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# Net Metering - Rider

## Availability

Net metering service is available under this rider at points on the cooperative's existing electric distribution system for members operating renewable energy resources. The net metering service is available to member-generators on a first-come, first-served basis until the total rated generating capability of all net metering interconnections during a calendar year equals or exceeds one percent (1%) of the cooperative's peak load for the previous calendar year. Upon reaching either of these limits no further net metering service shall be available for that calendar year. This rider shall not be available for any electric service schedule allowing for resale. A member-generator shall have the alternative option of interconnecting renewable generation under the cooperative's renewable parallel generation rider. However, renewable member-generators may not change between the net metering and parallel generation riders without the prior approval of the cooperative, and such elections shall not be for periods less than one year.

## Applicability

This net-metering rider is applicable to member-generators with a cooperative-approved interconnection agreement who are taking service under one of the cooperative's normal rate schedules. To determine total applicable net metering maximum allowed capacity, see table below.

Total maximum allowed capacity (kW) for members with approved facilities

<u>Member Type</u>	<u>Operational prior to April 1, 2017</u>	<u>After April 1, 2017</u>
Domestic Service	25 kW	15 kW
Small Commercial Service	200 kW	100 kW
Large Commercial Service	200 kW	100 kW
Irrigation Service	200 kW	100 kW
Schools*	200 kW	150 kW

The net metered facility shall be appropriately sized for member's anticipated electric load. Cooperative will work with member to determine appropriately sized units, based on historical load profiles of member's operations at point of interconnection.

\*Any post-secondary educational institution as defined in KSA 74-3201b, and amendments thereto, or any public or private school which provides instruction for students in kindergarten through grade 12.

Member-generators with a net metered facility operational prior to April 1, 2017, covered by this rider may install additional renewable energy resource after that date, as long as the pre-date maximum limits are observed. Maximums listed for before and after the date are not additive.

## Characteristics of Service

Alternating current, 60 Hz, at the voltage and phase of the cooperative's established secondary distribution system immediately adjacent to the service location.



## Billing and Payment

The cooperative shall render a bill for net consumption at approximately 30-day intervals during the cooperative's normal billing process.

The Grid Availability Charge is designed to recover the cooperative's fixed cost associated with owning and maintaining the distribution and transmission facilities required to provide reliable electric service when the member-generator cannot meet its own supply needs.

Any renewable member-generators with installed and operating generation prior to April 1, 2017, shall be grandfathered in and the Grid Availability Charge waived until such time as the member modifies the nameplate capacity or type of generation.

A member-generator, which installs renewable generation on or after April 1, 2017, shall be billed a monthly Grid Availability Charge, based on a per kW of nameplate generating capacity as defined herein and may be updated and amended from time to time by the board of trustees.

### Grid Availability Charges

Domestic Service	\$4.27 per kW per month
Small Commercial Service	\$4.27 per kW per month
Large Commercial Service	\$5.97 per kW per month
Irrigation Service	\$5.04 per kW per month

Net consumption is defined as the kWh supplied by the cooperative to the member-generator minus kWh supplied by the member-generator and returned to the cooperative's grid during the billing period. Any net consumption shall be valued as follows:

To the extent the net consumption is positive (i.e. member-generator took more kWh from the cooperative during the billing period than member-generator produced), the eligible member-generator will be billed in accordance with the cooperative's standard rate for energy charges (for the net consumption), and for any member charges, demand charges, and/or any minimum charges that would otherwise be applicable to the member under the standard rate plus the applicable Grid Availability Charge.

To the extent the net consumption is negative (i.e. member-generator produced more kWh during the billing period than the cooperative supplied), the member-generator will pay applicable Grid Availability Charge, member charges, demand charges, or all, depending upon the cooperative's standard rate applicable to the member; and the excess electric energy shall be retained by the cooperative.

To the extent the net consumption is zero (i.e. the member-generator produced the same kWh during the billing period as was supplied by the cooperative), the member generator will be billed in accordance with the cooperative's otherwise applicable standard rate for the eligible member-generator, including any applicable member charges, demand charges and/or minimum charges, and the Grid Availability Charge.



## Definitions

### Member-generator

The owner or operator of a qualified electric energy generation unit which:

- Is powered by a renewable energy resource as defined by Kansas state statutes (see definition below)
- Has an electrical generating capacity of not more than total maximum capacity
- Is located on a premises owned, operated, leased, or otherwise controlled by the member-generator
- Is interconnected and operates in parallel phase and synchronization with the cooperative
- Is intended primarily to offset part or all of the member-generator's own electrical energy requirements
- Meets all applicable safety, performance, interconnection; and reliability standards established by the National Electrical Code, the National Electrical Safety Code, the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Underwriters Laboratories, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and any local governing authorities
- Contains a mechanism that automatically disables the unit and interrupts the flow of electricity back onto the cooperative's electric lines in the event service to the member-generator is interrupted

Each meter connected under this Net Metering Rider defines a member-generator. A generator owned or operated by a member-generator cannot be connected in common with any other meter or be deemed to be for the purpose of serving the load connected to any other meter. To the extent the member-generator controls the renewable energy resources and meets the requirements, and accepts all of the obligations of this Net Metering Rider, the member-generator is not required to own the generating facilities.

### Renewable Energy Resources

Electrical energy produced from an energy resource or technologies defined as renewable in K.S.A. 17-4652, and amendments thereto, and energy produced from municipal or other solid waste and animal waste.

### Net metering

A bi-directional metering process using equipment sufficient to measure the difference between the electrical energy supplied to a member-generator by cooperative and the electrical energy supplied by the member-generator to the cooperative over an applicable billing period.

### Peak load

The one-hour maximum annual demand imposed by the cooperative's retail load applicable to the territory to which this schedule is applicable.

## Terms and Conditions

1. The cooperative will supply, own and maintain at its expense all necessary meters and associated equipment utilized for billing. In addition, and for purposes of monitoring member generation and load, the cooperative may install load research metering at its expense. The member shall supply, at no expense to the cooperative, a suitable location for meters and associated equipment used for billing and for load research. Such equipment shall be accessible at all times to cooperative personnel.
2. The cooperative shall have the right to require the member, at certain times and as electric operating conditions warrant, to limit the production of electrical energy from the generating facility to an amount no greater than the load at the member's facility of which the generating facility is a part.



3. The member shall furnish, install, operate and maintain in good order and repair without cost to the cooperative such relays, locks and seals, breakers, automatic synchronizers, disconnecting devices, and other control and protective devices as shall be designated by the cooperative as being required as suitable for the operation of the generator in parallel with the cooperative's system.
4. The member shall install and maintain a visible, manual disconnect switch. This manual switch must have the capability to be locked out by cooperative personnel to isolate the cooperative's facilities in the event of an electrical outage on the cooperative's transmission and distribution facilities serving the member. This isolating device shall also serve as a means of isolation for the member's equipment during any member maintenance activities, routine outages or emergencies. The cooperative shall give notice to the member before a manual switch is locked or an isolating device used, if possible; and otherwise shall give notice as soon as practicable after locking or isolating the member's facilities.
5. The member shall reimburse the cooperative for any equipment, facilities, protective equipment or upgrades required solely as a result of the installation by the member of generation in parallel with the cooperative's system.
6. The member shall notify the cooperative prior to the initial energizing and start-up testing of the member-owned generator, and the cooperative shall have the right to have a representative present at said test.
7. If harmonics, voltage fluctuations, or other disruptive problems on the cooperative's system are directly attributable to the operation of the member's system, such problem(s) shall be corrected at the member's expense.
8. No member's generating system shall damage the cooperative's system or equipment or present an undue hazard to cooperative personnel. The cooperative shall not be liable directly or indirectly for permitting or continuing to allow an attachment of a net metered facility or for the acts or omissions of a member-generator that cause loss or injury, including death, to any third party. The member-generator agrees to hold the cooperative harmless from injury or property damage incurred by any person and arising out of the ownership, operation, maintenance, or use of the member's electrical generation facility and to indemnify the cooperative against all liability and expense related thereto.
9. Prior to installing and interconnecting a renewable energy resource the member shall enter into a standard interconnection contract with the cooperative setting forth the conditions related to technical and safety aspects of parallel generation.
10. Service under this Net Metering Rider may be subject to the cooperative's parallel generation interconnection regulations found in the cooperative's approved rules and regulations and subsequent modifications thereto.
11. The member-generator shall, at its own expense, maintain in force general liability insurance without any exclusion for liabilities related to the interconnection. The amount of such insurance shall be sufficient to insure against all reasonably foreseeable direct liabilities given the size and nature of the generating equipment being interconnected, the interconnection itself, and the characteristics of the system to which the interconnection is made. For renewable energy resource systems having a maximum nameplate generating capability of ten (10) kW or less, a member-generator whose system meets the standards specified in cooperative's parallel



generation interconnection regulations found in the cooperative's approved rules and regulations shall not be required to install additional controls, perform or pay for additional tests or distribution equipment or purchase additional liability insurance other than such general liability insurance. For renewable energy resource systems having a maximum nameplate generating capability of greater than ten (10) kW, the cooperative's parallel generation interconnection regulations found in the cooperative's approved rules and regulations shall: (1) Set forth safety, performance and reliability standards and insurance requirements; and (2) establish the qualifications for exemption from a requirement to install additional controls, perform or pay for additional tests or distribution equipment or purchase additional liability insurance.

12. Applications by a member-generator for interconnection of the qualified generation unit to the distribution system shall be accompanied by the plan for the member-generator's electrical generating system, including, but not limited to, a wiring diagram and specifications for the generating unit, and shall be reviewed and responded to by the cooperative within thirty days (30 days) after receipt for systems of ten (10) kilowatts or less and within ninety days (90 days) after receipt for all other systems. Prior to the interconnection of the qualified generation unit to the cooperative's system, the member-generator shall furnish the cooperative a certification from a qualified professional electrician or engineer that the installation meets the requirements of cooperative's parallel generation interconnection regulations found in the cooperative's approved rules and regulations. If the application for interconnection is approved by the cooperative and the member-generator does not complete the interconnection within one year after receipt of notice of the approval, the approval shall expire and the member-generator shall be responsible for filing a new application. Upon the change in ownership of a qualified renewable energy resource, the new member-generator shall be responsible for filing a new application under this section.
13. Ownership of all renewable energy credits, greenhouse gas emission credits, or any other renewable energy attributes related to any electricity produced by the eligible renewable energy resource, shall be retained by the member-generator.

Service will be rendered in accordance with the cooperative's rules and regulations, which can be obtained at The Victory Electric Cooperative Association, Inc.'s office or on their website at [www.victoryelectric.net](http://www.victoryelectric.net).