

1 H.156

2 Introduced by Representative Cheney of Norwich

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Energy; public service; net metering; utility billing to members of a
6 farm or group system

7 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to require that the distribution utility
8 bill the members of a farm or group net metering system directly and
9 individually.

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

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

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

14 § 219a. SELF-GENERATION AND NET METERING

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16 (f) Consistent with the other provisions of this title, electric energy
17 measurement for ~~net metering~~ farm or group net metering systems shall be
18 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;

