

SURGE Compliance Webinar

Q&A Document

The following document contains questions asked during the SURGE Webinar on 3/25/25.

- To access the webinar PPT slides, click here: [CPUC SURGE Webinar Slides 03.25.25](#)
- To access the webinar recording, click here: [SURGE Webinar: What is AB 2143 / PUC 769.2? How to Stay Compliant 03.25.25](#)
- Other Video Resources:
 - [SURGE Compliance Portal: Contractor Registration](#)
 - [SURGE Compliance Portal: Project Registration](#)
 - [SURGE Compliance Portal: Payroll Submission](#)

Upcoming Events

Click here to view a list of DIR events: [Support Center \(ca.gov\)](#)

SURGE Reminders:

JULY 1ST DEADLINE ALERT: Contractors with a project that began after December 31, 2023, are subject to prevailing wage requirements and must upload copies of Certified Payroll Reports no later than **July 1, 2025**. Failure to meet this deadline may result in interconnection application processing delays.

Click here to register/submit copies of certified payroll reports: [SURGE Compliance Portal](#)

Disclaimer

The information provided in this Q&A document is for general informational purposes only and does not constitute legal advice of Assembly Bill 2143 (AB 2143) or Public Utilities Code Section 769.2 (PUC §769.2). Contractors and stakeholders are responsible for ensuring their own compliance with all applicable laws and regulations. The SURGE initiative is directed by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to provide education and resources to support contractor understanding of prevailing wage compliance.

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March 25th Webinar

Applicability

Q: Does AB 2143 apply to Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) projects?

A: Yes. There is no exemption for any specific type of financing agreement under AB 2143.

Q: If I have a solar project that falls under the the AB 2143 guidelines, but does not fall under the previous "Public Works" laws, do I need to submit certified payroll to both DIR and SURGE, or only SURGE?

A: If you have a project that is subject to AB 2143, that project is now considered a Public Work. Therefore, you are required to submit your eCPRs to the Labor Commissioner on a monthly basis while the project is ongoing under Labor Code Section 1771.4 (3) (A) (i) (ii)). In addition, you are also required to submit your A-1-131 Certified Payrolls to the California Public Utilities Commission (via the SURGE portal) bi-annually by July 1 and December 31 of each year under Public Utilities Code Section 769.2 (b) (3).

https://www.dir.ca.gov/oprl/FAQ_PrevailingWage.html

[California Code, LAB 1771.4](#)

[AB2143/Public Utilities Code 769.2](#)

Q: Is it correct that if you have a SURGE project that you do not have to submit on DIR as long as it is not public funds?

A: No. None of these AB 2143 projects are publicly funded; however, under the bill, they are *now deemed as Public Works projects* due to the Net Energy Metering Tariff. Therefore, you are required to submit your eCPRs to the Labor Commissioner on a monthly basis while the project is ongoing under Labor Code Section 1771.4 (3) (A) (i) (ii)). In addition, you are also required to submit your A-1-131 Certified Payrolls to the California Public Utilities Commission (via the SURGE portal) bi-annually by July 1 and December 31 of each year under Public Utilities Code Section 769.2 (b) (3).

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[California Code, LAB 1771.4](#)

[AB2143/Public Utilities Code 769.2](#)

Q: Does AB 2143 ONLY apply to Investor Owned Utilities (IOUs)?

A: Generally, yes. If a customer is part of a municipal utility, they will generally not be able to access the tariffs under PUC 2827.1, so AB 2143 will not apply to their projects. If a customer is part of a

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small multi-jurisdictional utility like Liberty Utilities, Bear Valley Electric Service, or PacifiCorp, the CPUC's understanding is that AB 2143 will not apply to their projects. If you are unsure, it's best to check with the utility.

Q: All of our projects are commercial and are public works under previously existing law. We submit reports on registered projects to DIR. As I understand it, we are not required to report to SURGE or to register the project as they are done under DIR. Is this correct?

A: Yes, that is correct. If your project is *already a Public Work* under Labor Code Section 1720-1720.9, then your project is exempted from AB2143/PUC 769.2 requirements (meaning you do not need to register with SURGE or submit your Certified Payrolls through the SURGE portal).

[California Code, LAB 1720.](#)

Certified Payroll Submission

Q: Do we submit CP Reports to the DIR *and* SURGE?

A: Yes, payrolls must be submitted both to the DIR through the eCPR system and separately to CPUC SURGE through the SURGE Compliance Portal. The requirement for contractors to furnish their Electronic Certified Payroll Reports (eCPRS) to the Labor Commissioner can be found under Labor Code Section 1771.4 (3) (A) (i) (ii) and the requirement for contractors to submit their Certified Payroll Reports to the CPUC (via the SURGE Portal) can be found under Public Utilities Code Section 769.2 (b) (3).

Q: It was stated that the CPRs are uploaded twice a year July and December, are we or our contractors able to upload their CPRs weekly/monthly as they would do on the DIR CPRs?

A: Yes, contractors and subcontractors can submit certified payroll records to SURGE on a regular schedule, such as monthly or quarterly. We encourage you to upload your records to the SURGE Compliance Portal at the same time you submit them to DIR to ensure compliance.

Q: Can we have more than one employee on our company SURGE account, or will we have to use one login for access to our SURGE projects?

A: Currently, our portal only allows for one login. If you have multiple people within your company that will need to have access, we recommend creating a shared email address for your company. Please ensure that you use an email that is checked daily for any updates from SURGE to ensure no correspondence is missed.

Q: Are you going to do a demo in SURGE on how to submit payroll?

A: Please visit the SURGE Certified Payroll Submission Walkthrough here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WKiZIKzkuu0>

Department of Industrial Relations (DIR)

Q: Do you have a list of trades to be used/selected (for each county) to assist contractors that are now subject to public works? Do you have a list of what work falls under electricians and what falls under laborers?

A: The list of trades and the Scopes of Work for each trade are posted on the DIR's website under the [Director's General Prevailing Wage Determinations](#). To determine the correct wage determination to use, you will need to know the Bid Advertisement Date (or contract execution date) and the location of your project. Depending on when the project was advertised for bid (or when the general contract was executed), the project will fall under one of two wage determinations for each year (I.E. 2024-1 or 2024-2). The DIR posts the new wage determinations each year on February 22 and August 22, and they go into effect 10 days after. To access previous wage determinations, you can go to "Superseded Prevailing Wage Determinations". Residential wage determinations are also posted separately.

Once you determine the correct wage determination for your project, the list of trades will either be found in "Statewide (Step 1)", "Northern California (Step 2)", "Southern California (Step 3)" or "County Determinations (Subtrades) (Step 4)". The Scopes of Work will be posted with each determination. It is also recommended to review the Shift Differential Pay (Step 5) and Important Notices (Step 6) to see if any apply to your classification.

To determine what work falls under Laborer and what work falls under Electrician, you will need to review the [Scope of Work](#) that is posted for each trade. It is important to note that employees can perform work on the same day that may fall under two different scopes, and they must be paid and classified accordingly.

You may also reach out to DIR for assistance in determining which classification to use at statistics@dir.ca.gov. **Be sure to specify that your project is subject to AB2143 by including "AB 2143" in the subject line and in the body of the email.**

We have also created a helpful video resource to assist contractors in navigating DIR's website that is posted on the "Education" tab of our website: [SURGE Video Resource: How to Navigate DIR Website & Resources | April 2025](#)

Q: What do we do if the project owner does not want to register the project with the DIR?

A: The Awarding Body (or project owner) is required to register the project with DIR within 30 days of awarding the contract under [Labor Code Section 1773.3](#). Please advise your project owner that there is a monetary penalty of \$100 per day (NTE \$10k per project) for failure to register.

Additionally, the contractor and subcontractors performing work on the project will need the DIR Project ID Number to submit their eCPRs. Please inform the project owner that the registration is a one-time requirement (per project) and that it is simply data entry into the DIR's system. The DIR has also posted many helpful How-To Guides on their [Support Center](#) to help facilitate the process.

Lastly, please be aware that projects that are \$25k or less for construction, alteration, demolition, installation, or repair are exempt from registration with DIR. Similarly, projects that are \$15k or less for maintenance are also exempted from the registration requirements ([Labor Code Section 1773.3 \(j\)](#)).

Q: We're having a lot of project delays due to private business owners attempting to register as an awarding body with the DIR, and the DIR not ever approving them as an awarding body. Can we move forward with the project and register on SURGE while we wait for DIR, or do we have to wait?

A: The SURGE portal is separate from the DIR's portal, so you do not need to wait. However, please be advised that the DIR Project ID number will soon be a required field on the Interconnection Applications and on the SURGE Project Registration.

The main reason that the projects are not being approved by DIR in a timely manner is due to the email verification. In California, a traditional "Awarding Body" or "Project Owner" is a *public entity*, and their email addresses typically have a ".gov" or ".edu" domain. These types of emails are automatically verified and approved by DIR. All other email domains must be manually verified and approved by the DIR, which is causing the delay.

Here are some helpful things that project owners can do when registering a project:

- 1) Add "AB 2143" to the end of the awarding body/project owner name (I.E. "Jim's Solar Project – AB 2143").
- 2) Create a personal email account with AB 2143 in the address (I.E. "jimsolarAB2143@gmail.com")
- 3) Notify the Labor Commissioner's Office of the email that needs verifying by emailing publicworks@dir.ca.gov with the subject line "AB 2143 EMAIL VERIFICATION".

As a best practice, please include "AB 2143" in the subject line and in the body of your email when reaching out to DIR regarding these types of projects.

Q: This is on the DIR FAQ's: "Must the entity awarding the construction contract on an A.B. 2143 project provide notice of the contract to DIR? Yes, unless an exception applies. Labor Code section 1773.3 requires an awarding body to provide notice of any public works contract to DIR. Projects for less than \$25,000 are exempt from the notice requirements. (Lab. Code, § 1773.3, subd. (j).)"

1. Does the owner have to register as an Awarding Body for every AB 2143 project over \$25k?

2. If so, where can I get detailed information on how to communicate these requirements?

A: To answer the first question, yes, the Awarding Body must register each project that is over \$25k with the DIR. The exemption to register the project applies to all projects that are \$25k or less for construction, alteration, demolition, installation, or repair or projects that are \$15k or less for maintenance.

To answer the second question, these requirements can be found under [Labor Code Section 1773.3](#). The requirement for Awarding Bodies to register the project is under LC 1773.3 (a) (1) and the exemptions to the registration requirement are under LC 1773.3 (j). You may also visit the [DIR's "Awarding Body"](#) page for additional information.

Q: Is the building owner, the prime contractor, or another entity responsible for registering the project with the DIR?

A: The [Awarding Body](#) (Project Owner) is responsible for registering the project with DIR. Please see [Labor Code Section 1773.3](#). Additionally, here is more information on the DIR website: <https://www.dir.ca.gov/Public-Works/Awarding-Bodies.html>

Q: What is the governing definition of "residential"? If the meter is on a project is on a residential rate does that mean it is residential?

A: [California Code of Regulations Section 16001 \(d\)](#) states "Residential projects consist of single-family homes and apartments *up to and including four stories*". The [DIR's residential prevailing wage determination page](#) also goes on to state that "The residential determination applies only to the residential portion of the project meeting this definition. Construction of any structures or ancillary facilities on the project that does not meet this definition requires the payment of the general commercial prevailing wage rates. The general commercial prevailing wage rates apply to all residential projects consisting of buildings of five or more stories. The residential prevailing wage rates apply to all residential projects consisting of buildings up to and including four stories". If you have questions about whether a specific project applies to AB 2143, you will need to reach out to the DIR at PWcoverage@dir.ca.gov.

Generally, yes. If your project is on a residential rate, then the project will be considered a residential property. **Residential, multi-tenant buildings with three stories or more are not exempt.** If you have specific questions about the rates your project is on, it's best to confirm with your utility.

Exemptions

Q: Are projects in municipal utility territory exempt from AB2143? Similarly, are non-exporting systems, not subject to the NEM tariff also exempt?

A: Generally, yes. If a project is under a municipal utility, it would not be able to access the tariffs under PUC 2827.1, so AB 2143 would not apply. However, it is always best to check with your utility. Non-exporting systems do not use a NEM tariff and so are exempt from AB 2143.

Q: Would SURGE make an exception for a project that has a contract signed in 2023 but not an interconnection application submitted before Jan 1 2024?

A: The following are examples that may qualify for a possible exemption. These will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis and contractors will need to provide *verifiable evidence* such as a copy of the contract showing it was executed prior to 1/1/24, final inspection records/permits (or equivalent) showing the work was completed prior to 1/1/24, and/or any other supporting documentation. Please submit the request to info@cpucSURGE.org with the subject line “AB 2143 Project Exemption”. Please include all supporting documentation in the email as well as your Contractor State License Board number (CSLB), project name, and project Interconnection Application ID Number. We also have information posted on our Frequently Asked Questions pages regarding this topic: <https://cpucSURGE.org/faqs/>

- Project completed in 2023 (or earlier) with an approved Interconnection Application on or before December 31, 2023.
- Project started in 2023 (or earlier) and completed or ongoing in 2024, with an Interconnection Application submitted and approved on or before December 31, 2023.
- Project completed in 2023 (or earlier), with an Interconnection Application filed with an IOU in 2023, but still pending approval on or after January 1, 2024.
- Project completed in 2023 (or earlier), but Interconnection Application filed with an IOU on or after January 1, 2024.
- Project contract executed and work started in 2023, but extended into 2024, with the Interconnection Application subsequently submitted in 2024.

Q: Does this rule apply to projects where the IA (Interconnection Application) agreement started before Jan 2024?

A: We are unsure of what you mean when you say, “this rule”. However, if you are referring to exemptions to AB 2143, yes, your project would be exempt if the interconnection application was submitted before 1/1/24. If this did not sufficiently answer your question, please email us at info@cpucsurge.org.

Q: Does AB 2143 only apply to projects who have an interconnect agreement that started after Jan. 1, 2024?

A: Yes, AB 2143 took effect on January 1st, 2024. If you think that your project qualifies for a possible exemption, please see the information below:

Contractors must provide “Verifiable Evidence” of relevant project dates for the following project examples to qualify for review and possible exemption:

- Project completed in 2023 (or earlier) with an approved Interconnection Application on or before December 31, 2023.
- Project started in 2023 (or earlier) and completed or ongoing in 2024, with an Interconnection Application submitted and approved on or before December 31, 2023.
- Project completed in 2023 (or earlier), with an Interconnection Application filed with an IOU in 2023, but still pending approval on or after January 1, 2024.
- Project completed in 2023 (or earlier), but Interconnection Application filed with an IOU on or after January 1, 2024.
- Project contract executed and work started in 2023, but extended into 2024, with the Interconnection Application subsequently submitted in 2024.

Verifiable evidence can include a copy of the contract showing it was executed prior to 1/1/24, final inspection records/permits (or equivalent) showing the work was completed prior to 1/1/24, and/or any other supporting documentation. Please submit the request to info@cpucSURGE.org with the subject line “AB 2143 Project Exemption”. Please include all supporting documentation in the email as well as your Contractor State License Board number (CSLB), project name, and project Interconnection Application ID Number.

Q: I thought Liberty Electric was also an IOU, are projects in this utility exempt?

A: If a customer is part of a municipal utility, they will generally not be able to access the tariffs under PUC 2827.1, so AB 2143 will not apply to their projects. If a customer is part of a small multi-jurisdictional utility like Liberty Utilities, Bear Valley Electric Service, or PacifiCorp, the CPUC’s understanding is that AB 2143 will not apply to their projects. If you are unsure, it’s best to check with the utility.

Q: We are also requesting confirmation as to whether the below-listed are subject to AB 2143 due to mandating that all projects are under NEM 2.0. In addition, they believe that community-owned municipalities are exempt from AB 2143. These municipalities do not operate under NEM 3.0.

- **SMUD**
- **Modesto Irrigation**
- **Turlock Irrigation Districts**

Here is a snippet from our search:

"Not exempt. Sacramento Municipal Utility District is not exempt from AB 2143. AB 2143 requires contractors to submit electronic certified payroll records to the Labor Commissioner. However, there are exceptions to AB 2143, including residential projects with less than 15kW of solar power or on a single-family home"

A: If a customer is part of a municipal utility, they will generally not be able to access the tariffs under PUC 2827.1, so AB 2143 will not apply to their projects. If a customer is part of a small multi-jurisdictional utility like Liberty Utilities, Bear Valley Electric Service, or PacifiCorp, the CPUC's understanding is that AB 2143 will not apply to their projects. If you are unsure, it's best to check with the utility.

Q: For clarification if the Interconnection Application is with an IOU that is not Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E), Southern California Edison (SCE) or San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E), the project is exempt from AB2143 and therefore is not a CA DIR Public Works project, correct?

A: If a customer is part of a municipal utility, they will generally not be able to access the tariffs under PUC 2827.1, so AB 2143 will not apply to their projects. If a customer is part of a small multi-jurisdictional utility like Liberty Utilities, Bear Valley Electric Service, or PacifiCorp, the CPUC's understanding is that AB 2143 will not apply to their projects. If you are unsure, it's best to check with the utility.

Prevailing Wage

Q: Is the appropriate prevailing wage rate for projects under AB 2143 the rate that applies at the time of installation or at the time the contract is signed (which can sometimes be 1-2 years before the project start date)?

A: Prevailing wage rates are locked in *at the time of the Bid Advertisement* (for traditional public works projects). If there is no Bid Advertisement date, the *contract execution date* can be used instead. So, yes, sometimes the rates are locked in a few years before the onsite work begins.

Please note that if your contract was executed prior to 1/1/24, your project may be exempted from AB2143. If you think your project qualifies for an exemption, please email us at info@cpucsurge.org with the subject line "AB2143 Exemption" and provide the following information:

- Some form of "verifiable evidence" to support the exemption. Verifiable evidence can include a copy of the contract showing it was executed prior to 1/1/24, final inspection records/permits (or equivalent) showing the work was completed prior to 1/1/24, and/or any other supporting documentation to support the exemption.
- Please include your Contractor State License Board (CSLB) and Interconnection Application ID Number (if applicable)

We also have additional information about this topic posted on [our Frequently Asked Questions page](#).

Q: We have a contractor who believes only the installation and/or the connection to the grid is subject to prevailing wages and public works, but not the project in its entirety. Is this true? For example, if a new roof is being installed prior to the solar panels being installed, is just the

installation of the solar panels that is subject to public works via AB2143 or is the roof included in this?

A: You are asking for what is called a “Coverage Determination”. Unfortunately, SURGE is not authorized to provide coverage determinations, so you will need to reach out to the DIR at PWcoverage@dir.ca.gov. **Be sure to include “AB 2143” in the subject line and in the body of your email so they provide you with correct guidance.**

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Project Registration

Q: If we are a subcontractor but the only contractor responsible for solar, should we register the project for SURGE on behalf of the prime contractor?

A: No. As a subcontractor, you do not need to register the eligible project on which you will be working. This is the responsibility of the prime contractor. However, subcontractors are responsible for submitting their certified payroll records. When the prime contractor completes the Project Registration Form and has their project registration approved by SURGE, they will be assigned a unique Project Identification Number (PIN). The prime contractor will provide you with the PIN prior to you starting work on the project. You will need the PIN, in addition to your Contractor Registration Number (CIN), to submit your certified payroll reports to the CPUC through the SURGE Compliance Portal.

Q: If Contractor A was hired by the building owner and then hired me, does that make Contractor A the Prime Contractor responsible for project registration with the DIR or SURGE?

A: It depends on the contracts. If Contractor A received the contract for solar installation directly from the Project Owner, that would designate them as the prime contractor (even if they did not perform the solar installation). So, yes, in that scenario, Contractor A (Prime Contractor) would be responsible for project registration with SURGE. The Awarding Body (Project Owner) is responsible for registering the project with the DIR. As the Subcontractor, you will be responsible for reporting payroll records to DIR and SURGE.

Q: I have tried to register a project on SURGE, and it is stating "Invalid Interconnectivity Number", but it is the correct number. What do I do?

A: There could be a few reasons for this:

- The interconnection application was submitted prior to 1/1/24. The SURGE team only has access to interconnection applications submitted after 1/1/24.
- The Prevailing Wage Checklist was filled out incorrectly. The interconnection applications now include a "Prevailing Wage Checklist" in which you will be required to answer the questions below. If you answer "YES" to any of these questions, that means your project is exempt from AB 2143 and the SURGE team would not have access to it in the IOU portal.
 - Is the project a residential facility that will have a maximum generating capacity of 15 kilowatts or less?
 - Is the project a single-family home?
 - Is the project already a Public Work under existing law?
 - Does this generating facility serve only a modular home, modular home community, or multiunit housing that has two or fewer stories?
- It could be a simple timing issue. We have had numerous contractors reach out with this question, only to find out that the interconnection application had just been submitted earlier that same day. It may take 1-3 business days (or more) before the application becomes available to us in the IOU portal.

If none of these scenarios seem to fit, please send us a message through the SURGE portal and attach a copy of your interconnection application so we can review. You may also reach out to our

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support team at info@cpucsurge.org. Please include the utility (PG&E, SCE, or SDGE), the project name, and other information in the email.

Q: Regarding the project not being registered on the DIR, Ariana stated that this does not inhibit upload of CPRs to SURGE. However, doesn't this mean that the project should not start until the project registration is complete to avoid non-compliance with DIR?

A: *Ideally*, the work would not start until the project is registered with DIR. Labor Code Section 1773.3 requires the Awarding Body (or Project Owner) to register the project within 30 days of awarding the contract. However, since the email verification process for project owners is delayed due to the manual verification required by DIR (see question 3 under “Department of Industrial Relations”), it is possible that the work may have started before the project is registered. Therefore, contractors should still upload their Certified Payroll Reports into the SURGE portal to comply with the statutory deadlines and to avoid holds on interconnection applications.

Q: Sometimes we start working on an AB 2143 before we, as the Prime Contractor, receive the information required to register a project on SURGE. Will we be penalized or put on hold for that?

A: If the payroll submission deadline has passed and your project interconnection number appears on our list without any certified payroll records submitted, your project and future interconnection applications will be placed on hold. To move forward, you must register your project as soon as you have the information and submit the required certified payroll records for the applicable reporting period.

Additionally, the Interconnection Applications now include a “Prevailing Wage Checklist” and a “Prevailing Wage Disclosure Form”. If your customer (project owner) signed the Prevailing Wage Disclosure form, that is your first notification that you must report Certified Payrolls to the CPUC (via the SURGE portal) and eCPRs to the DIR via their portal. If a third party does the interconnection applications, they should notify you of the requirements.

Registration Timeline

Q: We have had notifications on our interconnection applications being placed on hold due to our SURGE submissions not being compliant/current. We double-check our information and then reach out to Surge; no issues are listed with our account. Why are we getting flagged? How can we prevent this issue from continuing to happen?

A: Please email SURGE Support at info@cpucsurge.org with your IOU/utility, projects that are flagged, and other pertinent information.

Q: If you are a Private Developer and fall under the requirements, when do I need to sign up? The solar work will be completed on the project within a 6-week period near the end of the project. We ask because it seems unnecessary to file Certified payroll reports for a project that is approximately 2 years in duration with the solar work being installed near the end of the project. Basically, can we sign up late in the project prior to solar starting on the project and provide only one period of certified payroll?

A: In order to answer this correctly, we need to know which portion of the work is covered under AB 2143/PUC 769.2. This requires what is called a “Coverage Determination” from the DIR. Unfortunately, SURGE is not authorized to provide coverage determinations, so you will need to reach out to the DIR at PWcoverage@dir.ca.gov. **Be sure to include “AB 2143” in the subject line and in the body of your email so they provide you with correct guidance.**

Once the DIR determines which portion of the work is covered, that will give you a better indication of when you need to register with SURGE and submit Certified Payroll Reports.

Q: At what point in our project do we need to register with surge? I was told that it would be once the meter is installed, and the project interconnection ID has been provided by PG&E. Is this correct? and if so, do we need to back date our CPR for work done prior to this event?

A: After completing your interconnection application with the IOU, you’ll need to register your project with SURGE. Certified payroll records must be submitted from the start of work and provided by the biannual reporting deadlines—July 1st and December 31st.

Miscellaneous

Q: Please advise the difference between NEM 2.0 and NEM 3.0. Specifically, are both subject to CA Public Works?

A: Yes. Both the NEM 2 and NBT tariffs, the latter of which is sometimes referred to as NEM 3, are tariffs developed under Public Utilities Code 2827.1. This makes projects interconnecting with either tariff subject to AB 2143. If you are looking to learn about other differences between NEM 2 and NBT, please visit this page: <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/industries-and-topics/electrical-energy/demand-side-management/customer-generation/net-energy-metering-and-net-billing>

Q: Is the 15KW AC or DC?

A: Please check with your utility for specifics on how this limit is determined.

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Q: Are union contractors in compliance automatically?

A: No, union contractors are not automatically in compliance. Union contractors are still required to comply with all applicable Labor Codes, Public Utilities Codes, California Code of Regulations, and SURGE related requirements, including paying prevailing wages, complying with apprenticeship requirements (as applicable), and submitting certified payroll records to SURGE and eCPRs to DIR.

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