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The Commissioner of Yukon, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly, enacts as follows:

Definitions

1 In this Act,

“agricultural bio-mass resource” means organic matter produced on a farm as a direct result of and solely from farm operations;

“eligible electricity” means the electricity that meets the criteria set out in section 3 (1) that an eligible generator may return to a distributor;

“eligible generator” means a customer of a distributor who meets the criteria set out in section 3 (1);

“net metering” means billing calculated by subtracting the value of the amount of eligible electricity returned by the eligible generator from the value of the amount of electricity consumed from the system by the eligible generator;

“renewable energy resource” means electricity generated from the wind, hydro, solar radiation or an agricultural bio-mass resource or from any combination of them.

Application

2 (1) At the request of an eligible generator and in the circumstances and manner described in this law, a distributor,

(a) shall allow the eligible generator to return eligible electricity for a credit; and

(b) shall bill the eligible generator on a net metering basis.

(2) To be eligible to be billed on a net metering basis, an eligible generator must return eligible electricity to the distributor by conveying eligible electricity into the distributor’s distribution system.

(3) For the purposes of this law, billing on a net metering basis is calculated in accordance with section 4 by subtracting the value of the amount of eligible electricity returned by the eligible generator from the value of the amount of electricity consumed from the system by the eligible generator.

Eligible generator

3 (1) A generator of electricity is an eligible generator if,

(a) the generator generates the electricity primarily for the generator’s own use;

(b) the generator generates the electricity solely from a renewable energy source;

(c) the maximum cumulative output capacity of the equipment used to generate the electricity that the generator intends to return to the distributor for net metering purposes is no greater than 500 kilowatts based on the rated maximum output capacity of the equipment;

(d) the generator conveys the electricity that is generated directly from the point of generation to another point for the generator’s own consumption without reliance on the distributor’s distribution

system before conveying any electricity that is in excess of the generator's own needs at the time of generation into the distributor's distribution system; and
(e) the generator generates electricity that meets acceptable standards for power quality.
(2) In this Law, electricity is generated from a renewable energy source if the electricity is generated from the wind, hydro, solar radiation or an agricultural bio-mass resource or from any combination of them.

Account Billing

4 The Commissioner in Executive Council shall, by regulation

- (a) set terms for monthly billing;
- (b) ensure at the end of the net-metering period that the unused credits for excess energy are purchased by the utility;
- (c) ensure that net-metering customers are charged the same fixed monthly fees as other customers in the same customer class;
- (d) ensure net-metering customers remain eligible for the full monthly benefit of the Rate Stabilization Fund, or any other relief program, based on consumption;
- (e) require a simple interconnection process with no or minimal fees;
- (f) define the net-metering period as annual, not monthly;
- (g) empower the Yukon Utilities Board to exercise its jurisdiction over these matters.

Cancellation of agreement

- 5** (1) A consumer may cancel a net metering agreement with a distributor at any time by giving 90 days notice in writing to the distributor.
(2) A consumer who is an eligible generator and who has cancelled a net metering agreement under subsection (1) may not for 12 months after the cancellation be permitted to return eligible electricity to the distributor for the purpose of being billed on a net metering basis unless, at the same time that the consumer gives notice of cancellation, the consumer requests that he, she or it be allowed to return eligible electricity to the distributor for the purpose of being billed on a net metering basis.

Coming into Force

6 This Act comes into force on a day to be fixed by the Commissioner in Executive Council.