

RIDER TO NON-RESIDENTIAL RATE 16**SOLAR CHOICE FOR
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AVAILABILITY

This rider is available in conjunction with the Company's Retail Electric Service Rate 16 Time-of-Use General Service for Residential Customer-Generators who apply for service on or after June 1, 2021. The customer's generating system must be manufactured, installed and operated in accordance with governmental and industry standards and must fully conform with the Company's current interconnection standards as approved by the Public Service Commission of South Carolina.

CHARACTER OF SERVICE

The applicable character of service is specific to the rate schedule that the customer receives service under.

RATE PER MONTH

The applicable rate per month shall be from the Company's Residential Rate 16 Time-of-Use General Service schedule as referenced in the availability section above. The monthly bill shall be determined as follows:

For electric service:

1. The basic facilities charge shall be determined and billed as set forth in Rate 16.
2. If a customer-generator's energy consumption exceeds the electricity provided by the customer-generator during a monthly billing period, the customer-generator shall be billed in kWh for the net electricity supplied by the Utility.

If a customer-generator's energy generation exceeds the electricity provided by the Utility during a monthly billing period, the customer-generator shall be credited for the excess kWh generated during that billing period.

Energy charges (or credits) shall be based on the rates in the Rate 16 rate schedule. Credits shall not offset the basic facilities charge as stated in Rate 16.

3. (A) For electric generating systems with a capacity of not more than one thousand kilowatts (1,000 kW AC) excess energy generated by the customer-generator shall be credited as follows:
 1. For on-peak energy, the customer's monthly usage amount in kilowatt-hours shall be reduced by the total of (a) any on-peak excess energy delivered to the Company in the current month plus (b) any accumulated on-peak excess energy balance remaining from prior months. Total on-peak energy in kilowatt-hours billed to customers shall never be less than zero. For off-peak energy, the customer's monthly usage shall be reduced by the total of (a) any off-peak excess energy delivered to the Company in the current month plus (b) any accumulated off-peak excess energy balance remaining from prior months. Total off-peak energy in kilowatt-hours billed to customers shall also never be less than zero. For super off-peak energy, the customer's monthly usage shall be reduced by the total of (a) any super off-peak excess energy delivered to the Company in the current month plus (b) any accumulated super off-peak excess energy balance remaining from prior months. Total super off-peak energy in kilowatt-hours billed to customers shall also never be less than zero. For any billing month during which excess energy exceeds the customer's usage in total, producing a net credit, the respective energy charges for the billing month shall be zero. Any excess energy credits shall carry forward on the following month's bill by first applying excess on-peak kWh against on-peak kWh charges, excess off-peak kWh against off-peak kWh charges, and excess super off-peak kWh against super off-peak kWh charges.
 2. Excess energy not used in the current billing month to reduce billed kWh usage shall be accumulated and used to credit excess on-peak generation against on-peak usage (and excess off-peak generation against off-peak usage), in future months. For all affected billing statements rendered during November billing cycles, any accumulated excess energy not used to reduce billed kWh usage shall be paid to the customer-generator at the Company's avoided cost, zeroing out the customer generator's account of excess energy. The avoided cost is the currently approved avoided cost as determined by the Commission.

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(B) For electric generating systems with a capacity of greater than 1,000 kW, but not more than five thousand kilowatts (5,000 kW AC) for a nonresidential customer, excess energy shall be credited as follows:

1. For on-peak energy, the customer's monthly usage amount in kilowatt-hours shall be reduced by the total of any on-peak excess energy delivered to the Company in the current month. Total on-peak energy in kilowatt-hours billed to customers shall never be less than zero. For off-peak energy, the customer's monthly usage shall be reduced by the total of any off-peak excess energy delivered to the Company in the current month. Total off-peak energy in kilowatt-hours billed to customers shall also never be less than zero. For super off-peak energy, the customer's monthly usage shall be reduced by the total of any super off-peak excess energy delivered to the Company in the current month. Total super off-peak energy in kilowatt-hours billed to customers shall also never be less than zero.

2. Any excess energy shall be credited on a monthly basis to the customer-generator at the Company's avoided cost and reset by zeroing out the customer generator's account of excess energy. The avoided cost is the currently approved avoided cost as determined by the Commission.

DEFINITIONS

1. Customer-Generator means the owner, operator, lessee, or customer-generator lessee of an electric energy generation unit which:
 - (A) generates or discharges electricity from a Renewable Energy Resource, including an energy storage device configured to receive electrical charge solely from an onsite Renewable Energy Resource;
 - (B) has an electrical generating system with a capacity of:
 - (i) not more than the lesser of one thousand kilowatts (1,000 kW AC) or one hundred percent (100%) of contract demand;
 - (ii) after June 1, 2025, not more than the lesser of five thousand kilowatts (5,000 kW AC) or one hundred percent of contract demand for a nonresidential customer, provided the customer-generator is on a time-of-use rate schedule and any excess energy produced by the customer-generator is credited and reset at the end of each monthly period; or
 - (iii) more than five thousand kilowatts (5,000 kW AC) if agreed to by the customer-generator and the electrical utility, provided that the electrical utility submits the agreement to the commission for consideration and approval if the commission finds the agreement to contain appropriate ratemaking provisions and is in the public interest; or
 - (C) is located on a single premises owned, operated, leased, or otherwise controlled by the customer;
 - (D) is interconnected and operates in parallel phase and synchronization with an electrical utility and complies with the applicable interconnection standards;
 - (E) is intended primarily to offset part or all of the customer-generator's own electrical energy requirements; and
 - (F) meets all applicable safety, performance, interconnection, and reliability standards established by the commission, the National Electrical Code, the National Electrical Safety Code, the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Underwriters Laboratories, the federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and any local governing authorities.
2. Renewable Energy Resource means solar photovoltaic and solar thermal resources, wind resources, hydroelectric resources, geothermal resources, tidal and wave energy resources, recycling resources, hydrogen fuel derived from renewable resources, combined heat and power derived from renewable resources, and biomass resources.
3. Excess energy delivered to the Company shall be defined as energy produced by the customer's renewable energy generating facility that exceeds the energy delivered by the Company during a given time period. This excess energy shall be used to reduce energy delivered and billed by the Company during the current or a future month, as provided in the Rate Per Month section above.
4. The On-Peak, Off-Peak, and Super Off-Peak periods shall be defined in Rate 16 Time-of-Use General Service.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. To qualify for this rider, the customer must first qualify for and be served on one of the rate schedules as described in the availability section above. The customer must also meet all other qualifications as outlined in the availability section above.

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2. All provisions of Rate 16 including, but not limited to Determination of On-, Off-, and Super Off-Peak Hours, Adjustment for Fuel Costs, Demand Side Management Component, Pension Costs Component, Storm Damage Component, Sales and Franchise Tax, Payment Terms, and Special Provisions will apply to service supplied under this rider.
3. For premises with Customer Generators electing service under this Rider, the Customer Generators are eligible to remain on the Rider for a minimum term of at least 10 years, or until such time as the customer elects to terminate service under the Rider, whichever occurs first.
4. Customers served under this rider are not eligible for the Company's Small Power Production, Cogeneration Rate PR-1 or any of the Company's existing DER programs under Act 236.
5. The customer must execute an application to interconnect generation and an interconnection agreement prior to receiving service under this rider.
6. The customer-generator shall have all right and title to own and transfer RECs attributable to their generation.
7. In the event the Company determines that it is necessary to increase the capacity of facilities beyond those required to serve the Customer's electrical requirement or to install a dedicated transformer or other equipment to protect the safety and adequacy of electric service provided to other customers, the Customer shall pay the estimated cost of the required transformer or other equipment above the estimated cost which Company would otherwise have normally incurred to serve the Customer's electrical requirement, in advance of receiving service under this Rider.

SPECIAL PROVISIONS

The Company will furnish service in accordance with its standard specifications. Non-standard service will be furnished only when the customer pays the difference in costs between non-standard service and standard service or pays to the Company its normal monthly facility charge based on such difference in costs.

METERING REQUIREMENTS

Customer must furnish, install, own, and maintain a meter socket to measure 100% of the Customer's generator output and that is connected on the Customer's side of the delivery point. Company will furnish, install, own, and maintain a generation meter. Company will also furnish, install, own and maintain a bi-directional billing meter to measure the kWh delivered from Company to Customer and to measure kWh received from Customer by Company. The billing meter will be configured for time-of-use measurement as required by Rate 16. All metering shall be at a location that is approved by the Company.

TERM OF CONTRACT

Contracts shall be for a period not to exceed the term of the contract under which the customer currently receives electric service. There shall be a separate contract for each meter at each location.

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The Company's General Terms and Conditions are incorporated by reference and are part of this rider.