
***RIDER NMCS – NET METERING FOR COMMUNITY SOLAR**

*

PURPOSE

The purpose of this tariff is to establish an offering of net electricity metering service for Subscribers to a CRGP or LICS and for participating customers in Collectively Owned Generation Facilities in the Company's service territory, in compliance with 220 ILCS 5/16-107.5, 220 ILCS 5/16-107.6(c) and 83 Ill. Adm. Code 465.

AVAILABILITY

Upon Commission approval of Rider NMCS, the provisions of this tariff shall be available on November 1, 2023 (Operation Date). The Operation Date may be extended to December 1, 2023 upon notice by Ameren Illinois pursuant to the Stipulation and Order in Docket 22-0208. If the Company is not able to implement the information technology infrastructure changes needed to bill the provisions of this tariff by the Operation Date or the extended Operation Date, the Company will accrue credits for affected customers using the crediting provisions of this tariff beginning with the Operation Date. Prior to the Operation Date of this Rider, or if the Company is not able to implement the information technology infrastructure changes needed to bill the provisions of this tariff by the Operation Date or the extended Operation Date, until the date at which the Company implements the information technology infrastructure changes, the provisions of Rider NM – Net Metering shall apply to the netting process applied to Subscribers' and participants in COGF's bills for electric service. The Operation Date includes the implementation of the provisions of Subscription Fees in the Terms and Conditions section of this Rider.

Rider NMCS – Net Metering for Community Solar is available to Customers receiving power and energy from the Company or a Retail Electric Supplier (RES), that are considered a Subscriber as defined in 20 ILCS 3855/1-10 of a project that falls within the parameters specified in Subsection 16-107.5(l) of the Act, or are a participant in a Collectively-Owned Generation Facility as defined in 16-107.5(l)(1)(b). A Subscriber may simultaneously take service under this Rider NMCS and Rider PTR – Peak Time Rewards (Rider PTR) if they have no on-site Private Generation Facility. COGF-participating Customers are not eligible for service under Rider QF – Qualifying Facilities (Rider QF) or Rider PTR – Peak Time Rewards (Rider PTR). Customers may be eligible to receive service under this tariff simultaneously from multiple Subscriptions and a COGF, or simultaneously from Subscriptions and on-site private generation.

***RIDER NMCS – NET METERING FOR COMMUNITY SOLAR**

*

DEFINITIONS

COLLECTIVELY-OWNED GENERATION FACILITIES or COGF

Collectively-Owned Generation Facilities or COGF means an electric generating facility located in the Company's service territory with a nameplate capacity of not more than 5,000 kilowatts (kW) powered by solar electric energy, wind, dedicated crops grown for electricity generation, agricultural residues, untreated and unadulterated wood waste, livestock manure, anaerobic digestion of livestock or food processing waste, fuel cells or micro turbines powered by renewable fuels, or hydroelectric energy; interconnected to the Company's distribution system under the provisions of 83 Ill. Adm. Code 466; located at a single Premises and located on the same Premises as the building or buildings that are the recipient of its output; and having multiple recipients of the generating facility's output such as individual units, apartments, or properties located in a single building that are owned or leased by multiple customers, including but not limited to an office or apartment building, a shopping center or strip mall served by photovoltaic panels on the building's roof.

COMMUNITY RENEWABLE GENERATION PROJECT or CRGP

Community Renewable Generation Project or CRGP means an electric generating facility located in the Company's service territory with a nameplate capacity of not more than 5,000 kW powered by wind, solar thermal energy, photovoltaic cells or panels, biodiesel, crops and untreated and unadulterated organic waste biomass, and hydropower that is not sourced from hydropower dams built or significantly expanded after June 1, 2017; interconnected at distribution level voltages under the provisions of 83 Ill. Adm. Code 466; and whose owner/operator offers Subscriptions for the generator's output under the provisions of 220 ILCS 5/16-107.5.

COMPETITIVE ELECTRIC SERVICE

Competitive Electric Service means Customers within delivery service classes that have been declared competitive by the Illinois Commerce Commission under the provisions of 220 ILCS 5/16-113(a). At the time of the passage of PA 102-0662, the Company's Competitive service classes are Customers in the DS-3, DS-4 and DS-6 Delivery Service Rates.

DESIGNATED OUTPUT

The share of the production of the electricity, expressed in kWh, that results from either a Subscription to a CRGP or an LICS, or a Customer's ownership share of a COGF.

ELIGIBLE CUSTOMER

Eligible Customer under this Rider means a Retail Customer that is a Subscriber to a CRGP or LICS, or a participating Customer in a COGF.

***RIDER NMCS – NET METERING FOR COMMUNITY SOLAR**

*

ELIGIBLE FACILITY

Eligible Facility means a COGF, CRGP, or LICS.

GROSS AMOUNT OF ELECTRICITY

Gross Amount of Electricity means all electricity delivered to the Customer through the meter at their Point of Delivery.

LOW INCOME COMMUNITY SOLAR or LICS

Low Income Community Solar or LICS means an electric generating facility located in the Company's service territory, approved by the IPA per the provisions of 20 ILCS 3855/1-56 (b)(2) that is powered by solar energy; is exempt from the requirement that a "qualified person" as defined in 20 ILCS 3855/1-56(i)(1) installed the facility; and is otherwise interconnected under the provisions of either 83 Ill. Adm. Code 466 or 83 Ill. Adm. Code 467. A LICS generating facility that requests to receive service under this Rider must have a nameplate capacity of not more than 5,000 kW.

SUBSCRIBER

Subscriber means a Retail Customer who has a Subscription of no less than 200 watts to a CRGP or LICS that is located in the electric utility's service area and has agreed to the service under the terms of this Rider NMCS – Net Metering for Community Solar. No Subscriber's Subscription may total more than 40% of the nameplate capacity of an individual CRGP or LICS. Entities that are affiliated by virtue of a common parent shall not represent multiple subscriptions that total more than 40% of the nameplate capacity of an individual CRGP or LICS. A Subscriber may have a Subscription in more than one CRGP or LICS. A COGF-participating Customer is not considered a Subscriber.

SUBSCRIPTION

Subscription means an interest in a CRGP or LICS expressed in kilowatts, which is sized primarily to offset part or all of the Subscriber's electricity usage. A Customer's Subscription shall be portable so that the Subscription may be retained by the Subscriber even if the Subscriber relocates or changes its address within the Company's service territory. A Customer's Subscription shall be transferable so that the Subscriber may assign or sell its Subscription to another person within the Company's service territory. The terms and conditions for any sale, assignment, or transfer of Subscriptions are not a part of service provided by the Company, and it shall be the sole responsibility of the Eligible Facility owner or operator to notify the Company of all changes in the billing in the event of any sale, assignment, or transfer of a Subscription.

***RIDER NMCS – NET METERING FOR COMMUNITY SOLAR**

*

TOTAL PRICE TO COMPARE

Total Price to Compare means the rate or rates using the methodology employed by the Illinois Commerce Commission to determine and publish the energy supply rate for eligible retail customers, as defined in Section 16-111.5 of the Act, receiving supply service from the Company and shall include energy, capacity, transmission, and the purchased energy adjustment. For Residential Subscribers, the Company will apply the rate or rates published by the Illinois Commerce Commission applicable to Rate DS-1 Customers. For all Non-Residential Subscribers, the Company will apply the rate or rates published by the Illinois Commerce Commission applicable to Rate DS-2 Customers.

BILLING METHODOLOGY

As provided for in 220 ILCS 5/16-107.5 and 220 ILCS 5/16-107.6, a Customer receiving or initiating service under this Rider shall be charged and/or credited as indicated below.

The Company and the Customer's Retail Electric Supplier, as applicable, shall charge the Customer for delivery and other services, including electric power and energy, provided at the applicable tariffed rate based on the Gross Amount of Electricity purchased by the Customer, as appropriate. The status of whether a Customer, or the owner/operator of an Eligible Facility, receives a distributed generation rebate will not impact the basis of the calculation associated with delivery or other services.

After the billing process above is completed, the Company will calculate the value of the Designated Output for the Billing Period by multiplying the Eligible Customer's Designated Output from the Eligible Facility by the applicable Total Price to Compare. The resulting value will then be applied as a credit to the Eligible Customer's total charges from the Company for electric service for the Billing Period, including any taxes and other mandated charges. For Subscribers, any excess credit remaining after the netting process will be carried forward for use in subsequent Billing Periods, and excess credits will expire only upon cancellation of the Customer's account if the Customer does not initiate new electric service with the Company within 12 months. For COGF-participating Customers, excess credits expire only on cancellation of the Customer's account if the Customer does not initiate new electric service at the same Premises as the COGF within 12 months. Bill credits do not accrue to COGF-participating Customers unless they have an active electric service account with the Company.

***RIDER NMCS – NET METERING FOR COMMUNITY SOLAR**

*

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Application for Service

Applications for service under this Rider can only be made through the owners or operators of Eligible Facilities. Project owners of Eligible Facilities may register their respective Eligible Customers for service under this tariff with the consent of the Eligible Customers.

Customers Served Under the Dual Billing or Single Bill Option Service

The Company will follow the Dual Billing and Single Billing Option billing practices for all Customers placed onto those billing options by their RES.

Interconnection

COGF owners/operators shall manage the facility in compliance with all connection agreements that may be required by the Company, State or Federal regulatory bodies and the applicable RTO in accordance with the Transmission Provider's FERC-approved tariffs related to Transmission Service and any other applicable tariffs.

Reports

The Company shall include relevant data associated with Subscribers and COGF-served Customers in the annual report provided to the Illinois Commerce Commission in accordance with the requirements of 220 ILCS 5/16-107.5(k).

Use of Portal for Identifying Eligible Customers

The Company requires the owners/operators of Eligible Facilities to use the Company-designated portal to register their Eligible Facility and to identify participating Customers receiving the output of their Eligible Facility. The portal will identify the rules for identifying Eligible Customers and securing their permission to enroll Customers for service under this Rider.

Transfer of Subscriptions

Subscribers may transfer ownership of all or part of their Subscriptions by notifying the owner/operator of the appropriate Eligible Facility. The terms and conditions for any sale, assignment, or transfer of Subscriptions are not a part of service provided by the Company. It shall be the sole responsibility of the Eligible Facility owner or operator to notify the Company of all changes in the billing for any sale, assignment, or transfer of a Subscription via the Company-designated portal.

***RIDER NMCS – NET METERING FOR COMMUNITY SOLAR**

*

Undesignated Eligible Facility Output

The output from undesignated Eligible Facility capacity may be sold by the owner/operator through the processes established by the Midcontinent Interconnection System Operator or to the Company under the provisions of Rider QF – Qualified Facilities.

Notification to Eligible Facility Owners

Subscribers authorize the Company to notify the owner or operator of the CRGP or LICS with whom they have a Subscription of any change in the Subscriber's service address. If the Subscriber's new service address is within the Company's service territory, such notification shall include the street and community name of the new service address.

Subscriber Savings Report

If a Subscriber authorizes the Company to release information to the owner or operator of the CRGP or LICS to which they've subscribed in accordance with 220 ILCS 5/16-107.5(1)(3)(C), the Company will provide the total kWh and total monetary credit applied to the Subscriber's bill information to the authorized owner or operator.

Subscription Fees

If requested by the owner or operator of a CRGP or LICS, the Company shall enter into a net crediting agreement with the owner or operator to include a Subscriber's subscription fee on the Subscriber's monthly electric bill and provide the Subscriber with a net credit equivalent to the total bill credit value for that generation period minus the subscription fee, provided the subscription fee is structured as a fixed percentage of bill credit value. The net crediting agreement shall set forth payment terms from the Company to the owner or operator of the CRGP or LICS and the Company may charge a net crediting fee to the owner or operator of a CRGP or LICS that may not exceed 2% of the bill credit value.

Miscellaneous

Service hereunder is subject to the Customer Terms and Conditions, Standards and Qualifications for Electric Service, Tax Additions, and Supplemental Customer Charge Tariffs of this Schedule, as well as any other applicable Rates, Riders, taxes, adjustments, fees or charges that may be approved by the ICC from time to time.

Electric supply provided to Customers under this Rider shall be reconciled under the applicable electric power and energy supply Rider under which the Customer is served by the Company.

***RIDER NMCS – NET METERING FOR COMMUNITY SOLAR**

*

To the extent that any credit or load reduction for the Company that results from the Subscriber and the COGF-participating Customer crediting process under this Rider NMCS does not offset the Company's costs of providing credits under this Rider, the Company may recover those non-offset costs through its Multi-Year Rate Plan.

Eligible Customers on payment plans or participating in budget billing programs shall have credits applied on a monthly basis.

Unless otherwise provided in exchange for participation in another program, owners/operators of Eligible Facilities own and have title to renewable energy attributes, renewable energy credits, and greenhouse gas emission credits related to the electricity produced by the Eligible Facility. The Company is allowed to enter into an arms-length agreement that sets forth ownership or title of the credits but does not require the signing over of an Eligible Facility's renewable energy credits in order to be served under this Rider.