

Net Metering Rules:

Summary:

A net metering measure, HB 7 passed both chambers in Utah Legislature on March 14, 2002 and was signed into law by Governor Mike Levitt on March 15, 2002. This law requires utilities to make a net metering program available to customers with fuel cells, solar, wind or small hydropower facilities with a generating capacity of up to 25 kilowatts. Total participation in the program is capped at 0.1 percent of the cumulative generating capacity of the electrical corporation's peak demand during 2001.

Utilities are required to give the customer a credit for electricity generated that exceeds the amount supplied. If net metering results in excess customer-generated electricity during the billing period, the utility must credit the customer for the excess customer-generated electricity at a value that is at least avoided cost. All credits that the customer does not use during the calendar year expire at the end of the calendar year.

The act prohibits the electrical corporation from imposing additional charges or fees to customers participating in a net metering program unless authorized by the Utilities Commission.

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