

SENATE PROPOSAL OF AMENDMENT

H. 475

An act relating to net metering and definitions of capacity

The Senate proposes to the House to amend the bill as follows:

First: In Sec. 2 (implementation; solar registration), by striking out “30 days” and inserting in lieu thereof 21 days

Second: In Sec. 3, 30 V.S.A. § 219a(e) (net metering systems; electric energy measurement), after subdivision (3), by striking out subdivision (4) and inserting in lieu thereof a new subdivision (4) to read:

(4) For a net metering systems using time-of-day system serving a customer on a demand or other types of metering time-of-use rate schedule, the board shall specify the manner of measurement and the application of bill credits for the electric energy produced or consumed in a manner shall be substantially similar to that specified in this subsection for use with a single nondemand meter. However, if such a net metering system is interconnected directly to the electric company through a separate meter whose primary purpose is to measure the energy generated by the system:

(A) The bill credits shall apply to all kWh generated by the net metering system and shall be calculated as if the customer were charged the kWh rate component of the interconnecting company’s general residential rate schedule that consists of two rate components: a service charge and a kWh rate, excluding time-of-use rates and demand rates.

(B) If a company’s general residential rate schedule includes inclining block rates, the residential rate used for this calculation shall be the highest of those block rates.

Third: By striking out Sec. 4 (30 V.S.A. § 219a(f)(2) and (3)) and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 4 to read:

Sec. 4. 30 V.S.A. § 219a(f) is amended to read:

(f) Consistent with the other provisions of this title, electric energy measurement for group net metering systems shall be calculated in the following manner:

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(2) Electric energy measurement for group net metering systems shall be calculated by subtracting total usage of all meters included in the group net metering system from total generation by the group net metering system. If the electricity generated by the group net metering system is less than the total usage of all meters included in the group net metering system during the billing period, the group net metering system shall be credited for any accumulated

~~kilowatt-hour~~ credit and then billed for the net electricity supplied by the electric company, in accordance with the procedures in subsection (g)(group net metering) of this section.

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(4) The board shall apply the provisions of subdivision (e)(4) of this section (measurement and credits; nonstandard meters) to group net metering systems that serve one or more customers who are on a demand or time-of-use rate schedule.

Fourth: By striking out Sec. 7 (net metering; study; report) and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 7 to read:

Sec. 7. NET METERING; STUDY; REPORT

No later than January 15, 2013, the department of public service (the department) shall perform a general evaluation of Vermont's net metering statute, rules, and procedures and shall submit the evaluation and any accompanying recommendations to the general assembly. Among any other issues related to net metering that the department may deem relevant, the report shall include an analysis of whether and to what extent customers using net metering systems under 30 V.S.A. § 219a are subsidized by other retail electric customers who do not employ net metering. The analysis also shall include an examination of any benefits or costs of net metering systems to Vermont's electric distribution and transmission systems and the extent to which customers owning net metering systems do or do not contribute to the fixed costs of Vermont's retail electric utilities. Prior to completing the evaluation and submitting the report, the department shall offer an opportunity for interested persons such as the retail electric utilities and renewable energy developers and advocates to submit information and comment.

Fifth: In Sec. 9 (effective dates; retroactive application), by striking out subsection (c) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) Notwithstanding 1 V.S.A. §§ 213 and 214, Sec. 8 of this act (amending the definition of plant capacity) shall apply to solar energy plants that:

(1) have executed a standard offer contract under 30 V.S.A. chapter 89; and

(2) are commissioned, within the meaning of 30 V.S.A. § 8002(11), on or after January 1, 2012.