

1 H.168

2 Introduced by Representatives Cheney of Norwich, Edwards of Brattleboro

3 and Weston of Burlington

4 Referred to Committee on

5 Date:

6 Subject: Energy; public service; net metering; utility billing to members of a

7 farm or group system

8 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to require that the distribution utility

9 bill the members of a farm or group net metering system directly and

10 individually.

11 An act relating to direct billing by the utility of the members of a farm or  
12 group net metering system

13 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

14 Sec. 1. 30 V.S.A. § 219a is amended to read:

15 § 219a. SELF-GENERATION AND NET METERING

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17 (f) Consistent with the other provisions of this title, electric energy

18 measurement for net metering farm or group net metering systems shall be

19 calculated in the following manner:

1           (1) Net metering customers that are farm or group net metering systems  
2 may credit on-site generation against all meters designated to the farm system  
3 or group net metering system under subdivision (g)(1)(A) of this section.

4           (2) Electric energy measurement for farm or group net metering systems  
5 shall be calculated by subtracting total usage of all meters included in the farm  
6 or group net metering system from total generation by the farm or group net  
7 metering system. If the electricity generated by the farm or group net metering  
8 system is less than the total usage of all meters included in the farm or group  
9 net metering system during the billing period, the farm or group net metering  
10 system members each shall be credited for any accumulated kilowatt-hour  
11 credit and then billed for the net electricity supplied by the electric company,  
12 in accordance with the procedures in subsection (g) and subdivision (h)(1)(J)  
13 of this section.

14           (3) If electricity generated by the farm or group net metering system  
15 exceeds the electricity supplied by the electric company:

16           (A) The farm or group net metering system members each shall be  
17 billed for the appropriate charges for each meter for that month, in accordance  
18 with subsection (b) and subdivision (h)(1)(J) of this section.

19           (B) Excess kilowatt-hours generated during the billing period shall be  
20 added to the accumulated balance with this kilowatt-hour credit appearing on

1 ~~the each~~ bill for the following billing period, in accordance with the procedures  
2 in subdivision (h)(1)(J) of this section.

3 (C) Any accumulated kilowatt-hour credits shall be used within 12  
4 months or shall revert to the electric company without any compensation to the  
5 farm or group net metering system. Power reverting to the electric company  
6 under this subdivision (3) shall be considered SPEED resources under section  
7 8005 of this title.

8 (g)(1) In addition to any other requirements of section 248 of this title and  
9 this section and board rules thereunder, before a farm or group net metering  
10 system including more than one meter may be formed and served by an electric  
11 company, the proposed farm or group net metering system shall file with the  
12 board, with copies to the department and the serving electric company, the  
13 following information:

14 (A) the meters to be included in the farm or group net metering  
15 system, which shall be associated with the buildings and residences owned or  
16 occupied by the person operating the farm or group net metering system, or the  
17 person's family or employees, or other members of the group, identified by  
18 account number and location;

19 (B) a procedure for adding and removing meters included in the farm  
20 or group net metering system;



1 (h)(1) An electric company:

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3 (J) Shall bill directly, and send all communications regarding billing,  
4 payment, and disconnection directly to, the customer name and address listed  
5 for the account of each individual meter designated under subdivision  
6 (g)(1)(A) of this section as being part of a farm or group net metering system.  
7 The usage charges for any account so billed shall be based on the individual  
8 meter for the account. The credit applied on that bill for electricity generated  
9 by the farm or group net metering system shall be calculated by dividing the  
10 system's total credit for the billing period determined under subsection (f) of  
11 this section by the number of meters designated for the system.

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