

CLOSED TO NEW CUSTOMERS

THIS POLICY IS NO LONGER AVAILABLE TO NEW CUSTOMERS EFFECTIVE JULY 10, 2019. CURRENT CUSTOMERS WILL BE ALLOWED TO STAY ON THIS POLICY UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2033

**MAQUOKETA MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITY
NET METERING POLICY FOR DISTRIBUTED GENERATION
FACILITIES**

1. PURPOSE:

The provisions of this policy set forth the terms and conditions under which a customer will be billed or credited for net deliveries of electrical energy and/or capacity to the Utility from wind or solar Customer Generators approved by the Utility.

2. DEFINITION:

Net Metering - A metering and billing process applied to an eligible Distributed Generation Facility to measure the difference between the electrical energy delivered by the Utility to the Customer Generator and the electrical energy delivered by the Customer Generator to the Utility Distribution System during an applicable billing period.

3. NET METERING GENERAL PROVISIONS:

- a. The Utility shall offer Net Metering to eligible Customers that wish to generate electricity on the Customer's side of the meter using only wind or solar energy resources.
- b. Net Metering is intended for Customer Generators with a rated output of 25 kilowatts (kW) or less produced through conversion of wind or solar energy.
- c. Customer Generators shall be equipped with properly approved Utility metering equipment that can measure the net flow of electricity delivered and received, typically through use of a single bidirectional meter. Necessary metering will be supplied and installed by the Utility at no cost to the Customer Generator.
- d. If a Customer Generator formally terminates Net Metering, the Utility shall treat the end of the service period as if it were the end of the billing period and, if applicable, settle with the Customer Generator according to the appropriate billing practices.
- e. The Utility shall not charge a Customer Generator any fee or charge, or require additional equipment or any other requirement, unless the fee, charge, or other requirement is specifically authorized under the terms of the Interconnection Agreement, this Policy or if the fee, charge or other requirement would apply to other customers that are not Customer Generators. Any insurance coverage that may be required is specifically exempted from this paragraph.
- f. Nothing in this Policy shall abrogate any Customer's obligation to comply with all applicable Federal, State, or local laws, codes, or ordinances; nor with the Service Rules and Policies of the Utility.

4. INTERCONNECTION STANDARDS

To qualify for Net Metering, Customer Generators must comply with the Utility's Interconnections Guidelines for Parallel Installation and Operation of Distributed Generation Facilities.

5. REQUEST

The Customer Generator shall make a request for Net Metering by completing the Utility's Interconnection Application. The Utility may require additional details or clarifications as needed to properly evaluate the application.

6. BILLING PRACTICES

The following net billing provisions shall apply to a Customer whose Distributed Generation Facility is eligible for Interconnection under Part 1, Section 3 of the Utility's Interconnection Guidelines and has received Approval to Energize under Part 6 of this Standard.

- a. **Positive Net Consumption.** Whenever the amount of electricity delivered by an eligible Customer Generator in a billing period is less than the electricity delivered by the Utility during such billing period, after any offset from credited kilowatt-hours carried forward from prior billing periods, billing for the net energy supplied by the Utility will be made in accordance with the standard residential, commercial or industrial rate schedule applicable to the Customer's assigned rate class and all applicable riders.
- b. **Negative Net Consumption.** Whenever the amount of electricity delivered by an eligible Customer Generator in a billing period is more than the electricity supplied by the Utility in a billing period, the Utility shall credit the Customer Generator for the excess kilowatt-hours for use in subsequent billing periods. At no time shall the Utility be required to convert the credit balance to cash. At the end of the last billing period in each calendar year, any accumulated credit balance will be reset to zero.
- c. **Obligation for Other Charges.** Regardless of whether the Customer Generator is entitled to excess electrical energy credit from the current billing period or a prior billing period, Customer Generators remain responsible for all charges incurred during each billing period including, but not limited to: customer charges, facilities charges, demand charges, environmental charges, transmission charges, any late payment charges, and any requirements for deposits or special charges or fees that may be applied.