commercial and Industrial Land Use

Ground-mounted solar projects are prohibited from being located on property on which commercial or industrial use is lawfully permitted if the project is the primary, main, or only use of the property. If the project is the secondary use of the property, the project would be permitted.

2.4 Agricultural Land

There are seven classes to rate agricultural land capability in Canada. Class 1 lands have the highest capability and Class 7 lands the lowest capability to support agricultural activities.





In general, ground-mounted solar projects must not be located on:

- Canada Land Inventory (CLI) Class 1, 2, or 3 Lands for agriculture
- Specialty Crop Areas
- CLI Organic Land

If locating on a property containing a mix of soils (e.g., some Class 1–3 and some Class 4–7), a soils study and a soil peer review process must be completed to accurately determine the Class 4–7 portion of the property available for a project.

However, ground-mounted solar projects can be located on CLI Class 1, 2, or 3 Lands if the site is entirely located on:

- an airport or aerodrome as indicated on all Local Municipal official plans in effect in each Local Municipality in which the Site is located;
- a closed landfill as indicated on all Local Municipal official plans in effect in each Local Municipality in which the Site is located;
- a federal military installation as indicated on all Local Municipal official plans in effect in each Local Municipality in which the Site is located;
- a Contaminated Property;
- a Property in respect of which: (I) industrial uses are Lawfully Permitted Uses; (II), such Property is being used for industrial uses; and (III) the Non-Rooftop Solar project would not constitute the Principal Use of such Property; or
- in the case of CLI Class 3 Lands, a Property that is owned by a Municipality.

2.5 Multiple Projects on One Property

Multiple FIT projects located on the same property are permitted in certain situations:

- multiple FIT projects will be permitted on a single property if they are for different renewable fuels; and
- multiple FIT projects will be permitted on a single property if they are of the same renewable fuel, provided that the combined capacity of all projects on the property is used to determine the contract price if they are submitted during the same application period. If the applications are submitted during different application periods, the first project must have reached commercial operation before the second application is submitted.

A FIT project will not be permitted on the same property as a microFIT project if both projects use the same renewable fuel.

2.6 Connection Line Distance

All projects, other than waterpower projects, may not be located farther than 50 km from their proposed connection point to the distribution or transmission system, as the case may be. A project must also not be configured for the purposes of avoiding this requirement.

2.7 Guidelines on Rooftop Solar PV

Rooftop solar PV prices are intended to encourage the development of solar PV projects on **existing permanent buildings**, such as schools, commercial buildings, condominiums and small businesses that have walls, a roof and a permanent foundation.

To qualify as a rooftop facility, the OPA must be satisfied that the building on which the solar PV project is located on is an appropriate type of building and that the primary intent of the building is not to support a solar installation. The building must also have been existing at the time the FIT application was submitted.

Projects located on buildings and structures such as steel storage containers and parking lot shelters do not qualify as rooftop facilities. Projects located on buildings or structures that do not qualify as a rooftop facility are encouraged to submit an application as a ground-mounted project.

2.8 Priority Points

All projects must have at least one whole priority point to be eligible to participate in the FIT Program. Please refer to Section 4 of this document for more information on prioritization and priority points.

Sections 2 and 3 of the FIT Rules contain the full details of the eligibility and evidence requirements. Please review them closely to ensure that your project is eligible to apply. Questions concerning these eligibility requirements should be directed to FIT@powerauthority.on.ca

SECTION 3: DOMESTIC CONTENT REQUIREMENTS

3.1 Domestic Content Tables (Exhibit C)

The FIT contract requires wind projects greater than 10 kW and all solar projects to include a minimum amount of goods and services that come from Ontario. The minimum requirements are:

- 50% for wind projects greater than 10 kW
- 60% for all solar projects

Projects 10 kW or less should refer to the microFIT Program website for details on the domestic requirements for these projects at microFIT.powerauthority.on.ca.

3.2 Domestic Content Plan

When applying to the FIT Program, you do not have to know which specific designated activities will count towards meeting your domestic content requirements. However, if you receive a FIT contract you will have to submit a domestic content plan, in the prescribed form, that outlines how you expect to meet the domestic content requirements when you make a notice to proceed request.

3.3 Domestic Content Report

Within 60 days after achieving commercial operation, you are required to submit a report outlining how your project has actually achieved the required domestic content level.

SECTION 4: PRIORITY POINTS AND PRIORITIZED PROJECTS

Certain types of projects will be able to either apply as CCSA eligible projects and/or apply to receive priority points for the purposes of the FIT program. CCSA eligible projects and projects with a higher number of priority points will be screened for available capacity first subject to the available contract capacity set-asides and procurement targets.

4.1 Priority Points Table

The priority points table below shows which types of projects will be eligible to receive priority points under the FIT Program. Applicants should consult the FIT Rules and Standard Definitions to fully understand the requirements for applying for these points.

PROJECT TYPE	PRIORITY POINTS
Community Participation Project	3
Aboriginal Participation Project	3
Education or Health Participation Project	2
NON-PROJECT TYPE	PRIORITY POINTS
Municipal Council Support	2
Aboriginal Support	2
Project Readiness	1
Pre-Existing Application Time Stamp is on or prior to July 4, 2011	1
Pre-Existing Application Time Stamp is on or after July 5, 2011	0.5
Education or Health Host	2
System Benefit	1

If there is a tie amongst applications that have the same number of priority points, the applications timestamp will be used as a tie breaker. Applicants should consult Section 6 of the FIT Rules for further information on priority points.

Project type priority points cannot be combined with other points from the project type category. i.e. a project cannot receive community participation points as well as Aboriginal participation points. Project type priority points can be combined with points from the non-project type category, with some restrictions. For example, a project receiving points for being an Aboriginal participation project cannot also receive points for having Aboriginal support from an Aboriginal community that has an economic interest in the applicant. As well, a project receiving points for being an education or health participation project cannot receive points for being an education or health host.

4.2 Contract Capacity Set-Aside Projects

A CCSA eligible project is either an Aboriginal participation project with a participation level of greater than 50%, or, a community participation project with a participation level of greater than 50% from a co-op with at least 50 members who own property within the municipality where the project is located.

These projects will be prioritized above all others in regards to screening for connection capacity subject to contract capacity set-asides and procurement targets.

4.3 Additional Provisions for Aboriginal and Community Participation Projects

The FIT Program contains four provisions designed to encourage the development of projects with Aboriginal or community participation:

- CCSAs (Contract Capacity Set-Asides)
- priority points
- reduced security payments
- an additional price incentive called a “price adder”

4.4 Reduced Security Payments

Three security payments are required under the FIT Program (see further in section 6 of this document):

- at the time of application
- at the time of contract issuance
- following issuance of a notice to proceed

For projects controlled by an Aboriginal group or a community (i.e., with a greater than 50% participation level), security payments are reduced to \$5 per kW, regardless of the type of renewable energy the project uses. These projects can also be designated as Contract Capacity Set-Aside projects to be screened for connection capacity before all other projects.

Projects that have less than a 50% participation level are not eligible for reduced security payments. They are eligible for additional price incentives and priority points.

4.5 Additional Price Incentives (Price Adders)

The FIT price schedule includes provisions for projects that have different levels of economic interest by Aboriginal or community proponents. This means that, depending on the level of equity ownership, these projects will receive a price adder in addition to the FIT contract price.

The following table shows the maximum level of the Aboriginal and community price adders a project could receive in addition to the contract price.

	Aboriginal Participation Adder		Community Participation Adder	
Participation level (Equity)	>50%	>15% ≤50%	>50%	>15% ≤50%
Price Adder (¢/kWh)	1.5	0.75	1.0	0.5

Note: The above table applies to all FIT project sizes and all technologies except rooftop solar.

Examples:

A 10 MW wind project with an Aboriginal participation level greater than 50% would be eligible to receive the FIT contract price of 13.5 cents/kWh plus an additional 1.5 cents/kWh. This means that the total contract price would be 15 cents/kWh for this project.

A 500 kW ground-mount solar project with a community participation level of 20% would be eligible to receive the FIT contract price of 38.8 cents/kWh plus an additional 0.5 cents/kWh. This means the total contract price would be 39.3 cents/kWh.

SECTION 5: PRICE SCHEDULE

5.1 FIT Rates

The FIT Price Schedule has been set to reflect the cost of developing renewable energy projects in Ontario. FIT prices are meant to allow developers to recover the costs of a project, while still earning a reasonable rate of return on the equity they invest into the project.

Fuel	Project Size Tranche	Price (¢/kWh)	Escalation Percentage**
Solar Rooftop	≤10 kW	54.9	0%
	>10 kW ≤100 kW	54.8	0%
	>100 kW ≤500 kW	53.9	0%
	>500 kW	48.7	0%
Solar Groundmount	≤10 kW	44.5	0%
	>10 kW ≤500 kW	38.8	0%
	>500 kW ≤5 MW	35.0	0%
	>5 MW	34.7	0%
Wind	All Sizes	11.5	20%
Water	≤10 MW	13.1*	20%
	>10 MW ≤50 MW	12.2*	20%
Renewable Biomass	≤10 MW	13.8*	50%
	>10 MW	13.0*	50%
Biogas on Farm	≤100 kW	19.5*	50%
	>100 kW ≤250 kW	18.5*	50%
Biogas	≤500 kW	16.0*	50%
	>500 kW ≤10 MW	14.7*	50%
	>10 MW	10.4*	50%
Landfill Gas	≤10 MW	11.1*	50%
	>10 MW	10.3*	50%

*Peak production factor applies.

**Escalation Percentage based on the Consumer Price Index will be applied to eligible Renewable Fuels as calculated in the FIT Contract. The Base Date is January 1 of the year in which the project achieves commercial operation, unless the project achieves commercial operation in October, November, or December, in which case the Base Date is January 1 of the following year.

5.2 Incenting Peak Production

Technologies that are not intermittent (i.e., dispatchable) are encouraged to shift production to peak periods when the electricity is most needed.

Application of the peak performance factor will result in higher payments during peak hours and lower payments during off-peak hours.

Projects that use renewable biomass, biogas, landfill gas or waterpower as their renewable fuel will be paid a rate that is 35% higher from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on business days and a rate that is 10% lower during off-peak hours (including weekends), meaning projects will earn the posted FIT price multiplied by:

- 1.35 for peak periods
- 0.9 for off-peak periods

Projects that operate 24 hours a day, every day of the year will earn the same total revenue as they would if they had earned the posted FIT price.

SECTION 6: FEES AND SECURITIES

Several payments are due to the OPA at various stages of the application and contracting processes. The table below summarizes the fees and security payments. You should review these requirements in the FIT Rules and contract before participating in the FIT Program.

Stage	Fee/Security Due	Details
Application	<p>Application Fee:</p> <p>The greater of:</p> <p>\$0.50 per kW, subject to a maximum of \$5,000; and a minimum of \$500</p> <p>Application Security:</p> <p>The greater of:</p> <p>\$1000; and</p> <p>Either: \$20 per kW for solar projects; \$10 per kW for all other technologies</p> <p>\$5 per kW for community-based or Aboriginal projects with greater than 50% participation levels</p>	<p>The application fee and security must be submitted with the hard-copy submission of the application.</p> <p>The application fee is non-refundable.</p> <p>The application security will be returned if a project is offered a contract, once the initial completion and performance security has been submitted to the OPA.</p> <p>The application security can only be submitted as a standby letter of credit if it is for an amount greater than \$10,000.</p>
Contract Execution	<p>First Completion and Performance Security:</p> <p>\$50 per kW for solar projects; \$20 per kW for all other technologies; or \$5 per kW for community-based or Aboriginal projects with greater than 50% participation levels</p>	<p>Due within 20 days of contract offer.</p> <p>The first completion and performance security will be returned once the project reaches commercial operation.</p>
Notice to Proceed	<p>Second Completion and Performance Security:</p> <p>\$25 per kW for solar projects; \$10 per kW for all other technologies; or \$5 per kW for community-based or Aboriginal projects with greater than 50% participation levels</p>	<p>Due within 30 days of notice to proceed.</p> <p>The second and first completion and performance securities will be returned once the project reaches commercial operation.</p>
Commercial Operation	<p>No new security needed in most cases.</p>	<p>Second and first completion and performance securities returned.</p>

Security payments can only be submitted to the OPA in the following forms;

- certified cheque
- bank draft
- irrevocable and unconditional standby letter of credit issued by a financial institution listed in either Schedule I or II of the Bank Act (Canada), or other financial institution with a minimum credit rating of one of the following:
 - i. A- with S&P
 - ii. A3 with Moody's
 - iii. A low with DBRS
 - iv. A with Fitch IBCA

SECTION 7: CONNECTION INFORMATION

Please note that projects connected behind-the-meter or in-series are not currently permitted under the FIT Program.

A Transmission Availability Table is available on the FIT website to provide you with a general indication of the electricity system's ability to accommodate new renewable generation projects. The table is intended as a guide to facilitate the planning of projects of FIT applicants.

Before beginning the application process, you should also contact the local distribution company and/or transmitter in the location of your project to discuss your project-specific connection information. The information would include the necessary details to complete the FIT application form, the availability of the distribution system and/or transmission system infrastructure to accommodate the project, and options for connecting the project to the system. During your discussion, you should also review the potential connection costs for which you will be responsible.

Please note that availability indicated by the local distribution company and/or transmitter does not guarantee a FIT contract. The Transmission Availability Test and Distribution Availability Test carried out under the FIT process ultimately determine whether a FIT contract would be offered. Please see Section 7 for additional details.

Please note that you must not have an existing connection impact assessment, system impact assessment or customer impact assessment when you apply to the FIT Program. You must rescind any impact assessment that you have before applying to the program.

The FIT Application Form and FIT Application Instructions are posted on the FIT website for your review.

SECTION 8: CONNECTION AVAILABILITY SCREENING

Part of the application review process is to screen applications for their impacts on the relevant transmission and distribution systems. Valid applications will undergo connection availability screening; those that pass will be offered a contract provided that the procurement targets for the application period have not yet been reached.

Both small and large FIT projects will be required to undergo connection availability screening. The OPA will use the Transmission Availability Test (TAT) and the Distribution Availability Test (DAT) in the connection availability screening, as described below. Only those applications that pass both the TAT and the DAT will be eligible for a FIT contract.

8.1 Transmission Availability Test

In TAT, applications will be assessed, in sequential order based on a prioritized sequence determined under the application review process.

TAT considers:

- all prior OPA contracts,
- system capacity allocated to other OPA programs (such as microFIT Program);
- any other generation facilities that are existing, committed or are the subject of a ministerial direction, and;

8.2 Distribution Availability Test

Distribution connected applications that pass TAT are subjected to DAT. DAT determines the impact of the project on the distribution system and it is carried out by the local distribution company.

SECTION 9: CONTRACT AND MILESTONES

9.1 Contract Offer and Acceptance

Contract Offer

Once the OPA determines that a FIT Application has met the relevant eligibility requirements and has passed the OPA's TAT and DAT connection availability screening, the Applicant will be sent a FIT Contract Offer Notice. Only those FIT Applications that meet the eligibility requirements and pass both the TAT and the DAT will be eligible for a FIT Contract.

Upon receipt of the Contract Offer Notice, the Applicant will be required to fulfill a number of milestones pertaining to the FIT Contract, including:

- Contract Acceptance
- Notice to Proceed
- Commercial Operation (COD)

These milestones are briefly summarized below, however, please review the FIT Contract for more details as well as more information on other contract issues and contract management obligations.

Contract Acceptance

The Applicant will have 20 Business Days from the issuance of the Contract Offer Notice by the OPA to accept the FIT Contract by submitting the executed FIT Contract, the required completion and performance security payment and any other required documentation.

Once the Applicant has submitted their executed FIT Contract along with the other required documents, and the Contract has in turn been executed by the OPA, the Applicant will become a FIT Supplier and become bound by the terms of the FIT Contract.

If the FIT Contract is not accepted within the required timeframe, the FIT Application shall be deemed to have been withdrawn and the FIT Contract Offer Notice shall be revoked.

9.2 Contract Milestones

By accepting the FIT Contract Offer and executing the FIT Contract, the Supplier agrees to perform the obligations as set out therein. These obligations include, but are not limited to, the following milestones:

- Impact Assessments
- Licences and Approvals
- Notice to Proceed
- Commercial Operation

Each of these milestones is a crucial step in the successful development of a FIT Contract Facility and must be performed in accordance with the FIT Contract.

Impact Assessments

All FIT projects are required to obtain an impact assessment from the applicable local distribution company or transmitter.

- Projects connected to the distribution system must obtain a Connection Impact Assessment.
- Projects connected to the transmission system must obtain a Customer Impact Assessment and a System Impact Assessment.

The impact assessment and associated material will clearly identify requirements, costs and timelines for the connection of the project.

An application for an impact assessment can only be made **after** a FIT Contract has been issued.

Licences and Approvals

A number of licences and approvals may be required to complete the project. Please note that it is the Supplier's responsibility to ensure the project complies with all laws, regulations, codes, permits, etc., with respect to zoning, safety and other matters.

By executing the FIT Contract, the Supplier acknowledges that it has made all due inquiry into requirements to obtain any applicable approvals, including Renewable Energy Approvals and other equivalent environmental approvals and assessments. The table below will help guide you to the appropriate ministry or agency for common approvals.

Requirement	Ministry/Agency	Details
Environmental assessment	Ministry of the Environment www.ene.gov.on.ca Ministry of Natural Resources www.mnr.gov.on.ca Renewable Energy Facilitation Office www.ontario.ca/renewableenergyprojects Ontario Waterpower Association www.owa.ca	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renewable Energy Approval (REA) may be required for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Non-Rooftop Solar Projects ○ On-Shore Wind Projects ○ Bioenergy Projects • Environmental Activity and Sector Registry posting may be available for certain sizes of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Non-Rooftop Solar Projects ○ Bioenergy Projects • Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) may be required for waterpower projects
Generating licence	Ontario Energy Board www.oeb.gov.on.ca	A generating licence is required for all projects greater than 500 kW.
Safety inspection	Electrical Safety Authority www.esainspection.net	A safety inspection is required for all projects.
Municipal building permits	Requirements vary for each municipality. Contact your municipality for more details.	

Notice to Proceed (NTP)

All Suppliers are required to submit a Notice to Proceed (NTP) request to the OPA once a number of prerequisites have been met.

A Supplier may request NTP from the OPA as soon as it is able to submit evidence that the NTP prerequisites have been met, however, the request must be submitted to the OPA no later than 3 months prior to the Milestone Date for Commercial Operation for Small FIT Projects and no later than 6 months prior to the Milestone Date for Commercial Operation for Large FIT Projects

The NTP request must include:

- NTP Request form
- financing plan
- evidence of the completed environmental assessment/approval (if applicable)
- domestic content plan (applicable for solar PV and wind projects only)
- evidence of a completed impact assessment which has resulted in the LDC granting capacity allocation.

The Incremental NTP Security payment must be submitted to the OPA within 30 days after the NTP has been issued.

Commercial Operation

All projects are required to be completed within a certain timeframe which varies according to each renewable technology. This timeframe, described as the Milestone Date for Commercial Operation, is specified on the FIT Contract Cover Page. The Milestone Date for Commercial Operation for each renewable technology is as follows:

- 18 months following the Contract Date for Rooftop Solar projects
- 3 years following the Contract Date for On-Shore Wind projects, Non-Rooftop Solar projects, bioenergy projects, and Rooftop Solar projects that are a part of a Rooftop Portfolio
- 5 years following the Contract Date for waterpower projects.

Once construction has been completed and the project has been successfully connected to the grid, the Supplier must submit a declaration of commercial operation to the OPA for review and approval before the FIT generation payments can begin.

In this submission, the Supplier must provide the relevant prescribed forms, including:

- Supplier's Certificate RE: Commercial Operation
- Independent Engineer's Certificate RE: Commercial Operation
- "As-Built" single-line electrical drawing that identifies the connection point, transmission and distribution facilities
- Metering Plan or relevant meter data

In addition, if the project is a Rooftop Solar, Non-Rooftop Solar or On-Shore Wind project, the Supplier must submit to the OPA a completed Domestic Content Report within 90 days of the commercial operation date. This provides evidence to the OPA of how the project has met the applicable domestic content requirements.

9.3 Contract Provisions

The FIT Contract is entered into between the OPA and the Supplier. The Contract sets out project-specific information, milestones to reach commercial operation and the Contract holder's rights and obligations. Some of these rights and obligations are described below.

- The Contract Term runs for a period of 20 years (40 years for waterpower projects).
- The Contract describes the project including its location, renewable fuel type, size of the Contract Facility and the project capacity.
- The OPA will own all related products generated from the project, such as any environmental attributes.
- The Supplier will receive payment for the electricity the project delivers to the electricity system, but will not be penalized for not generating electricity. However, the OPA may terminate a Contract if a project does not generate electricity for two consecutive years.
- The Supplier is responsible for complying with all applicable laws, regulations, licences and permits.
- The Contract may be terminated if information in the FIT Application is found at any time to be inaccurate in a material respect.
- **For projects that are connected to the distribution system**, the local distribution company will make payments to the proponent on a regular basis according to the normal billing cycle of the local distribution company.
- For projects that are connected directly to the high-voltage transmission system, the OPA will make payments to the proponents on a regular basis.

SECTION 10: CONTACT US

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