

 Oakdale Electric Cooperative		Board Policy
Policy Name: Interconnection Requirements of Wisconsin Electric Cooperatives (IRWEC) – Distributed Energy Resources		Policy No: 6.12
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1. Effective in

All territories served by the Cooperative.

2. Objective

To facilitate the connection and operation of Distributed Energy Resources (“DER”) on the Oakdale Electric Cooperative (“Cooperative”) distribution system as defined under the “Public Utility Energy Regulatory Policies Act of 1978” (“PURPA”) and all regulations promulgated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“FERC”) thereunder.

3. Definitions

- A. “Applicant” means a Member of the Cooperative who is the legally responsible person applying to the Cooperative to Interconnect a DER Facility to the Cooperative’s Distribution System.
- B. “Cooperative” means the Member-owned, not-for-profit electric cooperative that owns and operates the electric Distribution System that can Interconnect with Applicant’s DER Facility.
- C. “Distributed Energy Resource” or “DER” means all types of generation and energy resources that can Interconnect to the Cooperative’s electric Distribution System pursuant to the IREWC and TSM. This includes, but is not limited to, photovoltaic systems (PV), wind turbines, battery energy storage systems (BESS), and fossil fuel generators. DERs are not limited to renewable energy technologies.
- D. “DER Facility” means the entirety of a DER with an Export Capacity kW in Alternating Current of not more than 15 MW that will be or is Interconnected to the Cooperative’s electric Distribution System at one PCC. The term “DER Facility” is intended to include all equipment on the DER side of the PCC.
- E. “Interconnection Requirements for Wisconsin Electric Cooperatives” or “IRWEC” means this document which contains uniform requirements for the Interconnection of a DER Facility within Wisconsin to an electric Distribution System owned and operated by an electric Cooperative.

- F. “Member” means any person who is receiving electric service from a Cooperative’s Distribution System.
- G. “Owner” means a party that holds title to, or controls, real property where a DER Facility is located.

4. Availability

This policy applies to all Distributed Energy Resource (DER) facilities with a capacity of 15 MW or less that are interconnected, or whose owner seeks to interconnect, to an electric cooperative’s distribution system. This policy also applies to all electric cooperatives to whose distribution systems a DER facility is interconnected, or to which interconnection is sought.

5. Requirements

- A. Any Applicant, Member, Person, or Owner shall comply with all Interconnection Requirements of Wisconsin Electric Cooperatives (IRWEC) requirements, and as may be amended from time to time. This IRWEC document is hereby incorporated into this policy fully herein by reference.
- B. Cooperatives and Applicants shall complete the required steps for the Application Process for Interconnecting DER Facilities as set forth in the IRWEC.

6. Insurance and Indemnification

- A. An Applicant shall comply with the insurance requirements as set forth in the IRWEC
- B. The Applicant shall indemnify, hold harmless, and defend the Cooperative, its officers, directors, employees and agents from and against any and all claims, suits, liabilities, damages, costs and expenses resulting from the installation, operation, modification, maintenance, or removal of the DER Facility. The liability shall be limited to direct actual damages, and all other damages at law or in equity shall be waived.

7. Billing Payment for Energy coming into Oakdale Electric Cooperative’s system for Small Qualifying Facilities

The Member and the Cooperative must have an executed Interconnection Agreement before the member will be eligible to be credited for any generation. The Member shall not be credited for any generation occurring prior to the execution of such Agreement.

Payment for any kWh entering the Cooperative’s system from a DER facility approved under an Interconnection Agreement (a “Qualifying Facility or Qualifying Facilities”) will be based on a Net Billing System described herein. The service meter will keep

track of energy flow on a real time basis. All kWh supplied from the Cooperative to the Member will be accumulated in one register of the meter and all kWh that the Member supplies to the Cooperative will be accumulated in another register of the meter. At the end of the billing cycle, the total kWh supplied to the Member from the Cooperative in that cycle will be billed at the applicable retail rate. The total of the kWh that the Member supplies to the Cooperative in that cycle will be credited at the rate as shown on the rate sheet applicable to the size of the Qualifying Facility, as may be updated from time to time by the Cooperative.

On a monthly cycle basis, the total dollar amounts billed to the Member for energy usage and the total dollar amounts credited to the Member for generation shall be listed on the monthly bill along with any other applicable charges and fees for monthly service. If the total amount on the monthly bill including all charges, fees and credits is a positive balance, then the Member shall pay such balance in accordance with the Cooperative's standard billing procedures. If the total amount on the monthly bill including all charges, fees and credits is a negative balance, this credit may be carried forward from month to month to offset the Member's future monthly bills. The Cooperative may elect to make payment to the member for accumulated credits on an annual or other basis as determined by the Cooperative in its sole discretion.

8. Disclaimer

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