

COLUMBUS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

ORIGINAL RATE NO. 18

NET METERING SERVICE

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AVAILABILITY:

"Net Metering" service is available to retail customers of the Cooperative with metered kWh usage with a qualifying Net Metering Facility (as defined herein) installed or with an accepted interconnection application where facilities of adequate capacity and the required phase and suitable voltage are adjacent to the site served. Service is subject to the rules and regulations of the Cooperative and the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission ("NMPRC").

Standby Service will apply to any customer interconnecting generation greater than one (1) MW. Standby Service Rates for customers requiring Standby Service in excess of five (5) MW may be adjusted by the Cooperative's power Supplier Tri-State Generation & Transmission Association ("Cooperative's Power Supplier") and will be based on the specific circumstances of the Net Metering Facility, including operating characteristics, balancing authority arrangements and other factors.

Interconnection applications shall automatically expire six (6) months following approval by the Cooperative, if the customer has not constructed the Net Metering Facility and requested a final interconnection inspection by the Cooperative. The Cooperative may agree in writing to extend any particular interconnection applications for a longer period of time if, in its sole discretion, it determines that there are factors beyond the control of the applicant which have caused a delay.

Applications for interconnection must be submitted in accordance with the provisions of the NMPRC New Mexico Interconnections Standards Manual and New Mexico Public Regulation Commission Rule 17.9.568 NMAC.

DEFINITIONS

Definitions below apply to Net Metering Service offered under this Tariff.

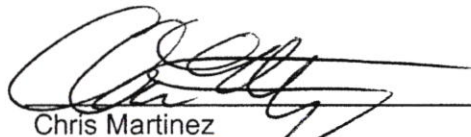
Annual Avoided Cost means the Cooperative's wholesale fuel and energy costs filed annually with the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission.

Combined Heat and Power or CHP means a system that generates electricity and useful thermal energy in a single, integrated system such that the useful power output of the facility plus one-half the useful thermal energy output during any 12-month period must be no less than 42.5 percent of the total energy input of fuel to the facility.

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Customer Supply means energy (kWh) from a customer-owned Net Metering Facility that exceeds the customer's load at a point in time and is fed back into the Cooperative's electric system, as metered by the Cooperative.

Customer Purchase means energy (kWh) that is provided from the Cooperative to the customer to serve the load that is not being served by a customer-owned Net Metering Facility, as metered by the Cooperative.

Excess Generation means the Customer Supply (kWh) less the Customer Purchase (kWh) over a monthly billing period.

Fuel Cell means a device that converts the chemical energy of a fuel directly into electricity without intermediate combustion or thermal cycles. The source of the chemical reaction must be from Renewable Resources.

Net Metering means service to a customer under which electric energy generated by or on behalf of that customer from a Net Metering Facility and delivered to the Cooperative's local distribution facilities may be used to offset electric energy provided by the Cooperative to the customer during the applicable billing period.

Net Metering Facility means a facility for the production of electricity that:

- a. Is operated by or on behalf of the customer and is located on the customer's premises;
 - b. Is intended primarily to provide part or all of the customer's requirements for electricity;
 - c. Uses Renewable Resources, a Fuel Cell or CHP to generate electricity;
 - d. Has a generating capacity less than or equal to 120% of the customer's most recent twelve (12) month kWh consumption.
- Is interconnected with and can operate in parallel with the Cooperative's existing distribution system.

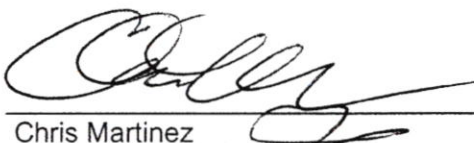
Qualifying Facility means a cogeneration or small power production facility that meets ownership, operating, and efficiency criteria established by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission pursuant to the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act.

Renewable Resource means natural resources that can be replenished by natural processes, including biomass, biogas, geothermal, hydroelectric, solar or wind.

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