

GOLDEN VALLEY ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Rule 17. Net Metering Program

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17.01 Net Metering Program

The Association offers a Net Metering Program¹ to its Members to promote the installation of Member-owned renewable power generation system(s) in the Association's Service Territory Area. Available on a first-come, first served basis, the Net Metering Program is available to retail Members that operate and own or lease eligible on-site generation system(s) that are interconnected and operate in parallel with the Association's distribution Facilities.

Energy generated from a Member's generation system(s) must not exceed a total nameplate capacity of 25 kW and must be used primarily to offset part or all of the Member's electric energy requirements. Enrollment in the Association's Net Metering Program is available until the cumulative nameplate generating capacity of all retail net metered systems equals 5% of the Association's average retail system Demand.

The Net Metering Program is administered in conformance with 3 AAC 50.900 through 3 AAC 50.949 and the requirements of this Tariff.

¹ The Association's Net Metering Program was previously captured under its Sustainable Natural Alternative Power (SNAP) Programs which encompassed two types of programs: original SNAP Producer and SNAP Plus. The original SNAP Producer program was for Members who sought to independently supply power for the Association's system. The Association is no longer accepting applications to this program. The SNAP Plus program was the Association's Net Metering Program. To adopt current industry terminology and to provide clarity to the membership on what this program offering is, the Association's SNAP Plus program has been renamed the Net Metering Program and is now captured under Rule 17 of this Tariff.

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17.02 Net Metering Program Requirements (continued)

(b) Participation (continued)

Once construction is completed and the generation system has been certified, the Association will perform an on-site inspection to confirm the approved generation system has been constructed, and to conduct commissioning testing.

Enrollment is complete once the Association verifies the approved generation system meets all requirements and is commissioned. The participating Member's generated electric energy from the generation system will be reflected in the Member's next billing cycle.

If it is determined that a Member has connected a non-qualified generation system and is delivering energy to the Association, the Association will disconnect the system and suspend the Member from participating in the Net Metering Program until the Member meets the requirements of this Tariff and the signed Net Metering and Interconnection Agreement.

(c) Net Metering Program Application

A Net Metering Program application fee is required to cover the costs associated with processing the Member's Completed Application. Costs covered under this fee include administrative time processing the application and review of the application by engineering to confirm the proposed generation system is designed to meet the eligibility and interconnection requirements outlined in this Tariff, the Net Metering and Interconnection Agreement, and the Association's Interconnect Specifications Technical Guidelines for Operating, Metering and Protective Relaying for Non-Utility Power Producers and Co-generators. See the Schedule of Deposits, Charges and Fees.

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17.03 Net Metering Program Requirements (continued)

(a) System Requirements

Installation and operation of a Member-owned generation system must be in conformance with this Tariff, the signed Net Metering and Interconnection Agreement, and all applicable federal, state and local safety codes and regulations. To minimize any power quality and reliability impacts, at minimum, the Association requires the generation system to meet the power quality standards presented in IEEE Std. 1547, *Standard for Interconnection and Interoperability of Distributed Energy Resources with Associated Electric Power Systems Interfaces*. The Member will be responsible for certifying that their generation system meets these requirements.

Further, all electric generator and related equipment, as well as any inverters, converters, controllers, and interconnection system equipment must comply with the Underwriters' Laboratories (UL) standard 1741, *Standard for Inverters, Converters, Controllers and Interconnection System Equipment for Use With Distributed Energy Resources*, IEEE Std. 929 and IEEE Std. 1547.

An accessible, visible, lockable disconnect switch is to be provided and installed by the Member within five feet of the Member's meter base unless otherwise agreed to between the Member and the Association. The disconnect switch must be lockable in the open position. When locked in the open position, the switch may be unlocked by the Association's operating personnel only. The Association may lock the switch when interruption of energy deliveries is necessary.

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17.03 Requirements for Interconnection (continued)

(b) Member Responsibility

- (1) The participating Member is responsible for all costs related to the purchase, engineering, installation, and maintenance of the generation system and for providing corrections or additions to their existing protective devices in the event of future modifications to the Association's Tariff, the Association's Interconnect Specifications Technical Guidelines for Operating, Metering and Protective Relaying for Non-Utility Power Producers and Co-generator, or of any applicable government regulations or industry standards as required by the Association.
- (2) The participating Member is responsible for installing and maintaining the eligible generation system in compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local building and safety codes, as well as this Tariff and the signed Net Metering and Interconnection Agreement.¹
- (3) If the generation system or Member's actions cause damage to the Association's distribution system and/or Facilities or equipment, the Member shall be responsible for all costs associated with repairing the damage and/or replacing such Facilities or equipment.
- (4) A Member will not be required to carry liability insurance with the Association as a named insured as long as the generation system meets the requirements provided in Rule 17.03(a).

¹ The member is not responsible for any metering costs described in 3 AAC 50.910.

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17.04 Billing

Electric bills for Members participating in the Net Metering Program shall be computed in accordance with the applicable retail service Rates contained in this Tariff, with electric energy measured in kilowatt-hours (kWh) and billings calculated as follows:

(a) Association Charges for Energy Generation

If the Association supplied more electric energy to the Member than the Member supplied to the Association during any one Billing Period, the Association shall bill the Member for the number of kWh of net electric energy supplied by the Association to the Member at the applicable retail Rates contained in this Tariff.

(b) Association Purchase of Energy Generation

If the Member supplied more electric energy to the Association than the Association supplied to the Member during any one Billing Period, the Association shall credit the Member's account with an amount derived by multiplying the kWh of net electric energy supplied by the Member to the Association by the Non-Firm Power Rate specified in Schedule No. QF-1 on Tariff Sheet No. 40.


Dollar amounts credited to the account of a Net Metered Member shall be used to reduce amounts owed by the Member in subsequent Billing Periods. Dollar amounts credited do not expire or otherwise revert to the Association.

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