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31. Micro-Hydroelectric Service Option

A. Residential

Applicable to any Residential Customer (as defined by HEFPA) who owns or operates micro-hydroelectric generating equipment located and used at their residence. Micro-hydroelectric generating equipment is defined as a hydroelectric system with a rated capacity of not more than 25 kW; that is manufactured, installed and operated in accordance with applicable government and industry standards. Such system must be connected to the customer's electric system and operated in accordance with applicable government and industry standards, that is connected to the electric system and operated in conjunction with an electric corporation's transmission and distribution facilities, and that is operated in compliance with any standards and requirements established under this section.

Application of the Micro-hydroelectric Electric Service Option shall be available to eligible customers, on a first come, first served basis, until the total rated generating capacity for solar, farm waste, MCHP, fuel cell electric generating equipment and micro-hydroelectric electric generating equipment owned or operated by customergenerators in the Company's service area is equivalent to 169,560 kW (6% of the Company's electric demand for the year 2005) and is available only in non-network areas of the Company's territory to residential service classifications. However, the maximum amount of net metered generation that the Company must interconnect shall float for an interim basis until such time as the interim period ends as directed by the Commission in its Order issued October 16, 2015 in Case 15-E-0407.

Customers electing service under this provision must execute a New York State Standardized Contract for Interconnection of New Distributed Generation Units with Capacity of 5 MW or Less Connected in Parallel with Utility Distribution Systems ("SIR Contract"). In addition, customers must operate in compliance with standards and requirements set forth in the New York State Standard Interconnection Requirements and Application Process for New Distributed Generators 5 MW or Less Connected in Parallel with Utility Distribution Systems, as set forth within Addendum-SIR of P.S.C. No. 120.

For a net metered customer, the Company shall install one meter appropriate for the customer's service classification that enables the Company to measure the electricity delivered to the customer and measure the electricity supplied by the customer to the Company. Where the Company determines that a second meter should be installed, no additional costs shall be billed to the customer. When a second meter is requested by the customer that is not required by the Company, the customer shall be responsible for the cost of the meter, the installation and any additional costs.

For each billing period during the term of the SIR Contract, the Company shall net the electricity (kWh) delivered to the customers with the electricity (kWh) supplied by the customer to the Company.

- a) If the electricity (kWh) supplied by the Company exceeds the electricity supplied by the customer to the Company during the billing period, the customer shall be billed for the net kWh supplied by the Company to the customer at the standard service class rates. For customers billed on time-differentiated rates (TOU meter), e.g., On-Peak/Off-Peak, netting shall occur in each time period.
- b) If the electricity (kWh) supplied by the customer to the Company during the billing period exceeds the electricity (kWh) supplied by the Company to the customer, a kWh credit shall be carried forward for the next billing period. For customer billed on time-differentiated rates (TOU meter), e.g., On-Peak/Off-Peak, the kWh credit shall be carried forward as a credit to the appropriate time period.

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