

WHEN IS A SOLAR PROJECT “GRANDFATHERED?”

Every energy project that wants to tie into the power grid must conduct a series of studies as part of PJM’s interconnection process. This helps ensure the project can plug into the electric grid safely and without disruption.

The legislature recognized that lengthy process by including a transition period to Senate Bill 52 before it is fully implemented. The law allows solar projects already in the pipeline to be “grandfathered” and not subject to the law’s conditions.



Tier 1: Completely grandfathered projects

Exempt from all Senate Bill 52 (SB 52) provisions. Completely grandfathered projects have received:

System impact study from PJM by Oct. 11, 2021,
Paid the PJM application fee by Oct. 11, 2021, and
OPSB Letter of Completeness by Oct. 11, 2021.



Tier 2: Partially grandfathered projects

Exempt from SB 52 except for the addition of ad hoc board members to represent the local community. Partially grandfathered projects have received:

System impact study from PJM by Oct. 11, 2021, and
Paid PJM fees by Oct. 11, 2021.
Have **not** received the OPSB Letter of Completeness by Oct. 11, 2021.



Tier 3: Full implementation of Senate Bill 52

Projects will first go to the county commissioners for approval before heading to the OPSB. Will include ad hoc board members and may have areas in the county restricted from solar development.

Projects that are completely subject to SB 52 have **not**:

Received system impact study from PJM by Oct. 11, 2021,
Paid PJM fees by Oct. 11, 2021, or
Received the OPSB Letter of Completeness by Oct. 11, 2021.



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