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Appendix C: Net-Generation Directional Placards

Photovoltaic solar and other generation installations are required to use equipment signage called Tags, Labels, or Engraved Placards. The Utility is requiring Engraved Solar PV Placards made of plastic in place of labels for all exterior locations.

These engraved plastic labels are used to identify solar and other generation equipment and prevent safety issues. The engraved placards last longer and stand up better to the elements than the safety labels used in the past.

Specifications:

- UV Rated Plastic-Outdoor rated and designed to last ten years and beyond
- Temperature rating for use between -40F to 176F
- Engraved
- Designed to meet NEC 690 and NEC 705 requirements
- 1/16" to 1/8" Thickness
- Properly installed with strong adhesive backing or rivets holes where applicable

Placement Requirements

Directory Placards:

If the generation system disconnect is located more than 15 feet from the Utilities net meter, a directory placard must be installed at each equipment location and at the location(s) of the systems disconnect(s). The layout must match the site plan submitted and approved by the Utility during the application process. The placards must provide information as to where the array is located for first responders and to show the location of any load centers or other disconnection devices.

All other NEC required labeling must also be placed in the required locations. This information can be obtained from your electrician or Washington State Labor and Industries.

Locations for directory placards:

- Utility Meter
- Main Service Panel
- Sub Panels (If present)
- AC disconnect / Production meter