

DER Bulletin 2026-03

Modifying an Accepted Interconnection Application to Add or Remove ESS

This DER bulletin pertains only to DER interconnection applications submitted for Level 2, 3 or 4 review under the provisions of Illinois Admin Code Title 83, Part 466.

This bulletin details Ameren Illinois' updated policy and procedures for evaluating proposed modifications to accepted interconnection applications under Illinois Admin Code Title 83, [Part 466.125\(c\)](#) that would add or remove Energy Storage Systems (ESS). It is the responsibility of applicants submitting interconnection applications to Ameren Illinois to thoroughly read and understand the information provided in this bulletin.

The policy described in this document is effective as of June 15, 2026, for all accepted interconnection applications, regardless of when the application was accepted. Within this document, the term "accepted application" means that application has been deemed complete. In PowerClerk, this is reflected when the application progresses beyond the *DER Preliminary Review* status.

Per Admin Code Part 466.125(c)(1)(C), modifying an accepted application to add or remove ESS is considered a material modification and will invoke the provisions of Part 466.125(c)(2).

If an applicant wishes to add ESS to a DER project that has an accepted interconnection application, the ESS addition must be submitted as a new interconnection application. In the PowerClerk system, the application should be submitted with an Application Type of "Existing Customer with Generation" and an ESS Setup of "Add-on ESS to a previously installed/operating customer-generation facility". The new ESS application must meet the following requirements, as determined by Ameren Illinois:

1. The ESS addition must not increase the AC export capacity of the project.
2. If the ESS addition requires an inverter brand or model change from the equipment specified in the accepted solar application, the proposed change must be approved by Ameren Illinois. This approval must be received before the ESS application is submitted.
3. The ESS operating type must be one of the following two options:
 - a. Type 1-Nex: The ESS can only charge from on-site renewable generation. The ESS shall not export to the grid.
 - b. Type 1-Ex: The ESS can only charge from on-site renewable generation. The ESS may export to the grid.
4. Any system upgrades assigned to the existing renewable generation application will be considered contingent upgrades for the ESS application. The Interconnection Agreement (IA) for the ESS application will include a stated dependency on the renewable generation project.

Ameren Illinois is exploring options for the removal of ESS from an accepted application in a way that does not trigger material modification consequences. While there is currently no available process for this scenario, Ameren Illinois is committed to developing a process for this scenario in the coming months.

Detailed instructions related to the submission of an interconnection application to add ESS to an existing renewable generation project can be found at the link given below.

[Adding ESS to an Existing DER Interconnection Project – Detailed Procedures](#)

Additional questions related to this topic should be submitted to renewablesillinois@ameren.com.