

# Generation Approvals Pause Regulation - Frequently asked questions

## **What type of electricity generation projects does the Generation Approvals Pause Regulation apply to?**

The regulation applies to some types of applications for new power plants and hydro projects that produce renewable electricity. Renewable electricity is defined to mean electricity that is produced from an energy resource that occurs naturally and can be replenished or renewed within a human lifespan, including, but not limited to, moving water, wind, heat from the earth, sunlight and sustainable biomass.

There are some important exceptions to the types of applications that are subject to the approval pause, as explained below.

## **Does the approval pause apply to rooftop solar?**

No – the approval pause does not apply to rooftop solar, as long as the project is under five megawatts and all of the electricity produced is used on-site. This is known as micro-generation.

## **Does the approval project apply to all micro-generation projects under the Micro-Generation Regulation? What about micro-generation projects that are over one megawatt?**

No – the approval pause does not apply to micro-generation projects under the Micro-Generation Regulation, including those up to five megawatts.

## **Does the approval pause apply to applications for new power plants under one megawatt that produce renewable electricity?**

No – the approval pause does not apply to new power plants under one megawatt that produce renewable electricity, regardless of whether that electricity is used on-site or sold to the grid.

## **Does the approval pause apply to applications to amend existing AUC approvals for wind, solar, hydro or other projects that generate renewable electricity?**

No – the approval pause does not apply to amendments of existing approvals and only applies to applications for new projects that generate renewable electricity.

## **What types of projects does the Generation Approvals Pause Regulation apply to?**

- Applications for new wind projects that are one megawatt or greater that are not micro-generation projects.
- Applications for new solar projects that are one megawatt or greater that are not micro-generation projects.
- Applications for new hydro projects that are one megawatt or greater that are not micro-generation projects.
- Applications for any other type of new power plant that generates renewable electricity that are one megawatt or greater that are not micro-generation projects.

A list of the impacted applications can be found in the [Generation Approvals Pause Regulation impacted applications document](#) on the AUC website.