



RULE Q - NET METERING

A. OTEC will offer net metering service to any Member-Generator within the OTEC Service Territory in compliance with ORS 757.300.

B. The definitions contained in ORS 757.300 with respect to OTEC's Net Metering obligations are adopted for purposes of this Rule Q. For administrative ease, the following are repeated below:

1. Member-Generator means a user of a Net Metering Facility.
2. Net Metering means measuring the difference between the electricity supplied by OTEC and the electricity generated by a Member-Generator and fed back to OTEC over the applicable Billing Period.
3. Net Metering Facility means a facility for the production of electrical energy that:

Generates electricity using solar power, wind power, fuel cells, hydroelectric power, landfill gas, digester gas, waste, dedicated energy crops available on a renewable basis or low-emission, nontoxic biomass based on solid organic fuels from wood, forest or field residues;

- Is located on the Member-Generator's Premises;
- Can operate in parallel with OTEC's existing transmission and distribution facilities; and
- Is intended primarily to offset part or all of the Member-Generator's electricity requirements.

C. Net metering services pursuant to this Rule are available to Members generating not more than 25 kilowatts of electricity located on the Member's Premises.

D. OTEC shall allow Net Metering Facilities to be interconnected to OTEC facilities using a standard meter capable of registering the bidirectional flow of electricity. OTEC shall not charge the Member-Generator separately for the bidirectional meter. OTEC may at its own expense install one or more additional meters to monitor the flow of electricity in each direction.

E. OTEC shall not charge the Member-Generator a minimum of fixed monthly fee or charge that is greater than any other Member's minimum or fixed monthly fee or charge in the same rate class as the Member-Generator; provided however, the OTEC Board reserves the right to assess Member-Generators a greater monthly fee or charge if it determines that OTEC's direct costs of interconnection and administration of Member-Generators outweighs the distribution system, environmental and public policy benefits of allocating such net metering costs among OTEC's entire membership base.

F. If OTEC supplies a Member-Generator more electricity than the Member-Generator feeds back to OTEC during a Billing Period, OTEC shall charge the Member for the net electricity that OTEC supplied. If a Member-Generator supplies to OTEC more energy than the Member consumes from OTEC during a Billing Period, then OTEC shall value the energy supplied by the Member-Generator at OTEC's avoided cost, which is BPA's energy-only rate.

G. The Member's Net Metering Facility shall at all times comply with safety and performance standards established in the Oregon Building Code, the National Electric Code, the National Electric Safety Code, and the IEEE.



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H. OTEC's Net Metering Service shall be available on a first come, first-served basis until fully subscribed. Once the total capacity of OTEC's Member net metering generation equals one-half of one percent of OTEC's single-hour peak load, OTEC reserves the right to limit the availability of additional Net Metering Service following notice and an opportunity to comment by the membership.

I. The Member-Generator is responsible for all costs associated with its Net Metering Facility and is also responsible for all costs related to any modifications to the facility that may be required by OTEC for purposes of safety and reliability.

J. OTEC may discontinue the Member-Generator's electric service at any time if the Net Metering Facility must be physically disconnected for any reason. Except as provided for in OAR 860-039-0015, the Member-Generator must install and maintain a visible manual disconnect switch that will disconnect the net metering facility from OTEC's system. The disconnect switch must be a lockable, load-break switch that plainly indicates whether it is in the open or closed position. The disconnect switch must be readily accessible to OTEC at all times and located within ten feet of OTEC's meter.

K. OTEC shall not be liable directly or indirectly for permitting or continuing to allow an attachment of a Net Metering Facility, or for the acts or omissions of the Member-Generator that cause loss or injury, including death, to any third party.

L. OTEC shall be the owner of all "Environmental Attributes" associated with energy purchased from the Member-Generator, including but not limited to renewable energy credits associated with or attributed to the Member-Generator's Net Metering Facility and the Member-Generator agrees, pursuant to this Rule Q, to transfer and assign all such Environmental Attributes to OTEC.

M. Unless otherwise agreed to between OTEC and the Member-Generator, the Member-Generator shall at all times be and remain the beneficial owner of the net metering facilities that receive net metering services in accordance with this Rule Q and Schedule NMS, Net Metering Service.