

EXHIBIT D VISUAL SCREENING REQUIREMENTS

Feed-in Tariff Visual Screening Requirements for Non-Rooftop Solar Facilities (the "Requirements")

The following are the Ontario Ministry of Energy's "Feed-in Tariff (FIT) Visual Screening Requirements for Non-Rooftop Solar Facilities" as posted on the Website and applicable as at the Contract Date.

1.0 Interpretation

- 1.1 Capitalized terms used in these Requirements and not otherwise defined shall have the respective meanings ascribed thereto in the Feed-In Tariff Contract version 5.0.2, Appendix 1 – Standard Definitions (as amended).
- 1.2 "herein" refers to these Requirements.

2.0 Design and Maintenance Requirements

- 2.1 Suppliers shall design, provide and maintain effective year-round screening to block the view of the Facility, excluding the Connection Line, and related security fencing as provided herein.
- 2.2 Suppliers shall provide visual screening as provided herein during the period from the Commercial Operation Date through the Term.
- 2.3 Suppliers shall monitor and maintain visual screening a minimum of once every six months to ensure that the vegetation forming part of the visual screen as provided herein screens the Facility and related security fencing as provided herein.

3.0 General Design Requirements

- 3.1 Visual screening shall include vegetative plantings. Other measures such as berms and/or fencing, if used, shall be used as provided in sections 4.2(a), 4.3(a) and 5.0.
- 3.2 Vegetative plantings shall consist of a continuous three (3.0) metre wide strip of trees and shrubs planted in staggered pattern.
- 3.3 Vegetative plantings shall comprise of a selection and diversity of species that are native, non-invasive and locally significant at a ratio of 60% coniferous vegetation and 40% multi-stem deciduous vegetation to provide year-round screening.
- 3.4 Vegetative plantings shall provide a minimum of 65% visual coverage as at the Commercial Operation Date and achieve a minimum of 90% coverage as at the fifth anniversary of the Commercial Operation Date and for the balance of the Term.

3.5 On and after the fifth anniversary of the Commercial Operation Date:

- (a) In the case of Facility containing one or more solar panels whose maximum height (at its greatest tracking elevation, where applicable) is equal to or less than three metres, the height of the visual screen shall be maintained at a height of no less than three metres; and
- (b) In the case of solar panel whose maximum height (at its greatest tracking elevation, where applicable) is greater than three metres, the height of the visual screen shall be maintained at height equal to or greater than such maximum height of the solar panel; above the level of the Site.

4.0 Vegetative Specifications

4.1 Shrubs forming a part of the visual screening shall be:

- (a) A minimum of 60 cm (3 gallon pots) in height at the time of planting;
- (b) Planted in a staggered and natural formation.

4.2 Subject to Section 3.5, deciduous trees forming a part of the visual screening shall be:

- (a) A minimum of two metres tall and a minimum of 50 mm in calliper (diameter at breast height) at the time of planting unless planted in combination with a berm, in which case the height at initial planting may be modified proportionately to provide effective screening for a combined height with the berm of:
 - (i) in the case of Facility containing one or more solar panels whose maximum height (at its greatest tracking elevation, where applicable) is equal to or less than three metres, no less than three metres; and
 - (ii) in the case of solar panel whose maximum height (at its greatest tracking elevation, where applicable) is greater than three metres, a height equal to or greater than such maximum height of the solar panel;

above the level of the Site; and

- (b) planted in a staggered manner and spaced within the three metre planting strip to prevent crowding.

4.3 Subject to Section 3.5, coniferous trees forming a part of the visual screening shall be:

- (a) A minimum of 1.5 metres tall at the time of planting unless planted in combination with a berm, in which case the height at initial planting may be modified proportionately to provide effective screening for a combined height with the berm of;

- (i) in the case of Facility containing one or more solar panels whose maximum height (at its greatest tracking elevation, where applicable) is equal to or less than three metres, no less than three metres; and
- (ii) in the case of solar panel whose maximum height (at its greatest tracking elevation, where applicable) is greater than three metres, a height equal to or greater than such maximum height of the solar panel;

above the level of the Site; and

- (b) planted in a staggered and natural manner and spaced within the three metre planting strip to prevent crowding.

4.4 All new plant material forming a part of the visual screening shall meet the standards set forth in the American Standard for Nursery Stock by the American Association of Nurserymen.

4.5 All new trees forming a part of the visual screening will be guyed or staked and mulched (3-4 inch layer) in accordance with generally accepted practices in the landscape industry, to prevent winds from loosening the roots.

5.0 Berm and Fencing Requirements

5.1 If used in supplement to vegetative planting as part of the visual screening, a berm shall be:

- (a) seeded with natural forbs and grasses;
- (b) designed to not impact stormwater management at the site;
- (c) designed not to use soils from CLI Organic, Class 1, 2 or 3 Lands in its construction.

5.2 If used in supplement to vegetative planting as part of the visual screening, a fence shall:

- (a) be a minimum of 1.8 metres in height; and
- (b) be in its entirety covered by screens or slats (e.g., the insertion of a green colored, plastic material between the chain links of the fence).

6.0 Alternative Screening Requirements

6.1 Where existing topography prevents the strict application of these Visual Screening Requirements, Alternative Screening Methods which perform to the same or higher level may be proposed by a Supplier to the affected municipality.

6.2 A Supplier must obtain the consent of the affected municipality (or municipalities) in the form of a municipal council resolution consenting to the use of an alternative screening method prior to its

implementation. The Supplier shall provide a copy of such resolution to the Sponsor within 30 days of the date it is obtained.

7.0 MAINTENANCE AND WARRANTY

- 7.1 Suppliers shall be the first point of contact for the local community should there be any concerns that arise regarding the condition of the visual screening.
- 7.2 Suppliers shall prominently post the contact information for its project liaison at the entrance to the Site, consisting of signage of reasonable size and visibility for such purpose.
- 7.3 Suppliers shall forward to the Sponsor a record of any complaint, the remedy activities and the response action proposed within 30 days of such complaint.

8.0 CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRING VISUAL SCREENING

- 8.1 The following table sets out the specific circumstances for Facilities where visual screening from Abutting properties is required.

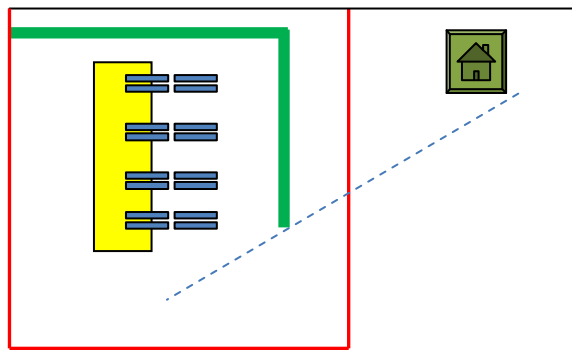
Location		Screening Requirement
Abutting property is Residential Property (but is not Rural-Residential Lands)	A Property on which the Site is located Abuts Residential Property or a Residential Cluster	Visual buffer along the entire length of all External Boundaries along shared/Abutting property lines and “line of sight” for any existing residences on the Residential Property or the Residential Cluster
	A Property on which the Site is located Abuts a Settlement Area (and such Settlement Area is Residential Property)	Visual buffer along entire length of all External Boundaries Abutting such Settlement Area
Abutting Rural-Residential Lands	Abutting at side or rear Boundary of such Rural-Residential Lands where a dwelling exists as at the date the Supplier receives Notice to Proceed and where such Rural-Residential Lands are greater than 2 hectares in area.	Visual buffer for “line of sight” to such dwelling and any associated Amenity Areas*
	Abutting vacant Rural-Residential Lands where such Rural-Residential Lands are greater than 2 hectares in area	No visual screening
Abutting Exempt Residential Property	Abutting at side or rear Boundary of an Exempt Residential Property where a dwelling exists as at the at the date the Supplier receives Notice to Proceed	Visual buffer for “line of sight” to such dwelling along with associated Amenity Areas*
	Abutting an Exempt Residential Property where no dwelling exists as at the date the Supplier receives Notice to Proceed	No visual screening

Abutting Properties that are neither Residential Properties nor Exempt Residential Properties	Abutting at side or rear Boundary of properties that are neither Residential Properties nor Exempt Residential Properties	No visual screening
Abutting opened road allowances	Abutting the side or front Boundary of a road allowance opened as at the date the Supplier receives Notice to Proceed	Visual buffer along entire such Boundary with such opened road allowance (except along such Boundary at a driveway intersecting such opened road allowance)

*Note: "Amenity Area" means any outdoor areas that are associated with a home (i.e., back, side or front yard, patio, swimming pool, etc.) that would fall within a 20 metre radius of the exterior of the residence.

8.2 For the purposes of the chart set out in 8.1 "Line of sight" is defined as any direct line drawn on a geo-referenced map that originates from any point within the Amenity Area that intersects with any portion of the Facility, excluding the Connection Line, or related security fencing. All such lines of sight must be obstructed by the visual buffer.

8.3 For clarity, Figures 1 and 2 illustrate two examples of a "line of sight".



Buffer ——— green
Property Line ——— red
Road - - - - - blue
Line of sight - - - - - dashed blue

Fig. 1: Multiple Primary Use Area – Line of Sight

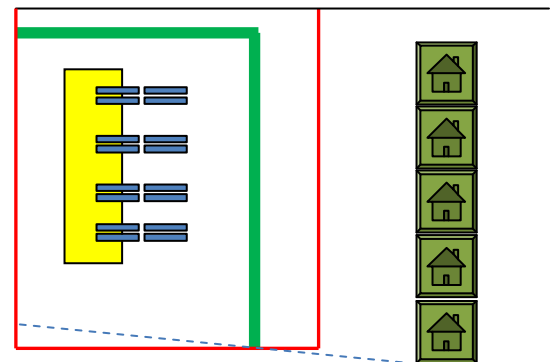


Fig. 2: Residential Cluster – Line of Sight