

AVISTA CORPORATION  
d/b/a Avista Utilities

SCHEDULE 63  
NET METERING OPTION SCHEDULE - IDAHO

AVAILABLE:

In all the electric territory served by the Company in the State of Idaho.

APPLICABLE:

Net metering shall be available to eligible generators who are customers of Avista Utilities on a first-come, first-served basis until the cumulative generating capacity of net metering systems equals 1.52 MW which is 0.1% (one-tenth of one percent) of the Company's retail peak demand during 1996. Customers electing this option shall be subject to the following terms and conditions.

- (1) Customer eligibility - To be eligible for the net metering option, a customer-generator must own a facility for the production of electrical energy that:
  - (A) Uses as its fuel either solar, wind, biomass or hydropower, or represents fuel cell technology;
  - (B) Has a generating capacity of not more than one-hundred kilowatts;
  - (C) Is located on the customer-generator's premises;
  - (D) Operates in parallel with the electric utility's transmission and distribution facilities; and
  - (E) Is intended primarily to offset part or all of the customer-generator's requirements for electricity.
  
- (2) Cost to customer-generator of metering and interconnection – Customers electing the net metering option shall be interconnected using a standard kilowatt-hour meter capable of registering the flow of electricity in two directions. The costs to the customer-generator include:
  - (A) The Company's basic charge billed under the customer's applicable standard service Schedules 1, 11, 21, 25, or 31.
  - (B) The Company is not liable for allowing the attachment of a net metering system, or the acts or omissions of a customer-generator, that causes injury, loss or death to a third party.

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- (3) Standards – The net metering system used by a customer-generator must include, at the customer'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. 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'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.
- (4) 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'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.
- (5) Remaining unused kWh credits – On March 31<sup>st</sup> of each calendar year, any remaining unused credits for kilowatt-hours accumulated during the previous year shall be granted to the Company, without any compensation to the customer-generator.
- (6) 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.

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