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SCHEDULE 63
NET METERING OPTION SCHEDULE
WASHINGTON

DEFINITIONS:

"Customer Generator" means a user of a Net Metering System.

"Generating Facility" A source of electricity owned, or whose output is owned, by the Interconnection Customer that is located on the Interconnection Customer's side of the Point of Common Coupling, and all ancillary and appurtenant facilities, including Interconnection Facilities, which the Interconnection Customer requests to interconnect to the Electrical Company's Electric System.

"Meter Aggregation" means the administrative combination of ~~readings from and billing for all meters, regardless of the rate class, on premises owned or leased by a customer-generator located within the service territory of a single electric utility.~~ net energy consumption from a designated net meter and eligible aggregated meter.

"Aggregated meter" means an electric service meter measuring electric energy consumption that is eligible to receive credits under a meter aggregation arrangement as described in RCW 80.60.030.

"Net metering" means measuring the difference between the electricity supplied by an electric utility and the excess electricity generated by a customer-generator's net metering system over the applicable billing period.

"Net Metering System" means a fuel cell, a facility that produces electricity and used and useful thermal energy for a common fuel source, or facility for the production of electrical energy that generates renewable energy, and that:

- ~~(A)~~ Uses as its fuel either water, wind, solar energy, or biogas from animal waste;
- ~~(B)~~ (A) Has an electrical generating AC capacity of not more than 100 kilowatts;
- ~~(C)~~ (B) Is located on the customer-generator's premises;
- (C) Operates in parallel with the electric utility's transmission and distribution facilities; and is connected to the electric utility's distribution system; and
- ~~(E)~~ (D) Is intended primarily to offset part or all of the customer-generator's requirements for electricity.

"Designated meter" means an electric service meter at the service of a net metering system that is interconnected to the utility distribution system.

"Retail electric customer" includes an individual, organization, group, association, partnership, corporation, agency, unit of state government, or entity that is connected to the electric utility's distribution system and purchases electricity for ultimate consumption and not for resale.

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“Premises” means any residential property, commercial real estate, or lands, owned or leased by a Customer generator within the service area of a single utility.

~~**“Third-party owner”** means an entity that owns a generating facility located on the premises of an Interconnection Customer and has entered into a contract with the Interconnection Customer for provision of power from the Generating Facility. When a third-party owns a net-metered generating facility, the Interconnection Customer maintains the net metering relationship with the electrical company. A third-party owner does not resell electricity produced from a net-metered Generating Facility.~~

AVAILABLE:

Net Metering shall be available to eligible Customer Generators who are customers of Avista Utilities on a first-come, first-served basis until the ~~cumulative generating capacity of net metering systems equals 7.6 MW which is 0.5% (one-half of one percent) of the Company’s retail peak demand during 1996.~~ earlier of either: (i) June 30, 2029; or (ii) the first date upon which the cumulative generating capacity of net metering systems equals four percent of the utility’s peak demand during 1996. Not less than one-half of the utility’s 1996 peak demand available for net metering systems shall be reserved for the cumulative generating capacity attributable to net metering systems that generate renewable energy.

Customer Generators electing this option shall be subject to the following terms and conditions.

- (1) Customer Generator eligibility – To be eligible for the net metering option, a Customer Generator must use a net metering system as defined above.
- (2) Cost to Customer Generator of metering and interconnection – Customer Generators electing the net metering option shall be interconnected using a standard kilowatt-hour meter capable of registering the flow of electricity in two directions and a production meter to measure total net meter system generation. The costs to the Customer Generator include:
 - (A) The Company’s basic charge billed under the Customer Generator’s applicable standard service Schedules 1, 11, 21, or 25.
 - (B) The Company shall not be liable directly or indirectly for permitting or continuing to allow the attachment of a net metering system, or the acts or omissions of a Customer Generator, that causes loss or injury, including death, to a third party.
- (3) Standards –The net metering system used by a Customer Generator must include, at the Customer Generator’s own expense, all equipment necessary to meet applicable safety, power quality, and interconnection requirements established by the National Electrical Code, National Electrical Safety Code, the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, and Underwriters Laboratories.

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- (4) The Company will measure the net electricity produced or consumed during the billing period, in accordance with normal metering practices. The Company's written approval of the Customer Generator's protection-isolation method to ensure generator disconnection in case of a power interruption from the Company is required before service is provided under this schedule.
- (5) Balances of generation and usage by the customer-generator:
 - (A) If electricity supplied by the Company exceeds the electricity generated by the Customer Generator and fed back to the Company during the billing period, the Customer Generator shall be billed for the net electricity supplied by the Company at the Customer Generator's standard schedule retail rate, in accordance with normal metering practices.
 - (B) If electricity generated by the Customer Generator exceeds the electricity supplied by the Company, the Customer Generator:
 - (i) Shall be billed for the appropriate customer charges for that billing period, in accordance with section (2)(A), and
 - (ii) Shall be credited for the excess kilowatt-hours generated during the billing period, with this kilowatt-hour credit appearing on the bill for the following billing periods and used to reduce the bill for the following period from the Company.
- (6) Remaining unused kWh credits – On ~~April 30th~~ March 31st of each calendar year, any remaining unused ~~kilowatt-hour~~ kilowatt-hours accumulated during the previous year shall be granted to the Company, without any compensation to the Customer Generator.
- (7) Reversion to previous service - The customer-generator, upon selecting the net metering option, may not revert to the Customer Generator's previous metering system without written agreement by the Company.
- (8) Existing Meter Aggregation Agreements - A customer-generator will be subject to the existing tariff in place if they have an existing arrangement for meter aggregation in effect or a customer submits a written request for aggregation on or before July 1, 2019.
- (9) Multi-family Residential Facility – A multi-family residential facility may install a net metering system assigned to a single designated meter located on the premises of the multi-family residential facility where the tenants are not individually metered customers of Avista and distribute any benefits of the net metering to tenants of the facility where the net metering system is located.

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SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR METER AGGREGATION NET METERING

Upon the Customer Generator's request, the Company shall aggregate for billing purposes the meter that is physically attached to the net metering system ("designated meter") with one or more meters located on the Customer Generator's premises ("aggregated meter(s)"). ~~Not more than a total of one hundred kilowatts shall be aggregated among all Customer Generators participating in the Generation Facility. Meters so aggregated shall not change rate classes due to meter aggregation, must be and remain on property owned or controlled by the Customer Generator, and must remain under the same name or account as the Customer Generator.~~ additional aggregated meter located on the same parcel as the designated meter or a parcel that is contiguous with the parcel where the designated meter is located. For purposes of this schedule, a parcel is considered contiguous if they share a common property boundary, but may be separated only by a road or rail corridor.

For Customer Generators participating in meter aggregation, kilowatt-hours credits earned by a net metering system during the billing period first shall be used to offset electricity supplied to the designated meter by the Company. Excess kilowatt-hours credits earned by the net metering system, during the same billing period, shall be credited equally by the Company to the aggregated meter(s) located on all premises of a Customer Generator at the designated rate of each meter. ~~A designated meter cannot be aggregated with another designated meter.~~

The Customer Generator will be billed an Aggregation Basic Charge which consists of an additional basic charge equal to the basic charge in the schedule under which the aggregated meter(s) is billed for all schedules.

The Company shall not provide wheeling or transmission service for the Customer Generator. The Customer Generator's Generated Energy will be applied to consumption on the Customer Generator's Premises or aggregated with an Aggregated Meter(s).

Except when required under the federal public utility regulatory policies act (PURPA), Avista may not establish compensation arrangements or interconnection requirements, other than those permitted in RCW 80.60.040(4), for a customer generator that would have the effect of prohibiting or restricting the ability of a customer-generator to generate or store electricity for consumption on its premises.

A Customer Generator is not eligible for opt-out of a Smart Meter.

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