

A1-3: AER Network Exemption for Citipower/Powercor

This guide explains how to register a network exemption with the Australian Energy Regulator to ensure compliance with Citipower/Powercor requirements for interconnection.

This form should be completed on behalf of the Owners Corporation (if a strata-titled building) or the Building Owner (if the entire building is owned by one entity). Ensure you have permission from the Owners Corporation (permission can be secured via the Strata Manager) or the Building Owner before completing this form on their behalf.

1. Access the application form at <https://www.aer.gov.au/forms/exemption-registration-application>
2. Check the “Network Owner” box. This is selected as the OC/Building Owner will own the SolShare and therefore the asset distributing solar electricity.

Registering as: *

☐ Seller ?

☒ Network owner ?

☐ Network controller/operator ?

☐ Exempt dedicated connection asset service provider ?

3. Select the applicable Network Exemption Class & Activity. In most cases this will be NR2 (for apartment buildings with 10 or more apartments). NR1 applies for commercial buildings with 10 or more shops/offices.

Network exemption classes and activities:*

☐ **NR1** Persons supplying metered or unmetered energy to ten or more small commercial/retail customers within the limits of a site that they own, occupy or operate. Additionally, persons that have appointed an Embedded Network Manager who would otherwise meet the ND1 class activity description.

☒ **NR2** Persons supplying metered or unmetered energy to ten or more residential customers within the limits of a site that they own, occupy or operate. Additionally, persons that have appointed an Embedded Network Manager who would otherwise meet the ND2 class activity description.

☐ **NR3** Retirement villages supplying metered or unmetered energy to residential customers within the limits of a site that they own, occupy or operate.

☐ **NR4** Persons supplying metered or unmetered energy in caravan parks, holiday parks, residential land lease parks and manufactured home estates to residents who principally reside there.

4. Enter the Registrant details. The Registrant is the OC or the Building Owner. In the case of an OC, the details will be as follows:
 - Legal name will be the OC plan number.
 - The OC will have an Australian Business Number (ask the Strata Manager what the ABN is).
 - For “Normal business activity”, note that the Registrant is an Owner Corporation for the apartment building, and the OC will own a rooftop solar PV installation which will be connected to all the apartments in the building.
 - Add the Strata Manager’s postal address under “Registered postal address”.

Exemption registrants

Multiple registrants can only be registered for network exemptions. For retail exemptions, only one registrant is permitted (the person who sells energy to customers within the site is the person eligible for the exemption).

Registrants *

Registrant 1

Legal name: * ?

(This information will be included on the AER's public register)

Trading name/Location name: ?

If different to legal name (This information will be included on the AER's public register)

ACN/ABN: * ?

ABN preferred (This information will be included on the AER's public register)

Normal business activity: * ?

Registered postal address: ?

5. Under Authorised Representative, and your (the SolShare Installation Partner) details. The AER will contact you if they have any questions about this exemption application. Please contact Allume Energy at interconnections@allumeenergy.com.au if there are any issues raised by the AER and we can assist.

Authorised representative

The authorised representative will be the point of contact should the AER seek further information on the exempt network/site.

Please enter all fields

Title:

Surname: *

Given name: *

Position: *

(In organisation)

Organisation: *

Contact no: *

Address: *

Email: *

6. Under “Private network/selling description” insert the details of the building on which the rooftop solar and SolShare will be installed. For “Location name”, insert the name of the apartment building complex (if it has one).

Private network/selling description

Location of network/site

Location name

e.g. a place of business, venue, meeting point

Street *

Additional

City *

State/Province *

Select

Postal code *

Country *

Australia

7. Under “Network activity (or PPA description)”, write:
“This exemption application is for the installation of a behind-the-meter shared solar installation across multiple NMIs. There will be no sale of energy of any kind. There will be distribution of solar electricity to multiple NMIs from the same embedded generation asset.”
8. For the commencement date, select the expected date of energisation of the rooftop solar.

Network/site activity (or PPA description): *

(This information will be included on the AER's public register)

Commencement date *

Date *

09/05/2022

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e.g. 09/05/2022

9. Under Part B – Customer Details, list the number of premises on site.

Number of premises at site

Enter number of premises for each customer type. *

This could be, for example, the number of long-stay caravan sites, apartments, shops, stalls or retirement units within the site.

For class R8 provide estimated figures for the total number of customers you expect to gain over the next three years.

NB: The AER does not need to be informed of changes in customer numbers unless the changes are such that a new exemption is required.

Residential customers:*

Small business customers:*

Large business customers:*

10. Under “Further details”, you will need to indicate whether any customers onsite have any powered life support systems. **You must check with the Strata Manager or the Building Owner as to whether any residents/occupants on site have powered life support equipment.** If they do, please contact Allume Energy at interconnections@allumeenergy.com.au. Otherwise, select ‘No’.

For the question “Do you purchase energy from a retailer”, select ‘no’.

Further details

Do you have, or expect to have, customers reliant on any energy powered life support equipment?:

☐ Yes

☒ No

Do you purchase energy from a retailer?:

☐ Yes

☒ No

11. Under Registrable Network Exemption, select the toggle switches and check boxes as indicated below for the first three questions. For the Network Conversion question, select Greenfield site if it is a new property development, otherwise select “retrofitted” if this is for an existing property.
12. For the Parent/Gate Meter NMI, enter the NMI for the common light & power meter. If there is no common light & power meter, enter an NMI for any other connection on site.

Part C - Registrable Network Exemption

If you sell energy to customers within the network you may require a [retail exemption](#)

Are the network activities industrial or commercial in nature?:

☐ Yes

☒ No

What is the applicable charging group?:

☐ Group A/B (Small and Large customers)

☐ Group C (mutually agreed arrangement - Large customers only)

☒ Group E

Do you currently hold, or have you applied for, in any state or territory, one (or both) of the following?:

☐ A distribution/transmission network licence

☐ An exemption from holding a licence

☒ Not applicable

Network conversion*

☐ This is a greenfield site (has not been retrofitted)

☐ This site has been/will be retrofitted

The National Meter Identifier (NMI) for your site network's main meter (often referred to as the 'parent' or 'gate' meter), can be found on the bill you receive from the energy retailer from who you purchase the site's bulk electricity supply.

Parent/Gate meter NMI *

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Content limited to 11 characters, remaining: 11

Add another NMI

13. For the declaration by person registering for an exemption, select the toggle and check box as indicated below and then click submit.

Additional comments

Please provide any additional information or comments that may assist the AER in the processing of your registration:

Declaration by person registering for exemption

Declaration person: *

☒ Same as authorised representative; OR

☐ Other

☒ I confirm that I am authorised to represent the above business, as shown in Section A of the registration form to register for a network exemption under clause 2.5.1 of the National Electricity Rules and/or a retail exemption under the National Energy Retail Law.

I also understand it is an offence to provide false or misleading information (or omitting to provide relevant information) to a Commonwealth entity under section 137.1 of the Criminal Code Act 1995 (Cth). *

Submit

If you have any questions about this process, please contact Allume Energy at interconnections@allumeenergy.com.au