

# Net-Metering

*Rate Schedule No. 22 for all classes of electric service*

## **Tariff Provisions**

### 22. NET-METERING

#### 22.1. DEFINITIONS

22.1.1. Avoided Cost As defined in A.C.A. 23-18-603(1)

22.1.2. Net Metering As defined in A.C.A. 23-18-603(6)

22.1.3. Net Metering Customer As defined in A.C.A. 23-18-603(7)

22.1.4. Net Metering Facility As defined in A.C.A. 23-18-603(8)

22.1.5. Electric Utility As defined in A.C.A. 23-18-603(3)

22.1.6. Net Excess Generation As defined in A.C.A. 23-18-603(5)

22.1.7. Renewable Energy Credit As defined in A.C.A. 23-18-603(10)

22.1.8. Quantifiable Benefits As defined in A.C.A. 23-18-603(9)

#### 22.2. AVAILABILITY

22.2.1. Service under the provisions of this tariff is available to any residential or any other customer who takes service under standard rate schedules 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, or 11 who is a Net-Metering Customer and who has obtained a signed Standard Interconnection Agreement for Net-Metering Facilities with an Electric Utility. The generating capacity of Net-Metering Facilities may not exceed the greater of: 1) twenty-five kilowatts (25 kW) or 2) one hundred percent (100%) of the Net-Metering Customer's highest monthly usage in the previous twelve (12) months for Residential Use. The generating capacity of Net-Metering Facilities may not exceed one thousand kilowatts (1,000 kW) for non-residential use unless otherwise allowed by the Commission. Net-Metering is intended primarily to offset part or all of the customer's energy use.

The provisions of the customer's standard rate schedule are modified as specified herein.

22.2.2. Net-Metering Customers taking service under the provisions of this tariff may not simultaneously take service under the provisions of any other alternative source generation or co-generation tariff except as provided in the Net-Metering Rules.

#### 22.3. MONTHLY BILLING

22.3.1. The Electric Utility shall separately meter, bill, and credit each Net-Metering Facility even if one (1) or more Net-Metering Facilities are under common ownership.

22.3.2. On a monthly basis, the Net-Metering Customer shall be billed the charges applicable under the currently effective standard rate schedule and any appropriate rider schedules. Under Net-Metering, only the kilowatt hour (kWh) units of a Net-Metering Customer's bill are netted.

22.3.3. If the kWhs supplied by the Electric Utility exceeds the kWhs generated by the Net-Metering Facility and fed back to the Electric Utility during the Billing Period, the Net-Metering Customer shall be billed for the net billable kWhs supplied by the Electric Utility in accordance with the rates and charges under the Net-Metering Customer's standard rate schedule.

22.3.4. For Net Metering Customers who receive service under a rate that does not include a demand component, the Electric Utility shall credit a Net-Metering Customer with the amount of any accumulated Net Excess generation as measured in kWh or kWh multiplied by the applicable retail rate in the next applicable billing period and base the bill of the Net-Metering Customer on the net amount of electricity as measured in kWh or kWh multiplied by the applicable retail rate that the Net-Metering Customer has received from or fed back to the Electric Utility during the billing period.

22.3.5. For Net-Metering Customers who receive service under a rate that includes a demand component with generating capacity of 1,000 kW or less, the Electric Utility shall credit the Net-Metering Customer with any accumulated Net Excess Generation as measured in kWh in the next applicable billing period and base the bill of the Net-Metering Customer on the net amount of electricity as measured in kWh that the Net-Metering Customer has received from or fed back to the Electric Utility during the billing period.

22.3.6. For Net-Metering Customers who receive service under a rate that includes a demand component with a generating capacity over 1,000 kW and up to 20 MW and who receive approval to exceed the statutory limits under Ark. Code Ann § 23-18-604(b)(9), the Electric Utility shall credit a Net-Metering Customer with the amount of any accumulated Net Excess Generation as measured in kWh in the next applicable billing period and base the bill of the Net-Metering Customer on the net amount of electricity as measured in kWh that the Net-Metering Customer has received from or fed back to the electric utility during the billing period. The Electric Utility shall also bill the Net-Metering Customer a grid charge. Grid charge rate: \$0.00.

22.3.7. If the kWhs generated by the Net-Metering Facility and fed back to the Electric Utility during the Billing Period exceed the kWhs supplied by the Electric Utility to the Net-Metering Customer during the applicable Billing Period, the Electric Utility shall credit the Net-Metering Customer with any accumulated Net Excess Generation in the next applicable Billing Period.

22.3.8. Net Excess Generation shall first be credited to the Net-Metering Customer's meter to which the Net-Metering Facility is physically attached (Generation Meter).

22.3.9. After application of 22.3.8 and upon request of the Net-Metering Customer pursuant to 22.3.11, any remaining Net Excess Generation shall be credited to one or more of the Net-Metering Customer's meters (Additional Meters) in the rank order provided by the Net-Metering Customer.

22.3.10. Net Excess Generation shall be credited as described in 22.3.8 and 22.3.9 during subsequent Billing Periods; the Net Excess Generation credits remaining in a Net-Metering Customer's account at the close of a billing cycle shall not expire and shall be carried forward to subsequent billing cycles indefinitely. For Net Excess Generation credits older than twenty-four (24) months, a Net-Metering Customer may elect to have the Electric Utility purchase the Net Excess Generation credits in the Net-Metering Customer's account at the Electric Utility's Avoided Cost plus any additional sum determined under the Net-Metering Rules, if the sum to be paid to the Net-Metering Customer is at least one

hundred dollars (\$100). The Electric Utility shall purchase at the Electric Utility's Avoided Cost plus any additional sum determined under the Net-Metering Rules, any Net Excess Generation credits remaining in a Net-Metering Customer's account when the Net-Metering Customer: 1) ceases to be a customer of the Electric Utility; 2) ceases to operate the Net-Metering Facility; or 3) transfers the Net-Metering Facility to another person. When purchasing Net Excess Generation credits from a Net-Metering Customer, the Electric Utility shall calculate the payment based on its Avoided Costs plus any additional sum determined under the Net Metering Rules for the current year.

22.3.11. Upon request from a Net-Metering Customer an Electric Utility must apply Net Excess Generation to the Net-Metering Customer's Additional Meters provided that:

(a) The Net-Metering Customer must give at least 30 days' notice to the Electric Utility.

(b) The Additional Meter(s) must be identified at the time of the request. Additional Meter(s) shall be under common ownership within a single Electric Utility's service area; shall be used to measure the Net-Metering Customer's requirements for electricity; may be in a different class of service than the Generation Meter; shall be assigned to one, and only one, Generation Meter; shall not be a Generation Meter; and shall not be associated with unmetered service. However, the common ownership requirement shall not apply if more than two customers that are governmental entities or other entities that are exempt from state and federal income tax defined under 23-18-603(7)(c) co-locate at a site hosting the Net Metering Facility.

(c) In the event that more than one of the Net-Metering Customer's meters is identified, the Net-Metering Customer must designate that rank order for the Additional Meters to which excess kWh are to be applied. The Net-Metering Customer cannot designate the rank order more than once during the Annual Billing Cycle.

22.3.12. Any Renewable Energy Credit created as the result of electricity supplied by a Net-Metering Customer is the property of the Net-Metering Customer that generated the Renewable Energy Credit.

22.3.13. Grandfathering shall be governed by Ark. Code Ann. 23-18-604(b)(10).