# HomeWorks Tri-County Electric Cooperative Schedule DRE Phase 2 – Distributed Renewable Energy Program Generators with a Capacity of 20 KW and Less (effective July 1, 2018)

# **Availability**

In order to facilitate phase 2 the generation and transmission Cooperative's ("G&T") standing offer for 10 MW of solar and wind energy and to ensure the ongoing availability of net metering, this offer is available to Member-Consumers with a Distributed Renewable Energy Agreement on file with the Cooperative on or after July 1, 2018 who operate solar or wind renewable electric generation facilities with a nameplate capacity of 20 kW or less and are interconnected with the Cooperative's system, to generate a portion or all of the Member-Consumer's own electricity. If a Member-Consumer has more than one electric generator, the generator's rating(s) shall be summed and the sum may not exceed 20 kW.

The Cooperative's Distributed Renewable Energy Program is available on a first come, first serve, limited basis until the G&T's standing offer expires upon full 10 MW subscription.

Upon enrolling in the Distributed Renewable Energy Program, Member-Consumers shall be eligible to continue participation for a term of ten years. A participating Member-Consumer may terminate participation in the Cooperative's Distributed Renewable Energy Program at any time and for any reason.

### Member-Consumer Eligibility

To be eligible to participate in the Distributed Renewable Energy Program, Member-Consumers must (1) generate a portion or all of their own retail electricity requirements using a solar or wind renewable electric generator, and (2) be Full Requirements Service Member-Consumers taking service under the Cooperative's applicable service tariff. The availability charge of the applicable service tariff shall be paid in full by the Member-Consumer for each billing period - distributed renewable energy credits cannot be applied to the availability charge.

Member-Consumers wishing to participate in the Distributed Renewable Energy program shall obtain a Distributed Renewable Energy Application from the Cooperative and submit the completed application, including the \$100.00 application fee, for review. Upon approval of the Distributed Renewable Energy Application, the Cooperative shall issue a Distributed Renewable Energy and Interconnection Agreement to be signed by the Member-Consumer, the Cooperative, and the G&T. A copy of the signed agreement will be kept on file at the Cooperative. A signed Distributed Renewable Energy and Interconnection Agreement ("Agreement") is required prior to interconnection of the Member-Consumer's generator to the Cooperative's facilities.

Member-Consumers must complete construction and meet commercial operation of the Member-Consumer Facility within 180 days of signing the Agreement.

The interconnection device used to connect the Member-Consumer's renewable energy generator with the Cooperative's facilities shall comply with the requirements of IEEE standard 519 and 1547, and Underwriters Laboratories standard UL-1741 Scope 1.1a for utility-interactive (grid-connected) power systems. The Cooperative may require reasonable and adequate insurance coverage by the Member-Consumer and the Member-Consumer shall provide proof of liability coverage as may be required by the Cooperative.

The generation equipment must be located on the Member-Consumer's premises, serving only the Member-Consumer's premises, and must be intended primarily to offset a portion or all of the Member-

Consumer's requirements for electricity. At the Member-Consumer's option, the generation capacity shall be determined by one of the following methods:

- a) Aggregate nameplate capacity of the generator(s), or
- b) Aggregate projected annual kWh output of the generator(s)

The Member-Consumer is required to provide the Cooperative with the capacity rating in kW of the generating unit(s) and a projection of the annual kWh output of the generating unit(s) when completing the Cooperative's Distributed Renewable Energy Application. The Member-Consumer shall determine its annual electricity needs using one of the following methods:

- a) The Member-Consumer's annual energy usage, measured in kWh, during the previous 12 month period;
- b) Where metered demand data is available, the maximum integrated hourly demand measured in kW during the previous 12 month period; or
- c) In cases where no data, incomplete data, or incorrect data for the Member-Consumer's past annual energy usage is available, or where the Member-Consumer is making changes on-site that will affect their future total annual electric usage, the Cooperative and the Member-Consumer shall mutually agree on a method to determine the Member-Consumer's future annual energy usage.

# Metering

The Member-Consumer's usage and excess generation shall be determined using a single meter with separate registers measuring power flow in each direction. If there is a significant initial incremental cost to provide a meter measuring power flow in each direction above the cost for meters provided for similarly situated non-generating Member-Consumer's, the difference in cost shall be paid by the Member-Consumer. Any service upgrades, protective or power quality equipment/devices necessary to accommodate the output of the generating unit(s), as determined by the Cooperative, shall be at the Member-Consumer's expense.

### Monthly Charges and Credits

"Excess Generation" means energy and associated renewable energy attributes, including, but not limited to Renewable Energy Credits, generated by the Member-Consumer's renewable energy generator and not consumed at the Member-Consumer's location (and delivered to the Cooperative).

The Member-Consumer shall pay the full retail rate in accordance with the Cooperative's standard service tariff applicable to the Member-Consumer for energy delivered to the Member-Consumer by the Cooperative. The Member-Consumer shall be credited 5.6 cents per kwh, for Excess Generation. Energy produced by the Member-Consumer's solar or wind renewable energy generator and consumed at the Member-Consumer's location without flowing onto the Cooperative's distribution system is not billed by the Cooperative, compensated by the Cooperative, or displayed on the billing statement.

The credit for any Excess Generation during the billing period shall only be applied to the energy charge of the standard service tariff applicable to the Member-Consumer and will be applied to the bill for that period. Any credit that is not used up during the current billing period shall be carried forward for use in subsequent billing periods. If a Member-Consumer terminates service with the Cooperative while having

a distributed renewable energy credit amount on their account, the G&T shall pay, through its agent, the Cooperative, the remaining credit amount to the Member-Consumer following a final reading by the Cooperative of the Member-Consumer's meter.

# If a Signed Agreement is On File Prior to January 1, 2017:

### **Availability**

In order to facilitate the generation and transmission Cooperative's ("G&T") standing offer for 10 MW of solar and wind energy and grandfather-in existing net metering Member-Consumers, this offer is available to Member-Consumers with a Net Metering Agreement on file with the Cooperative before January 1, 2017 who operate renewable electric generation, limited to solar and wind, facilities with a nameplate capacity of 20 kW or less and are interconnected with the Cooperative's system, to generate a portion or all of the Member-Consumer's own electricity. If a Member-Consumer has more than one electric generator, the generator's rating(s) shall be summed and the sum may not exceed 20 kW.

The Cooperative's Net Metering Program is available until December 31, 2016, on a limited basis.

Member-Consumers enrolled prior to January 1, 2017 shall be eligible to continue participation for a term of 20 years, measured from the earlier from the effective date of the Net Metering Agreement or the first month the Member-Consumer began net metering. A participating Member-Consumer may terminate participation in the Cooperative's Net Metering Program at any time and for any reason. This program and its resulting contract are neither assignable, nor transferable, to a subsequent owner.

# Member-Consumer Eligibility

To be eligible to participate in the Net Metering Program, Member-Consumers must (1) generate a portion or all of their own retail electricity requirements using a solar or wind renewable electric generator, and (2) be Full Requirements Service Member-Consumers taking service under the Cooperative's applicable service tariff.

Member-Consumers wishing to participate in the Net Metering Program shall submit a completed Net Metering Application to the Cooperative for review. Upon approval of the Application, the Cooperative shall issue a Net Metering and Interconnection Agreement to be signed by the Member-Consumer, the Cooperative, and the G&T. A copy of the signed agreement will be kept on file at the Cooperative. A signed Net Metering and Interconnection Agreement is required prior to January 1, 2017 for the Member-Consumer's generator to remain connected to the Cooperative's facilities.

Member-Consumers must complete construction and meet commercial operation of the Member-Consumer Facility within 180 days of signing the Agreement.

The interconnection device used to connect the Member-Consumer's renewable generator with the Cooperative's facilities shall comply with the requirements of IEEE standard 519 and 1547, and Underwriters Laboratories standard UL-1741 Scope 1.1a for utility-interactive (grid-connected) power systems. The Cooperative may require reasonable and adequate insurance coverage by the Member-Consumer and the Member-Consumer shall provide proof of liability coverage as may be required by the Cooperative.

The generation equipment must be located on the Member-Consumer's premises, serving only the Member-Consumer's premises, and must be intended primarily to offset a portion or all of the Member-

Consumer's requirements for electricity. At the Member-Consumer's option, the generation capacity shall be determined by one of the following methods:

- a) Aggregate nameplate capacity of the generator(s)
- b) Aggregate projected annual kWh output of the generator(s)

The Member-Consumer is required to provide the Cooperative with the capacity rating in kW of the generating unit(s) and a projection of the annual kWh output of the generating unit(s) when completing the Cooperative's Net Metering Application. The Member-Consumer shall determine its annual electricity needs using one of the following methods:

- a) The Member-Consumer's annual energy usage, measured in kWh, during the previous 12 month period:
- b) Where metered demand data is available, the maximum integrated hourly demand measured in kW during the previous 12 month period: or
- c) In cases where no data, incomplete data, or incorrect data for the Member-Consumer's past annual energy usage is available, or where the Member-Consumer is making changes on-site that will affect their future total annual electric usage, the Cooperative and the Member-Consumer shall mutually agree on a method to determine the Member-Consumer's future annual energy usage.

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The Member-Consumer's usage and excess generation shall be determined using a single meter with separate registers measuring power flow in each direction. If there is a significant initial incremental cost to provide a meter measuring power flow in each direction above the cost for meters provided for similarly situated non-generating Member-Consumers, the difference in cost shall be paid by the Member-Consumer. Any service upgrades, protective or power quality equipment/devices necessary to accommodate the output of the generating unit(s), as determined by the Cooperative, shall be at the Member-Consumer's expense.

### Monthly Charges

"Excess Generation" means energy and associated renewable energy attributes, including, but not limited to Renewable Energy Credits, generated by the Member-Consumer's renewable energy generator and not consumed at the Member-Consumer's location (and delivered to the Cooperative).

The Member-Consumer shall pay the full retail rate in accordance with the Cooperative's standard service tariff applicable to the Member-Consumer for all energy delivered to the Member-Consumer by the Cooperative. The Member-Consumer shall be credited the full retail rate in accordance with the Cooperative's standard service tariff applicable to the Member-Consumer for all Excess Generation. Energy produced by the Member-Consumer's renewable energy generator and consumed at the Member-Consumer's location without flowing onto the Cooperative's distribution system is not billed by the Cooperative, compensated by the Cooperative, or displayed on the billing statement.

The credit for any Excess Generation during the billing period shall be applied to the bill for that period. Any credit that is not used up during the current billing period shall be carried forward for use in subsequent billing periods. If a Member-Consumer terminates service with the Cooperative while having

a net metering credit amount on their account, the G&T shall pay, through its agent, the Cooperative, the remaining credit amount to the Member-Consumer following a final reading by the Cooperative of the Member-Consumer's meter.				