

**MAQUOKETA MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITY
RATE POLICY FOR CUSTOMER-OWNED
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 deliveries of electrical energy and/or capacity to the Utility from a renewable energy resource Customer Generators approved by the Utility.

2. DEFINITION:

Metering of Customer-Sited Distributed Generation Facilities (“DG Facility Metering”) - A metering and billing process applied to an eligible Distributed Generation Facility to measure all flows of energy and separately total the electrical energy delivered by the Utility to the Customer Generator and the electrical energy received from the Customer Generator by the Utility Distribution System during an applicable billing period. This meter may measure these energy flows in both directions using registers or intervals.

3. DG FACILITY METERING GENERAL PROVISIONS:

- a. The Utility shall offer DG Facility Metering to eligible Customers that wish to generate electricity on the Customer’s side of the meter using only renewable energy resources.
- b. DG Facility Metering is intended for Customer Generators with a rated output up to 100 kW_{AC} produced through conversion of renewable energy resources. Generators rated greater than 100 kW_{AC} are subject to engineering review and distribution study and may be eligible for this rate.
- c. Customer Generators shall be equipped with properly approved Utility metering equipment that can measure the flow of electricity delivered and received, typically through use of a dual register, 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 DG Facility 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 DG Facility Metering, Customer Generators must comply with the Utility’s Interconnection Guidelines for Parallel Installation and Operation of Distributed Generation Facilities.

5. REQUEST

The Customer Generator shall make a request for DG Facility 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 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. **Energy Usage Cost Calculation.** The amount of electrical energy delivered by the Utility to the Customer shall be billed in accordance with the standard residential, commercial or industrial rate schedule applicable to the Customer's assigned rate class and all applicable riders.
- b. **Buyback Credit Calculation.** The amount of electrical energy received by the Utility from an eligible Customer Generator at any time during a billing period shall be credited at the current rate for distributed generation specified in the WPPI Energy "Schedule for Purchase of Excess Distributed Generation." WPPI Energy is the Utility's wholesale power provider.
- c. **Obligation for Other Charges.** Regardless of whether the Customer Generator is entitled to excess electrical cost 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.