

## **POLICY BULLETIN NO. 113A**

### **SUBJECT:**

Net Metering

### **OBJECTIVE:**

Lower Yellowstone Rural Electric Cooperative (LYREC) recognizes that its members may want to take advantage of alternative on-site generation sources. This policy outlines the means and requirements for interconnection of this generation with LYREC distribution lines. The cooperative's intent is to enable interconnection under terms and conditions that do not adversely affect other members economically and qualitatively. While this policy primarily assesses interconnection options, it is recognized that a member may generate without interconnecting to the cooperative lines.

### **AVAILABILITY and REQUIREMENTS:**

When a member desires to interconnect to LYREC's grid the following minimal requirements must be met:

1. Complete and sign an interconnection application.
2. A signed interconnection agreement outlining specific terms and conditions with the cooperative is required.
3. The generation source shall be renewable including but not limited to wind, solar, geothermal, hydro or fuel cells (if powered from a renewable source).

### **NET METERING PROGRAM:**

Net metering is defined as the interconnection of member owned generation from a renewable source to cooperative facilities, in which the generation output of energy not used at the service is netted against the energy delivered by the cooperative within the following guidelines:

- Name-plate generating capacity shall not exceed 10 kW.
- Member generation is intended primarily to offset part or all of the member's own electrical requirements at the service.
- Costs associated with interconnecting or administering net metering systems are the responsibility of the member generator.
- A standard non-detent meter may be allowed to turn the direction the power flows. Two detent meters may be required if needed for automated meter reading systems.
- Charges for energy delivered by the cooperative in excess of the energy flowed back onto the system by the member-generator shall be billed monthly at a retail rate

- Monthly net metering facilities charges will be assessed for cooperative costs and expenses including distribution and transmission costs and expenses.
- Net electricity produced or consumed during the billing period shall be measured, in accordance with normal metering practices.
- If the electricity supplied by LYREC exceeds the electricity generated by the member-generator and fed back to the electricity supplier during the billing period, the member-generator must be billed for the net electricity supplied by LYREC, in accordance with normal metering practices.
- If electricity generated by the member-generator exceeds the electricity supplied by LYREC, the member-generator must be:
  - billed for the appropriate member charges for that billing period
  - credited for the excess kilowatt hours generated during the billing period, with this kilowatt-hour credit appearing on the bill for the following billing period.
  - Each January will be designated as the beginning of a 12-month billing period, any remaining unused kilowatt-hour credit accumulated during the previous 12 months must be granted to LYREC, without any compensation to the member-generator.

## **RESPONSIBILITY:**

The General Manager shall be responsible for carrying out the provisions of this policy, and may delegate certain responsibilities to staff members or consultants of the cooperative.