

SECTION 57  
NET ENERGY BILLING

57.1 GENERAL

Pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Maine Public Utilities Commission's Rules, any eligible customer may elect net energy billing for the customer's accounts or meters within the transmission and distribution utility's service territory. The Company's terms and conditions related to the implementation of net energy billing under Chapter 313 are set forth below. Any terms used herein shall have the meaning set forth in Chapter 313.

57.2 ELIGIBILITY

Customer eligibility for net energy billing shall be determined in accordance with the eligibility provisions set forth in Chapter 313. In the event of a dispute regarding a customer's eligibility for net energy billing, either the Company or the customer may file a Notice of Dispute with the Maine Public Utilities Commission.

57.3 CONTRACT

In accordance with Chapter 313, the Company has developed a standard contract to be executed by the Company and the customer before the customer may be billed on a net energy basis. In the event of a conflict between the Company's standard form contract or these Terms and Conditions, these Terms and Conditions shall govern.

57.4 EFFECTIVE DATE FOR DETERMINING NETTABLE ENERGY PERCENTAGE

As specified in Chapter 313, the effective date applicable to a customer or shared ownership customer shall be the date that the eligible facility is placed in service. The date that an eligible facility has been placed in service shall be determined by the date that the Company receives from the customer the executed contract referenced in Section 57.3 above and a certificate of completion signed by the applicable local electrical wiring inspector or a Maine licensed master electrician or limited electrician in house wiring. This date shall be used for purposes of determining the nettable energy percentage that will be applicable to the eligible facility under Chapter 313, regardless of the date upon which the Company installs its metering equipment or the date upon which netting actually commences. Net energy billing will not commence until all applicable applications, contracts and certificates are in place and all metering equipment has been installed.

57.5 METERING EQUIPMENT

To accomplish net energy billing under Chapter 313, it is necessary for the Company to install a meter to measure the net output of the eligible facility. The Company will arrange for the necessary metering equipment to be installed.

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57.5 METERING EQUIPMENT (Continued)

The Company's normal configuration for net energy billing includes a single meter capable of measuring net customer usage and net outflow onto the Company's system. In some cases, the Company may also need to install an adapter to accommodate a second meter. The Company will be responsible for installing and maintaining such meters and adaptors. The customer shall be responsible for the cost of installing and maintaining the meter enclosure necessary to accommodate the single meter or the adaptor with two meters. If additional meters are required by the Company, the following paragraph shall apply.

Chapter 313 provides that a customer shall not be charged for the cost of any additional meters or other related equipment required by the Company in order to bill customers on a net energy basis. Therefore, the Company will provide any additional meters at no charge and will reimburse the customer for the reasonable costs of installing the meter enclosure for any required additional meter and for any additional equipment that is necessary as a result of any such additional meter required by the Company. If requested by a customer, the Company will reimburse the customer's contractor instead of reimbursing the customer directly for items which are the cost responsibility of the Company. The customer or its contractor must submit an itemized invoice to the Company before the Company remits reimbursement to the customer or contractor. In the event of a dispute as to whether an invoice includes only the reasonable costs of installing the meter enclosure and other necessary equipment for additional meters required by the Company, either the customer or the Company may submit such a dispute to the Maine Public Utilities Commission for resolution. The customer is responsible for installing the meter enclosures in accordance with the Company's Handbook of Requirements for Electric Service and Meter Installation.

Other than its obligation to reimburse the customer for the reasonable costs of the meter enclosure and other necessary equipment for additional meters required by the Company, the Company shall have no obligation or liability with respect to any work performed by the customer's electrician or other contractor.

57.6 CHANGES TO ELIGIBLE FACILITY

A. Change in Ownership

Net energy billing arrangements and contracts entered into pursuant to Chapter 313 are assignable to new owners of the premises associated with the accounts originally eligible under a net energy billing arrangement. When an existing shared ownership customer relocates, the customer's shared ownership interest may either be assigned to the new owner/tenant of premises or retained by the existing shared ownership customer and applied to a different customer account. The Company may require written evidence that an existing customer's interest in an eligible facility or shared ownership facility has been legally assigned to a new customer. No such assignment shall affect the nettable energy percentage that is applicable to the eligible facility under Chapter 313, provided that the eligible facility is not moved to a different location by the assignee.

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57.6 CHANGES TO ELIGIBLE FACILITY (Continued)

B. Change in Equipment

Customers that are operating under an existing net energy billing arrangement shall report to the Company any modifications to the eligible facility. This obligation is in addition to any obligation that the customer may have under any interconnection agreement with the Company under Chapter 324 of the Maine Public Utilities Commission's Rules. Any such modifications must comply with the requirements of any such interconnection agreement.

57.7 ADDITIONAL METERS

A. Removal of Existing Gross Meters

To accomplish net energy billing under the version of Chapter 313 that was in effect from March 29, 2017 through April 21, 2019, it was necessary for the Company to install a meter to measure the gross output of an eligible facility as well as a separate meter to measure customer electrical usage. With the version of Chapter 313 that took effect on an emergency basis on April 22, 2019 and the version that took effect on a permanent basis on August 12, 2019, a gross meter is no longer required for the Company to accomplish net energy billing.

For gross meters installed pursuant to the provisions of the prior version of Chapter 313, the Company will remove such meters in the normal course of the Company's business, unless a customer specifically requests that their gross meter remain in place, in which case Section 57.7(B) below shall apply. When a gross meter is removed, the Company will install a "meter blank" in place of the gross meter. If a customer decides, at its own election, to remove the wiring that was installed to support the gross meter, then the customer will be responsible for any of those associated costs. For customers with transformer rated gross meters, in addition to removing the gross meter, the Company, at its own cost, will remove the test switch and the metering instrument transformers.

B. Retention of Existing Meters to Separately Meter Generation and Load

A customer may elect to have existing meters remain in place to measure generation separately from the customer's load. In addition, customers that choose to retain their second meter to measure the full output of the generation from their eligible facility must meter their generation in parallel, separate from their load. In such a case, the customer shall be responsible for all costs associated with having their eligible facility wired separately from their load, including a separate meter enclosure if rewiring the existing site results in the need for a new meter enclosure. Until the parallel metering is in place, CMP will use the net meter for billing purposes. The second meter may remain, but will not be used for billing or the determination of generation separate from load until the eligible facility is wired separately from the load. Once the generation is separated from the load, a separate Facility Account associated with the generation will be established. The customer must designate which other

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customer accounts will receive credits from the eligible facility and how such credits shall be allocated (either Cascading Allocation or Fixed Percentage Allocation). The customer shall be responsible for all charges applicable to the Facility Account under the Company's Electric Delivery Rate Schedules. If CMP has previously removed the Gross Meter pursuant to Section A above, Section C below shall apply if a customer subsequently requests to have an additional meter installed to measure generation separately from the customer's load.

C. Installation of an Additional Meter to Separately Meter Generation

A customer may elect to have an additional meter installed to measure generation separately from the customer's load. Any such meter, used to measure the full output of the generation must be installed in parallel, such that the output of the eligible facility is measured separately from the customer's load. . In such a case, the customer shall be responsible for all costs associated with having their eligible facility wired separately from their load, including a separate meter enclosure, if parallel metering results in the need for a new meter enclosure. CMP costs will be limited to meter and labor costs associated with the installation of the generation meter. Before the generation meter will be installed, the customer must comply with any applicable requirements regarding changes to their eligible facility under either Chapter 324 of the Maine Public Utilities Commission's Rules or the customer's Interconnection Agreement with the Company. Until the parallel metering is in place, CMP will use the net meter for billing purposes. Once the generation is separated from the load, a separate Facility Account associated with the generation will be established. The customer must designate which other customer accounts will receive credits from the eligible facility and how such credits shall be allocated (either Cascading Allocation or Fixed Percentage Allocation). The customer shall be responsible for all charges applicable to the Facility Account under the Company's Electric Delivery Rate Schedules.

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57.8 UNUSED KILOWATT-HOUR CREDITS FROM NET ENERGY BILLING ARRANGEMENTS

Beginning on April 1, 2022 and on or before every April 1 thereafter, CMP shall determine the monetary value of unused and expired kilowatt-hour credits from net energy billing arrangements during the prior calendar year and apply this value to reduce the account balances of customers participating in the Company's arrearage management program in an equal dollar amount unless such reduction would be in excess of the customer's account balance. Any such excess amounts shall be allocated in an equal dollar amount to the account balance amounts of other customers participating in CMP's arrearage management program. CMP will determine the monetary value of the unused and expired kilowatt-hour credits using the rates from the applicable residential electric rate delivery schedule and standard offer rate for residential customers in effect on December 31 of the previous calendar year.

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