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A Bill

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO ALLOW A LIMITED AMOUNT OF NET EXCESS GENERATION CREDIT TO ROLL OVER TO A NET-METERING CUSTOMER'S ACCOUNT AT THE CLOSE OF AN ANNUAL BILLING CYCLE; TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO ALLOW A LIMITED AMOUNT OF NET EXCESS GENERATION CREDIT TO ROLL OVER TO A NET-METERING CUSTOMER'S ACCOUNT AT THE CLOSE OF AN ANNUAL BILLING CYCLE; AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 23-18-604 is amended to read as follows:

23-18-604. Authority of Arkansas Public Service Commission.

(a) An electric utility shall allow net-metering facilities to be interconnected using a standard meter capable of registering the flow of electricity in two (2) directions.

(b) Following notice and opportunity for public comment, the Arkansas Public Service Commission:

(1) Shall establish appropriate rates, terms, and conditions for net-metering contracts, including a requirement that ~~metering~~ net-metering equipment be installed to ~~both~~ accurately measure the electricity ~~supplied;~~

(A) Supplied by the electric utility to each net-metering customer; and ~~also to accurately measure the electricity generated~~



(B) Generated by each net-metering customer that is fed back to the electric utility over the applicable billing period;

(2) May authorize an electric utility to assess a net-metering customer a greater fee or charge of any type, if the electric utility's direct costs of interconnection and administration of net metering outweigh the distribution system, environmental, and public policy benefits of allocating the costs among the electric utility's entire customer base;

(3) Shall require electric utilities to credit a net-metering customer with any accumulated net excess generation in the next applicable billing period;

(4) May expand the scope of net metering to include additional facilities that do not use a renewable energy resource for a fuel ~~or may increase the peak limits for individual net-metering facilities~~, if so doing results in ~~desirable~~ distribution system, environmental, or public policy benefits;

(5) May increase the peak limits for individual net-metering facilities, if doing so results in distribution system, environmental, or public policy benefits; and

~~(5)~~ (6) Shall provide that:

(A) ~~Any~~ The net excess generation credit remaining in a net-metering customer's account at the close of an annual billing cycle, up to an amount equal to four (4) months' average usage during the annual billing cycle that is closing, shall expire be credited to the net-metering customer's account for use during the next annual billing cycle;

(B) Except as provided in subdivision (b)(6)(A) of this section, any net excess generation credit remaining in a net-metering customer's account at the close of an annual billing cycle shall expire; and

~~(B)~~ (C) Any renewable energy credit created as the result of electricity supplied by a net-metering customer is the property of the net-metering customer that generated the renewable credit.

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