

WESTERN COOPERATIVE ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
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NET METERING RIDER

AVAILABILITY

Net metering service is available under this rider at points on the Cooperative's existing electric distribution system for Consumers operating Renewable Energy Resources. The net metering service is available to Consumer-generators on a first-come, first-served basis until the total rated generating capability of all net metering interconnections during a calendar year equals or exceeds one percent (1%) of the Cooperative's peak load for the previous calendar year; or until the total rated generating capability of net metering interconnections equals five percent (5%) of the Cooperative's peak load during the previous year. Upon reaching either of these limits no further net metering service shall be available for that calendar year. This rider shall not be available for any electric service schedule allowing for resale. A Consumer-generator shall have the alternative option of interconnecting renewable generation under the Cooperative's Renewable Parallel Generation Rider. However, renewable Consumer-generators may not change between the net metering and parallel generation riders without the prior approval of the Cooperative, and such elections shall not be for periods less than one year.

APPLICABILITY

This Net Metering Rider is applicable to Consumer-generators with a Cooperative-approved interconnection agreement that are taking service under one the Cooperative's normal rate schedules. This rider is not applicable where the nameplate capability of the Consumer's electrical generating system exceeds twenty-five (25) kilowatts (kW) for residential service or two hundred (200) kW for other types of service.

CHARACTER OF SERVICE

Alternating current, 60 cycles, at the voltage and phase of the Cooperative's established secondary distribution system immediately adjacent to the service location.

BILLING AND PAYMENT

The Cooperative shall render a bill for net consumption at approximately 30-day intervals during the Cooperative's normal billing process. Net consumption is defined as the kWh supplied by the Cooperative to the Consumer-generator minus kWh supplied by the Consumer-generator and returned to the Cooperative's grid during the billing period. Any net consumption shall be valued as follows:

To the extent the net consumption is positive (i.e. Consumer-generator took more kWh from the Cooperative during the billing period than Consumer-generator produced), the eligible Consumer-generator will be billed in accordance with the Cooperative's standard rate for Energy Charges (for the net consumption), and for any Base Charges, Demand Charges, and/or any Minimum Charges that would otherwise be applicable to the Consumer under the standard rate.

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To the extent the net consumption is negative (i.e. Consumer-generator produced more kWh during the billing period than the Cooperative supplied), the Consumer-generator will pay applicable Base Charges, Demand Charges, or both, depending upon the Cooperative's standard rate applicable to the Consumer; and the excess electric energy shall be retained by the Cooperative as a contribution to fixed costs associated with owning and maintaining the facilities required to provide electric service when the Consumer-generator cannot meet its own supply needs.

To the extent the net consumption is zero (i.e. the Consumer-generator produced the same kWh during the billing period as was supplied by the Cooperative), the Consumer generator will be billed in accordance with the Cooperative's otherwise applicable standard rate for the eligible Consumer-generator, including any applicable Base Charges, Demand Charges and/or Minimum Charges.

DEFINITIONS

Consumer-generator:

The owner or operator of a qualified electric energy generation unit which:

- a) Is powered by a Renewable Energy Resource as defined by Kansas state statutes (see definition below);
- b) Has an electrical generating capacity of not more than twenty-five (25) kW for residential service and not more than two hundred (200) kW for other types of service;
- c) Is located on a premises owned, operated, leased, or otherwise controlled by the Consumer-generator;
- d) Is interconnected and operates in parallel phase and synchronization with the Cooperative;
- e) Is intended primarily to offset part or all of the Consumer-generator's own electrical energy requirements;
- f) Meets all applicable safety, performance, interconnection, and reliability standards established by the National Electrical Code, the National Electrical Safety Code, the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Underwriters Laboratories, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and any local governing authorities; and
- g) Contains a mechanism that automatically disables the unit and interrupts the flow of electricity back onto the Cooperative's electric lines in the event that service to the Consumer-generator is interrupted.

Each meter connected under this Net Metering Rider defines a Consumer-generator. A generator owned or operated by a Consumer-generator cannot be connected in common with any other meter or be deemed to be for the purpose of serving the load connected to any other meter. To the extent that the Consumer-generator controls the Renewable Energy Resources and meets the requirements and accepts all of the obligations of this Net Metering Rider, the Consumer-generator is not required to own the generating facilities.

Renewable Energy Resources:

Electrical energy produced from an energy resource or technologies defined as renewable in K.S.A. 17-4652, and amendments thereto, and energy produced from municipal or other solid waste and animal waste.

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DEFINITIONS – *cont.*

Net metering:

A bi-directional metering process using equipment sufficient to measure the difference between the electrical energy supplied to a Consumer-generator by Cooperative and the electrical energy supplied by the Consumer-generator to the Cooperative over an applicable billing period.

Peak load:

The one-hour maximum annual demand imposed by the Cooperative's retail load applicable to the territory to which this schedule is applicable.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. The Cooperative will supply, own and maintain at its expense all necessary meters and associated equipment utilized for billing. In addition, and for purposes of monitoring Consumer generation and load, the Cooperative may install load research metering at its expense. The Consumer shall supply, at no expense to the Cooperative, a suitable location for meters and associated equipment used for billing and for load research. Such equipment shall be accessible at all times to Cooperative personnel.
2. The Cooperative shall have the right to require the Consumer, at certain times and as electric operating conditions warrant, to limit the production of electrical energy from the generating facility to an amount no greater than the load at the Consumer's facility of which the generating facility is a part.
3. The Consumer shall furnish, install, operate and maintain in good order and repair without cost to the Cooperative such relays, locks and seals, breakers, automatic synchronizers, disconnecting devices, and other control and protective devices as shall be designated by the Cooperative as being required as suitable for the operation of the generator in parallel with the Cooperative's system.
4. The Consumer shall install and maintain a visible, manual disconnect switch. This manual switch must have the capability to be locked out by Cooperative personnel to isolate the Cooperative's facilities in the event of an electrical outage on the Cooperative's transmission and distribution facilities serving the Consumer. This isolating device shall also serve as a means of isolation for the Consumer's equipment during any Consumer maintenance activities, routine outages or emergencies. The Cooperative shall give notice to the Consumer before a manual switch is locked or an isolating device used, if possible; and otherwise shall give notice as soon as practicable after locking or isolating the Consumer's facilities.
5. The Consumer shall reimburse the Cooperative for any equipment, facilities, protective equipment or upgrades required solely as a result of the installation by the Consumer of generation in parallel with the Cooperative's system.

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6. The Consumer shall notify the Cooperative prior to the initial energizing and start-up testing of the Consumer-owned generator, and the Cooperative shall have the right to have a representative present at said test.
7. If harmonics, voltage fluctuations, or other disruptive problems on the Cooperative's system are directly attributable to the operation of the Consumer's system, such problem(s) shall be corrected at the Consumer's expense.
8. No Consumer's generating system shall damage the Cooperative's system or equipment or present an undue hazard to Cooperative personnel. The Cooperative shall not be liable directly or indirectly for permitting or continuing to allow an attachment of a net metered facility or for the acts or omissions of a Consumer-generator that cause loss or injury, including death, to any third party. The Consumer-generator agrees to hold the Cooperative harmless from injury or property damage incurred by any person and arising out of the ownership, operation, maintenance, or use of the Consumer's electrical generation facility and to indemnify the Cooperative against all liability and expense related thereto.
9. Prior to installing and interconnecting a Renewable Energy Resource the Consumer shall enter into a standard interconnection contract with the Cooperative setting forth the conditions related to technical and safety aspects of parallel generation.
10. Service under this Net Metering Rider is subject to the Cooperative's Rules and Regulations as adopted by the Board of Trustees and any subsequently approved modifications that may be adopted by said Board during the term of service.
11. The Consumer-generator shall, at its own expense, maintain in force general liability insurance without any exclusion for liabilities related to the interconnection. The amount of such insurance shall be sufficient to insure against all reasonably foreseeable direct liabilities given the size and nature of the generating equipment being interconnected, the interconnection itself and the characteristics of the system to which the interconnection is made. For Renewable Energy Resource systems having a maximum nameplate generating capability of ten (10) kW or less, a Consumer-generator whose system meets the standards specified in part (f) of the Definitions section above shall not be required to install additional controls, perform or pay for additional tests or distribution equipment or purchase additional liability insurance other than such general liability insurance. For Renewable Energy Resource systems having a maximum nameplate generating capability of greater than ten (10) kW, the Cooperative's Board of Trustees shall: (1) set forth safety, performance and reliability standards and insurance requirements; and (2) establish the qualifications for exemption from a requirement to install additional controls, perform or pay for additional tests or distribution equipment or purchase additional liability insurance.

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12. Applications by a Consumer-generator for interconnection of the qualified generation unit to the distribution system shall be accompanied by the plan for the Consumer-generator's electrical generating system, including, but not limited to, a wiring diagram and specifications for the generating unit, and shall be reviewed and responded to by the Cooperative within thirty (30) days after receipt for systems of ten (10) kW or less and within ninety (90) days after receipt for all other systems. Prior to the interconnection of the qualified generation unit to the Cooperative's system, the Consumer-generator shall furnish the Cooperative a certification from a qualified professional electrician or engineer that the installation meets the requirements stated above in the Definitions section part (f). If the application for interconnection is approved by the Cooperative and the Consumer-generator does not complete the interconnection within one year after receipt of notice of the approval, the approval shall expire and the Consumer-generator shall be responsible for filing a new application. Upon the change in ownership of a qualified Renewable Energy Resource, the new Consumer-generator shall be responsible for filing a new application under this section.

13. Ownership of all renewable energy credits, greenhouse gas emission credits, and any other renewable energy attributes related to any electricity produced by the eligible Renewable Energy Resource shall be retained by the Consumer-generator.

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