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- (4) Prepaid metering service is an automated service that connects and disconnects automatically based on the Customer’s prepaid balance on the account. The Customer is solely responsible for maintaining a prepaid balance on the account to continue to receive electric service. It is only a courtesy that the Cooperative sends notices and the Cooperative will not be responsible for damage or spoilage related to disconnection of electric service due to a prepaid account having a zero balance.

To better serve the Customer, the Cooperative recommends the Customer immediately notify the Cooperative of any changes to the e-mail address and/or cellular number provided to the Cooperative for purposes of providing notifications to the Customer under this program. The Customer will be notified either by e-mail or text message (if the Customer has provided an e-mail address or cellular number) when the balance in the Customer’s prepaid metering account falls below \$25.00. (* Standard text messaging rates may apply and shall be the obligation of the Customer.) Once the balance in the Customer’s prepaid metering account reaches zero, the Cooperative will immediately, and without further notice, disconnect the Customer’s meter so that no electric service will be provided to the Customer through the meter until the Customer establishes a prepaid balance on the account, at which point the meter will be reconnected in a timely manner. If a prepaid balance is not established on the account within 30 days after such disconnection, then the account will be terminated and the membership fee refunded or applied to any amounts due on the account.

202.8 Distributed Generation for Qualifying Facilities.

A. Application.

Applicable to all Customers with qualifying distributed generation facilities (i.e., generation facilities located on the Customer’s premises and connected to the Cooperative’s Distribution System) smaller than 1 MW of connected generation connected in parallel operation to the Cooperative’s Distribution System in accordance with the Cooperative’s Service Rules and Regulations

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and the DG Manual (as defined in Section 340 of this Tariff) that receive Electric Service at one Point of Delivery. A qualifying facility:

- (1) is operated by or on behalf of the Customer and is located on the Customer's premises;
- (2) is intended to provide part or all of the Customer's requirements for electricity;
- (3) uses renewable resources; and
- (4) is interconnected with and can operate in parallel and in phase with the Cooperative's Distribution System.

If any part of this Section 202.8 shall be in conflict with any other provisions of this Tariff, this Section 202.8 shall control.

Service will be furnished under this rate schedule subject to the established Service Rules and Regulations of the Cooperative covering this type of service, including any billing adjustments.


B. Sales to a Customer.

Charges for Electric Service provided to a Customer with a distributed generation facility shall be consistent with the applicable retail rate tariff established by the Cooperative and in use by the Customer as if there were no distributed generation facility.

C. Purchases of Electricity from a Customer.

- (1) With a Distributed Generation Facility Classified as 50 kW or Less of Connected Generation that is Connected to the Distribution System Prior to April 1, 2023:

For power produced in excess of on-site requirements, the Customer shall be compensated by net metering. Net metering is defined as measuring the difference between the electricity supplied by the Cooperative and the electricity generated by the Customer's facility in excess of the Customer's on-site requirements and delivered to the Cooperative's Distribution System over the operable time period.

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The Cooperative shall bill the Customer for the excess energy supplied by the Cooperative over and above the energy generated by the Customer's facility in excess of the Customer's on-site requirements and delivered to the Cooperative's Distribution System during each billing period according to the Cooperative's applicable retail rate schedule.

When the energy generated by the Customer's facility in excess of the Customer's on-site requirements and delivered to the Cooperative's Distribution System exceeds the energy supplied by the Cooperative during the billing period, the monthly charge and/or minimum bill of the Cooperative's applicable retail rate schedule shall be billed by the Cooperative in addition to the monthly metering charge, and the excess energy shall be provided to the Cooperative at no charge to the Cooperative.

The Customer's distributed generation facility must be a Qualifying Facility as defined by the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA). **[CLOSED as of April 1, 2023. A Customer with a distributed generation facility classified as 50 kW or less of connected generation that is connected to the Distribution System prior to April 1, 2023, shall continue to be compensated in accordance with this Section 202.8(C)(1) by the Cooperative until April 1, 2028, and thereafter shall be compensated in accordance with Section 202.8(C)(2) below; provided, however, that a Customer may elect to be compensated in accordance with Section 202.8(C)(2) below at any time prior to April 1, 2028, by providing written notice to the Cooperative. Upon receipt of such notice, the Cooperative will change the compensation method effective on the Customer's upcoming billing date that occurs no sooner than ten (10) days after such notice is received.]**

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- (2) With a Distributed Generation Facility Classified as Greater than 50 kW and Less than 1 MW of Connected Generation that is Connected to the Distribution System Prior to April 1, 2023:

The electric energy generated by the Customer’s facility may be used to offset the Customer’s energy requirements at the time of generation.

The energy (kWh) supplied by the Cooperative to the Customer during the billing period, shall be billed by the Cooperative in accordance with the applicable retail rate schedule.

The energy (kWh) generated by the Customer’s facility in excess of the Customer’s on-site requirements and delivered to the Cooperative’s Distribution System shall be credited to the Customer during the billing period at the Cooperative’s Avoided Cost. The term “Avoided Cost” means the cost of energy provided by the Cooperative’s wholesale power provider(s), which shall be determined monthly by the Cooperative and is calculated based on an average of the wholesale energy costs and related demand charges avoided by the Cooperative as a result of having distributed generation facilities on the Distribution System during the 12-calendar month period immediately prior to such determination.

The Customer’s distributed generation facility must be a Qualifying Facility as defined by the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA).

- (3) With a Distributed Generation Facility Classified as Less than 1 MW of Connected Generation that is Connected to the Distribution System On or After April 1, 2023:

The electric energy generated by the Customer’s facility may be used to offset the Customer’s energy requirements at the time of generation.

The energy (kWh) supplied by the Cooperative to the Customer during the billing period, shall be billed by the Cooperative in accordance with the applicable retail rate schedule.

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The energy (kWh) generated by the Customer’s facility in excess of the Customer’s on-site requirements and delivered to the Cooperative’s Distribution System shall be credited to the Customer during the billing period at the Cooperative’s Avoided Cost. The term “Avoided Cost” means the cost of energy provided by the Cooperative’s wholesale power provider(s), which shall be determined monthly by the Cooperative and is calculated based on an average of the wholesale energy costs and related demand charges avoided by the Cooperative as a result of having distributed generation facilities on the Distribution System during the 12-calendar month period immediately prior to such determination.

The Customer’s distributed generation facility must be a Qualifying Facility as defined by the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA).

- D. Minimum Charges.
Each billing period the Customer shall be obligated to pay, in addition to all charges indicated in the applicable retail rate schedule (including, without limitation, the monthly Minimum Charge therein), regardless of whether or not there is any electricity supplied by the Cooperative or excess of electricity supplied by the Cooperative over and above electricity generated by the Customer’s facility in excess of the Customer’s on-site requirements and delivered to the Cooperative’s Distribution System, an additional Metering and Billing Charge of \$10.00 per meter per month.
- E. Additional Charges.
The Customer shall be subject to any additional charges related to the Customer’s distributed generation facility, including but not limited to communication charges, special metering, scheduling, dispatching and energy imbalance.
- F. Distributed Generation for Members with Non-Qualifying Facilities.
If the Customer’s distributed generation facility is not a Qualifying Facility as defined by the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, then the Cooperative may, at its sole discretion, not allow interconnection of the