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#### AVAILABILITY:

Available to any customer that owns and operates a solar, wind or hydroelectric generating facility or a hybrid consisting of any combination of these renewable energy sources with a capacity of not more than 50 Kw that is located on the customer's premises and that is intended primarily to offset part or all of the customer's own electrical requirements. The generating facility, hereinafter referred to as eligible customer generator, must be interconnected and operated in parallel with the Company's existing distribution facilities.

#### APPLICABILITY:

Net Metering means measuring the difference between the electricity supplied by the Company and electricity generated by an eligible customer-generator and fed back to the electric grid.

#### RATE:

- Base Rate: The Base Rate per the applicable standard service rate.
- Demand Charge: The Demand Charge per the applicable standard service rate.
- Energy Charge: If the energy supplied by the Company exceeds the customer generated energy, the energy charge per Kwh under the otherwise applicable standard service tariff shall be applied to the positive energy balance and charged to the customer.

If the energy supplied by the customer generator exceeds the amount of energy supplied by the Company, the net Kwh shall be credited to the customer's next monthly bill. The balance of the energy generated shall appear as a credit on the customer's account until the customer's consumption offsets the credit or the end of the designated 12-month billing period, which ever occurs first. At the end of the 12-month period any unused Kwh credit

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accumulated during the previous 12-months will be granted to the Company with no compensation to the customer. The customer shall designate the start date of the 12-month billing period as January 1, April 1, July 1 or October 1.

#### GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

1. Prior to connecting a renewable energy system to operate in parallel with the utility, the eligible customer-generator must contact Company to determine capability of the affected system to accommodate the requested interconnection and comply with the Company's current Guidelines for Interconnection Requirements and Parallel Operation of Customer Owned Generation ("Interconnection Standards"). Upon inspection and approval of the renewable energy system by the appropriate State or Local government electrical inspector, the utility will supply and install the necessary metering.

For demand-metered facilities, Company may require two meters for net metering. The standard utility demand meter currently consists of one meter capable of metering both demand and energy. If two meters are required, this meter shall remain in place as the facility meter. A second energy meter shall be installed on the output from the generator to meter the energy generated by the generator. Company will net the accounts between the facility and the generator to credit the customer for the energy generated as described under Energy Charge above. Connection of the output directly to Company's system may be the preferred approach to establishing interconnection for net metered generators in demand-metered facilities. In such cases, the customer will be required to execute a separate interconnection agreement prior to the interconnection being completed by Company.

The customer shall pay all costs associated with necessary distribution/metering system modifications directly resulting from the installation and interconnection of the customer's generator.

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2. Company may require the customer to interrupt or reduce deliveries of available energy when Company determines (a) such interruption is necessary in order to construct, install, maintain, repair, replace, remove, investigate, or inspect any Company-owned equipment or part of the Company's system, or (b) that curtailment, interruption, or reduction is necessary because of emergencies, forced outages, force majeure, or compliance with any electrical code or standard. Whenever possible, Company will give the customer notice of the possibility that interruption or reduction of deliveries may be required.

If at any time Company determines that either (a) the customer's generator, or its operation, may endanger Company personnel, or (b) the continued operation of the generator may endanger the integrity of Company's electric system, Company shall have the right to disconnect the generator from Company's system. Company will give the customer notice of such occurrence as soon as practical. The customer's generator will remain disconnected until such time as Company determines that all condition(s) are such that it is safe to reconnect.

Company is not obligated to pay for energy that would otherwise have been delivered to its system absent the occurrences described in this section.

3. The foregoing schedule is subject to Rates 101 through 131 and any amendments or alterations thereto or additional rules and regulations promulgated by the Company under the laws of the state.

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