

**CITY OF ALBION, IDAHO**  
**MUNICIPAL ELECTRICAL POLICY**

**Net Metering Policy**

I. Availability

Net Metering Service is available to Customers of City of Albion municipal electrical power system (hereinafter "City"), who own and operate power generation equipment (Net Metering System), subject to the conditions, definitions, provisions and requirements herein set forth.

II. Definitions

Excess Energy. Any electrical energy generated by the Net Metering System that is surplus to the simultaneous electrical usage of the Customer is termed "excess energy". This electrical energy flows into the City's system and is used to serve other Customers.

Net Metering. The measurement of the difference between the electricity supplied to an eligible Customer by the City and the electricity (1) generated by an eligible Customer's metering facility and (2) fed back to the City's system over the applicable billing period.

Net Metering System or Facility. A generating system or facility meeting the requirements as described below:

- (a) Uses solar, wind, microturbine, fuel cell, hydroelectric power or other generation resource approved by the City to generate electrical power;
- (b) Nameplate generating capacity of not more than twenty five (25) kilowatts;
- (c) Located on the Customer's premises;
- (d) Interconnects and operates parallel with the City's existing transmission and distribution system;
- (e) Intended to offset part or all of the Customer's own electrical requirements.

III. General Provisions for Net Metering Service

Interconnection and Net Metering Service. The City shall allow interconnection of Net Metering Systems or facilities to its system. The City will install, at its own expense, standard residential metering. Any equipment required beyond the City's standard residential metering will be charged to the Customer in accordance with applicable state and federal regulations.

Interconnection Requirements. A Net Metering System used by a Customer shall include, at the Customers expense, all equipment necessary to meet applicable safety, power quality, and interconnection requirements established by the National Electrical Code (NEC), National Electrical Safety Code (NESC), the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE), including but not limited to IEEE 1547, "Series of Interconnection Standards" and IEEE

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1547.1, "Standard Conformance Test Procedures for Equipment Interconnecting Distributed Resources with Electric Power Systems" and Underwriters Laboratories (UL), and any other applicable standards.

Level of Net-Metering Generation. The City will honor requests for interconnection on a "first-come, first-serve basis" as net-metering capacity becomes available. Net metering capacity shall be determined in the sole discretion of the City Council.

Fees. Customers requesting net metering service will be charged a monthly facilities charge for the interconnection of net-metering facilities to the City's system. Customer's minimum monthly charge will be the current monthly facilities charge. The monthly facilities charge will be set by Resolution of the City Council to reflect the cost of service associated with net metering customers' use of the City's distribution system. Excess energy may not be credited against the monthly facilities charge. The Customer will be charged for any expenses associated with modifying the City's system in order to interconnect the net-metering facility.

Crediting of Excess Energy. Any excess electrical energy generated by the Customer and supplied to the City's system shall be credited to the Customer's account that is connected to the Net Metering System.

#### IV. Monthly Billing for Net Metering Service

The monthly electric charge shall be computed in accordance with the applicable rate schedule. Net billed meters shall be read monthly by a City representative.

#### V. Special Conditions

(a) When the Customer generates more energy than they use in a month, the Customer will be billed the appropriate monthly charges (monthly facility fee) and will then be credited for the net metering energy with a cumulative kilowatt-hour (kWh) credit on their bill. The credit is applied to the energy used portion of the next month's bill. The credit will not apply to the monthly facility fee. All remaining unused credits will be expired on December 31 of each year.

(b) The Customer is responsible for all costs associated with the Net Metering System and is also responsible for costs related to any modifications to the system or facility that may be required by the City for purposes of safety and reliability.

The Customer is responsible for all costs of the City to complete an engineering study before approval of the project. The engineering study will determine any necessary modifications to the City's system for the connection of the Net Metering System. The Customer will be responsible for all costs associated with the necessary improvements. Before the City will commence work, if necessary, on the City's system, the Customer shall state in writing that all costs have been clearly explained and the expenditures are authorized.

(c) The Net Metering System shall be interconnected to the City's system through a static inverter that complies with the "Interconnection Requirements".

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(d) The owner of the Net Metering System and/or owner's agents or representatives shall agree to maintain appropriate liability insurance. The owner further agrees to operate the Net Metering System according to all applicable governmental requirements, safety, electrical, and building codes, and electric utility safety standards, and be responsible for the safe and effective operation and maintenance of the system or facility for as long as the system or facility is connected to the City's system.

(e) Customer shall furnish and install (on Customer side of the meter) a disconnecting device capable of fully disconnecting and isolating the Net Metering System from the City's distribution system. The disconnecting device shall be located adjacent to the City's bi-directional metering equipment and shall be of the visible break type, located in a metal enclosure that can be secured by a City owned padlock or other security device. The disconnecting device shall be clearly marked "Generator Disconnect Switch". The disconnecting device shall be accessible to City's personnel, including Raft Rive Electric, at all times and shall conform to National Electric Code standards. City shall have the right to disconnect, with or without notice, the Net Metering System from the City's distribution system in order to maintain safe and reliable electrical operating conditions or to protect the City's system from damage, disruption, interference, or to preserve City system reliability. The Net Metering System shall remain disconnected until such time that the City determines conditions justifying the disconnection have been resolved.

(f) The City will assume that the Customer's Net Metering System is serving the Customer's load while the City's system is disconnected. Before connection to the City's system is re-established, the Net Metering System must be taken completely off line. When the Customer's Net Metering System is completely off line, the City's service may be restored. At that point in time, the Customer's Net Metering System may reconnect to the City's system.

(g) The City shall not be liable directly or indirectly for permitting or continuing to allow an attachment of a Net Metering System, or for the acts or omissions of the Customer that cause loss or injury, including death, to the Customer, the City, the City's officials, employees or agents, or to any third party.

(h) Customers are required to sign a Net Metering Agreement before receiving net metering service. This policy shall be "Exhibit A" to that Agreement, and is incorporated by reference therein.

## VI. Continuing Service

This schedule is based on continuing service at each service location. Disconnect and reconnect transactions shall not operate to relieve a Customer from the monthly facilities charge.