

Net Metering:**Summary:**

On September 30, 1999, the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (PRC) issued a rule requiring all utilities regulated by the PRC to offer net metering for cogeneration facilities and small power producers with systems of 10 kW or less. Municipal utilities are exempt because they are not regulated by the PRC. There is no statewide cap on the number of systems eligible for net metering.

Net excess electricity generated by a qualifying system must be credited to the customer on the next bill by either (1) crediting or paying the customer for the net energy supplied to the utility at the utility's "energy rate"; or (2) crediting the customer for the net kilowatt-hours of energy supplied to the utility. Unused credits shall be carried forward from month to month. In this case, if a customer leaves the system, utilities must pay the customer for any unused credits at the utility's "energy rate".

This rule amended New Mexico's November 30, 1998, net metering ruling, PSC Final Order Case #2847. Under this rule, net excess generation was credited to the customer's next monthly bill with any unused credited granted to the utility at the end of the year.

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