

# Multifamily Selling and Servicing Guide

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# **Section 110** Renewable Energy Generation Systems

### **110.01** Acceptable Renewable Energy Generation Systems

# Requirements

Any operational renewable energy generation system benefitting the Property or the Borrower must be:

- located on the Property;
- comprised of a Solar PV System;
- Borrower-owned; and
- installed, or installation will begin, on or before the Mortgage Loan Origination Date.

# 110.02 Solar Photovoltaic Systems

# Requirements

For any Property with an acceptable Solar PV System, you must ensure:

- All equipment, including energy storage, is located on the Property and owned by the Borrower.
- The Borrower has all required permits, licenses, and certificates to comply with all utility tariffs and laws governing the
  - generation,
  - storage,
  - transmission, and
  - distribution of electricity.
- The Property will remain connected to the utility grid even if the Solar PV System output is sufficient for all of the Property's energy needs.
- The Borrower will not be characterized or regulated as a public utility.
- Any power generated from the Solar PV System that is not consumed or stored on-site is only sold to the local utility, not to any other third party.
- Any battery storage system is designed only for on-site uses (e.g., peak shaving), and the Borrower has not arranged for ancillary services with any utility or third party.
- The Borrower executes Modifications to Multifamily Loan and Security



Agreement (Mortgage Loan with installed Solar Photovoltaic System) (Form 6270).

# Guidance

You should engage legal counsel with solar photovoltaic system experience and state-specific knowledge to review all applicable local laws, contracts, and agreements regarding the Solar PV System installation and operation, including:

- the interconnection agreement with local distribution company or utility;
- any net metering agreements;
- engineering, procurement, and construction contracts or agreements;
- any Operating and Maintenance Agreements;
- notice of Permission to Operate (or similar document) provided by local distribution company or utility;
- any supplemental financing or financing incentives (e.g., grants, tax credits, etc.) used by the Borrower to finance the Solar PV System to determine if any competing liens or other restrictions might result;
- any leases or contractual arrangements, such as agreements for
  - renewable energy certificates,
  - solar renewable energy certificates, or
  - purchasing power; and
- confirming that Borrower will not be deemed a public utility.

### 110.03 Solar PV System Module

# ✓ Requirements

The PCA must include an evaluation of the Solar PV System equipment and roofs/structures where the equipment is mounted per the Solar PV Module of Form 4099.

### 110.04 Underwritten NCF

# ✓ Requirements

When calculating Underwritten NCF:

do not include any income derived from the Solar PV System, except for



## tenant utility reimbursement;

- any utility reimbursement income must
  - not exceed the trailing 12-month period, and
  - consider any decrease from the lower utility expense;
- utility expense must be supported by the trailing 12-month operating history; and
- include all additional Solar PV System operating expenses such as:
  - operating and maintenance contract fees;
  - fixed utility fees;
  - incremental real estate taxes;
  - insurance coverage; and
  - Replacement Reserves for equipment replacement and/or system removal and reinstallation upon roof replacement.



# **Glossary**

# B

Borrower

Person who is the obligor per the Note.

# **Synonyms**

- Borrowers
- · Borrower's

# M

Mortgage Loan

Mortgage debt obligation evidenced, or when made will be evidenced, by

- the Loan Documents, or
- a mortgage debt obligation with a Fannie Mae credit enhancement.

# **Synonyms**

- Mortgage Loans
- Mortgage Loan's

# Mortgage Loan Origination Date

Date you fund a Mortgage Loan to the Borrower.

# **Synonyms**

- Mortgage Loan's Origination Date
- Origination Date

# P

**Property** 

Multifamily residential real estate securing the Mortgage Loan, including the

- fee simple or Leasehold interest,
- Improvements, and
- personal property (per the Uniform Commercial Code).

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# **Synonyms**

- Properties
- Property's

# S



Security

MBS, PFP MBS, or REMIC.

# **Synonyms**

Securities

Solar Photovoltaic System A renewable energy system located on the Property that converts sunlight into electricity and/or a battery storage system containing lithium ion batteries or equivalent technology capable of storing electricity received from the electric grid or a renewable energy system and delivering stored electricity to the Property.

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# **Synonyms**

Solar PV System