# City of Westerville Electric Division Electric Rates

## **Net Metering**

(a) <u>Availability of Service</u>. This schedule is available to consumers on a first come, first served basis, who own and operate qualifying consumer-generator facilities designed to operate in parallel with the City's system. Consumers served under this schedule must also take service under the applicable standard service schedule.

### (b) Conditions of Service.

- i. A qualifying consumer is one whose generating facility complies with all the following requirements: a. is fueled by solar, wind, biomass, landfill gas, or hydropower, or uses a microturbine (with a total rated generating capacity of 100 kW or less) or a fuel cell; b. is owned and operated by the consumer and is located on the consumer-generator's premises; c. is designed and installed to operate in parallel with the City's system without adversely affecting the operation of equipment and service of the City and its consumers and without presenting safety hazards to City and consumer personnel; and d. is intended primarily to offset part or all of the consumer-generator's electricity needs.
- ii. The consumer's generating equipment shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications as well as all applicable provisions of the National Electrical Code. All equipment and installations shall comply with all applicable safety and performance standards established by the National Electrical Code, the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, and Underwriters Laboratories.
- iii. An application for interconnection with the City's distribution system must be made by the consumer or the consumer's authorized representative. The interconnection permit must provide at least the following information regarding the consumer-generator's facility: Inverter type, size, certification, and manufacturer's specifications including details about circuit protective devices; generation facility certifications; the installing electrician name, address, and phone number; and proof of inspection and approval from the appropriate City inspector(s).
- (c) <u>Metering.</u> Net energy metering shall be accomplished using a single meter capable of registering the flow of electricity in each direction. If the existing electrical meter installed at the consumer's facility is not capable of measuring the flow of electricity in two directions, the consumer shall be responsible for all expenses for the purchase and installation of an appropriate meter with such capability. The City may, at its own expense and with written consent of the consumer, install one or more additional meters to monitor the flow of electricity.

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(d) Monthly Charges. Monthly charges for energy, and demand where applicable, to serve the consumer's net or total load shall be determined according to the City's standard service schedule under which the consumer would otherwise be served, absent the consumer-owned generation source. If a non-residential consumer's qualifying consumer-generator facility has a total rated generating capacity of more than 6 kW, service shall be provided under the City's standard demand-metered schedule (Schedule GSS or GSL depending on the consumer's load characteristics).

If the City supplies more kWh of electricity to the consumer than the consumergenerator's facility feeds back to the City's system during the billing period, all energy charges of the consumer's standard service schedule shall be calculated using the consumer's net energy usage for the billing period.

If the consumer-generator's facility feeds more kWh of electricity back to the City's system than the City supplies to the consumer during the billing period, only the generation-related energy charges of the consumer's standard service schedule shall be calculated using the consumer's net energy supplied to the City. All other energy charges shall be calculated using an energy value of zero (0) kWh. If the consumer's net billing under the standard service schedule is negative during the billing period, the negative net billing shall be allowed to accumulate as a credit to offset billing in the next billing period. After three consecutive months of accumulated credit, the consumer may request a refund.

- (e) <u>Special Terms and Conditions.</u> This schedule is subject to the City's Terms and Conditions of Service and all provisions of the standard service schedule under which the consumer takes service.
- (f) <u>Additional Charges.</u> The consumer shall pay any additional charges, as determined by the City, for equipment, labor, metering, testing or inspections requested by the consumer.
- (g) <u>Length of Term.</u> Contracts under this schedule shall be made for a period of not less than one year.