

Net Metering Tariff Proposed for Idaho Customers

Our company shares your commitment to maintaining a sustainable environment for future generations. This communication is to inform you that on June 14, 2019, Rocky Mountain Power filed an application with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission proposing to close the company's Net Metering program (Schedule 135) to new applicants for Idaho customers and open a new program for customers who choose to generate their own electricity while continuing to rely on Rocky Mountain Power's network. The successor program would compensate customers for the excess energy they export to the system based on the market value, currently approximately 2.2 cents/kWh, which is comparable to other energy purchases. The proposed change is a decrease in the compensation for excess energy from the full retail rate of 8.5 to 14.9 cents/kWh in the current program, which includes all costs to provide service to our customers. On April 23, 2020, a supplemental filing was made to update the market value of the excess energy.

Further, in recognition of the investment the current Net Metering customers made in their systems, the company proposes that the Commission approve a plan to keep existing customers on Schedule 135, Net Metering Service, for 10 years before moving to the new program structure on Schedule 136, Net Billing Service.

The Commission approved a two-phase approach, consisting of a study design phase and a study review phase. In the study design phase, the Commission will determine the elements to be included in the study to be conducted on the value of energy exported to the system. Ultimately, that study will be used in the second phase to determine the compensation customers will receive for energy exported to the system. During both phases the parties and the public have the opportunity to comment on the scope and parameters of the study. After the Company files the study, the Commission will issue an order establishing the procedure and schedule for the study review phase.

The Company proposes to close its current Net Metering Program to new participants as of July 31, 2020. The Company proposes that existing Net Metering customers remain on Schedule 135 until July 31, 2030, grandfathering existing customers to the terms of Schedule 135 for 10 years.

The Company requests the Commission establish Schedule 136 – Net Billing Program effective September 1, 2020. The Company proposes that customers who apply to interconnect an onsite generation system after July 31, 2020 take service under Schedule 136. The only difference between the current Schedule 135 and proposed Schedule 136 is that under Schedule 136, energy exported to the grid by a customer generator would be compensated at an export credit rate to be determined in the study review phase rather than the full retail rate that Schedule 135 customers receive today. The proposed changes would only take effect after Commission approval.

To comment on this proposal or for more information, please join the teleconference:

Date: Tuesday, June 16, 2020

Time: 4-7 p.m.

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Entering conference ID 4275950

For more information and meeting materials please visit the Company's website at: rockymountainpower.net/solar, or the Commission website at puc.idaho.gov/Filerroom/PublicFiles/ELEC/PAC/PACEI908. Written comments can be submitted at this same Commission website.

