



2017 DSS Selection Process

Thank you for your interest in the Distributed Solar Solutions (DSS) pilot program.

The strategic objective of DSS is to meet the growing demand for renewable energy in the Tennessee Valley, while also providing an optimal model for local power companies (LPC) to offer interested customers. The DSS pilot stresses a collaborative effort to provide unique learning opportunities for innovative community solar implementation that is both scalable and applicable across the Valley.

The DSS Selection Committee's task is to select projects from the applicant pool for the 2017 DSS offering. The 2017 DSS Selection Committee will be comprised of two (2) TVPPA representatives, two (2) LPC representatives, and two (2) TVA representatives.

The Committee's initial timeline is as follows:

January 11 - February 1: Assemble committee and develop additional selection criteria

February 2: Publish additional selection criteria on the DSS website

March 1 - March 15: Application period

March 16 - March 17: Initial review to determine if additional information is needed

March 20 - March 21: Coordinate with LPCs for additional information, if needed

March 22 - March 24: Initial prioritization and review of proposed capacity requests vs available capacity

March 27 – March 28: Coordinate with LPCs on project refinement, if needed

March 29 - March 31: Initial determination of capacity allocation

April 3 - April 16: Review and concurrence

April 17: Notify Applicants

Initial recommendations and helpful hints for applicants:

- Projects will be evaluated in large part based on the written narrative submitted by the applicant. Please ensure the narrative clearly and completely lays out the project's scope, purpose, timelines, value propositions, and how the project will increase the knowledge base of the LPC community.
- 100% of the project must meet the primary criteria that are indicated on the application.
- Grants and other funding sources that are not secured at the time of application may not be included in the consideration by the committee.