

**Springfield Utility Board
Net Metering Policy
Adopted on February 13, 2008 (Resolution 08-1)**

4-2-2 NET METERING. The objective of this net metering policy is to establish Springfield Utility Board (SUB) policy for substantial compliance with ORS 757.300, as amended by Senate Bill 84, dated June 7, 2005. Senate Bill 84 amended the state law regarding Net Metering that was originally enacted with the passing of House Bill 3219, dated July 8, 1999.

1. Availability

Net metering service is available to SUB Customers who own and operate a Net Metering Facility subject to the following conditions:

- Uses resources identified in ORS 757.300(1)(d)(A) to generate electrical power. At the time this SUB policy was adopted, these resources included solar power, wind power, fuel cells, hydroelectric power, landfill gas, digester gas, waste, dedicated energy crops available on a renewable basis or low-emission, nontoxic biomass based on solid organic fuels from wood, forest or field residues.
- Nameplate generating capacity of not more than two hundred-fifty (250) kilowatts
- Located on the customer's premises
- Interconnects and operates in parallel with SUB's existing transmission and distribution system
- Intended primarily to offset part or all of the customers' own electrical requirements

2. Definitions

- A. Avoided Cost Rate: Because of the environmental and other public policy benefits of net metering, SUB's board deems that the Avoided Cost Rate for purposes of net metering shall equal the energy charge for energy charged by SUB to its retail customers. The Avoided Cost Rate shall not include any customer charges, demand charges, or other fixed charges and shall only reflect the energy charges assessed by SUB for energy consumed by the customer.
- B. Bi-directional Metering: Specialized metering that can measure and record the flow of electrical power in two directions is termed "bi-directional" metering.

- C. Customer: For the purposes of this policy, a customer includes a customer-generator that participates in SUB's Net Metering program.
- D. Energy: Energy is measured in kilowatt-hours (kWh) and may be valued differently for various time periods and seasons.
- E. Energy Charge: Energy charge means the energy charge applied to the customer's billing statements for service under SUB's R-1, GS-1, GS-2, GS-3 or other rate schedule, as determined by SUB.
- F. Excess Energy: Any electrical energy generated by the customer's net metering facility that is surplus to the simultaneous electrical usage of the customer is termed "excess energy".
- G. Net Metering: Net metering is the measurement of the difference between the electricity supplied to an eligible customer by SUB and the electricity generated by an eligible customer's net metering facility and fed back to SUB over the applicable billing period.
- H. Net Metering Facility: A net metering facility is a Customer-generating facility meeting the requirements as outlined in Senate Bill 84, or its successor. (See also Board Policy 4-2-2(1) Availability.)

3. General Provisions for Net Metering Service

A. Start Date

This service shall be available to customers upon the date SUB's Board of Directors adopts this policy.

B. Interconnection and Net Metering Service

SUB shall allow interconnection of a qualifying net metering facility to its system. Customers shall be subject to fees and charges provided in SUB's Interconnection Policy for customer-owned, grid-connected electric generating systems (Board Policy 4-2-3).

C. Interconnection Requirements

Net Metering Facilities shall comply with requirements specified in SUB's Interconnection Policy (Board Policy 4-2-3).

D. Level of Net Metering Generation

The aggregated level of net metering generation for SUB shall be limited to 0.5% of the single-hour coincident peak load for the previous

year. SUB will honor these requests on a "first come, first serve" basis as net metering capacity becomes available under the limit.

E. Monthly Fees

Customers requesting net metering service will not be charged an additional monthly administrative charge associated with a net metering Facility connected to SUB's system. In the future, the Board may reconsider establishing a monthly administrative charge to cover net metering program expenses. The customer will be charged for any required expenses if SUB's system will be modified to interconnect with the net metering facility.

F. Value of Generated Energy from a Net Metering Facility

Any excess energy generated by the customer and supplied to SUB's system shall be valued based upon the Avoided Cost Rate. The energy delivered from the customer (excess energy) shall be credited as if the amount delivered from the customer was billed under the energy charge for the rate schedule, as determined by SUB, that the customer would be billed under if the net metering facility did not exist. For example, under SUB's GS-2 rate schedule, the customer would be billed for energy delivered under SUB's GS-2 rate schedule (including the customer charge and demand charge), and credited for any excess energy under the energy charge for the GS-2 rate schedule.

G. Disbursement of Unused Credit

All customer net metering accounts shall be evaluated once for each year during the March billing cycle. Because SUB often bills customers for a variety of services, it is in the public interest to ensure that a Customer has paid in full for any services or charges assessed by SUB. Every March billing period, any remaining credit in the customers' accounts shall be used to pay for any outstanding electric, water, sewer, or other charges billed by SUB in March to the respective customer. Any outstanding credit after accounting for any such outstanding charges shall be applied to customer's bill for the following billing period. If SUB disconnects any utility account for a net metering customer, SUB will automatically disconnect the customer's net metering account.

4. Monthly Billing for Net Metering Service

The electric service charges for each customer shall be computed in accordance with the monthly billing in the applicable standard rate schedule, as determined by SUB.

5. Special Conditions

- A. A bi-directional metering system will measure any energy.
 - i) If during a billing cycle a customer has provided no excess energy, the prices specified in the energy charges section of the applicable standard rate schedule, as determined by SUB, shall be applied to the positive balance owed to SUB by the customer.
 - ii) If during a billing cycle a customer has provided excess energy, the customer shall be billed for appropriate monthly charges, as determined by SUB, and shall receive a credit on their billing statement for such excess energy at the applicable Avoided Cost Rate.
- B. The customer is responsible for all costs associated with its net metering facility and is also responsible for costs related to any modifications to the net metering facility that may be required by SUB for purposes of safety and reliability.
- C. SUB shall not be liable directly or indirectly for permitting or continuing to allow an attachment of net metering facility, or for the acts or omissions of the customer that cause loss or injury, including death, to any third party.
- D. Net metering facility customers are required to sign a Net Metering Agreement before receiving net metering service.
- E. Net metering facility customers are unable to participate in SUB's average payment plan.
- F. Net metering facility customers are unable to participate in SUB's net metering activities if the seasonal meter lock out is used.
- G. In the event that metering of a customer's generation is tampered with, as determined by SUB, the customer shall be liable for all historic net metering credits and shall no longer be eligible to participate in SUB's net metering program.

6. Continuing Service
This Schedule is based on continuing service at each service location. Disconnect and reconnect transactions shall not relieve a customer from monthly minimum charges.
7. Rules and Regulations
Service under this Schedule is subject to the General Rules, Policies and Regulations of SUB.