

Advanced Energy Community Criteria

An Advanced Energy Community includes components that are co-beneficial to utilities and their constituent cities and counties, and includes the following criteria:

1. Minimizes the need for new energy infrastructure costs
2. Achieves and maintains zero net energy community status and economic development through the application of existing and emerging technologies, programs, rates, and finance opportunities
3. Helps control electric utility costs by supporting grid reliability at the transmission and distribution levels
4. Provides easier grid integration and alignment with utility long-term procurement planning and local capacity requirements
5. Can be replicated and scaled-up to further drive down costs for utilities and customers
6. Is financially attractive from a commercial market standpoint (developers, home buyers, renters)
7. Is financially attractive from a utility perspective through new revenue streams resulting from electrification and effective application of DER programs across all market segments
8. Provides affordable access to renewable energy generation, energy efficiency upgrades, and water efficiency and reuse technologies that reduce electricity costs for all customers
9. Promotes equity by leveraging existing community resources and assets to deliver targeted product offerings
10. Makes use of smart-grid technologies throughout the community
11. Aligns with other state and federal energy and environmental policy goals at the community level
12. Cross-leverages planning documents common to all cities, counties, and utilities to achieve a unified vision of sustainability



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