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## Changes to the connection of inverter energy systems process

From 6 December 2011 Western Power will be changing the way that information about renewable systems is captured. If you install and connect renewable systems you will need to provide additional information with your Notice of Completion.

### What information?

Western Power needs to know details of the inverter energy system you are connecting - such as the generation source, inverter model and meter number.

### Why does Western Power need this information?

Western Power needs to know about all generation connected to its network. This is so that we can make sure there is the available capacity in the network to meet demand.

With the increase in the number of renewable systems being connected to the network Western Power needs to understand what assets are connected to its network.

### Why can't this information be gathered during application for renewable supply?

At the approval stage of the process there is no guarantee that the supply will be connected. We need to ensure that the supply is approved for connection, and, once connected, that we know the size, make and type connected to help with our future planning.

### How will this affect you?

**All**

Details of the inverter energy system connected, including the meter number, will be required on all Notices of Completion connecting energy systems to the Western Power network.

#### **ETIC users (preferred method):**

For ease of use - all information will be captured within your notice - select "Alternative Energy" and you will be prompted to complete the new required fields, including the type of system installed and the maximum rated output. You will not need to submit any additional forms to Western Power.

When you install an identical system at other sites, use ETIC's 'copy' function to create identical notices that only need an address change.

If you are not an ETIC user and would like to register you can download a registration form by going to [www.westernpower.com.au](http://www.westernpower.com.au) and searching for the term 'ETIC'. Alternatively you can contact us on 13 10 87, selecting option four to speak to an energise adviser.

## ***Paper Notices***

We have developed a form to be completed and submitted attached to your EnergySafety Notice of Completion. The form captures only the necessary information so as to keep paperwork to a minimum.

## **What next?**

Further information including the actual paper form and screen shots from ETIC will be sent in mid-November when all changes have been completed.

## **Enquiries and Contacts**

Enquiries can be made to Western Power's Energisation group on 13 10 87 (select option four, then one) or alternatively you can email us at [enquiry@westernpower.com.au](mailto:enquiry@westernpower.com.au)