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1	SENATE BILL NO. 226
2	INTRODUCED BY J. PRIEST
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4	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE USE OF NET METERING SYSTEMS; REQUIRING
5	THE CUSTOMER-GENERATOR TO HAVE TWO METERS; REQUIRING THE CUSTOMER-GENERATOR TO
6	PAY TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION CHARGES; AMENDING SECTIONS 69-8-602 AND 69-8-603, MCA;
7	AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE."
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9	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:
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11	Section 1. Section 69-8-602, MCA, is amended to read:
12	"69-8-602. Utility net metering requirements. (1) A utility shall :
13	(1) allow net metering systems to be interconnected using a two standard kilowatt-hour meter meters with
14	one capable of registering measuring the flow amount of electricity in two directions, unless the commission
15	determines, after appropriate notice and opportunity for comment:
16	(a) that the use of additional metering equipment to monitor the flow of electricity in each direction is
17	necessary and appropriate for the interconnection of net metering systems, after taking into account the benefits
18	and costs of purchasing and installing additional metering equipment; and
19	(b) how the costs of net metering are to be allocated between the customer-generator and the utility; and
20	(2) charge the customer-generator a minimum monthly fee that is the same as other customers of the
21	electric utility in the same rate class. produced by the customer-generator and the other capable of measuring
22	the amount of electricity received from the utility. Readings from both meters must be reported to the utility each
23	billing cycle. During each billing cycle:
24	(a) the utility shall credit the number of kilowatt hours of electricity produced by the customer-generator
25	against the number of kilowatt hours of electricity received from the utility; and
26	(b) the customer-generator shall pay the utility a monthly service charge and all transmission and
27	distribution charges for electricity delivered by the utility to the customer-generator.
28	(2) The value of the electricity produced by the customer-generator pursuant to subsection (1) is equal
29	to the value of the electricity supplied to the customer-generator by the utility, excluding transmission and ancillary
30	<u>costs.</u>

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29	or modified on or after [the effective date of this act].
28	NEW SECTION. Section 4. Applicability. [This act] applies to net metering agreements entered into
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26	NEW SECTION. Section 3. Effective date. [This act] is effective on passage and approval.
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24	customer-generator."
23	the previous 12 months must be granted to the electricity supplier, without any compensation to the
22	as the beginning date of a 12-month billing period, any remaining unused kilowatt-hour credit accumulated during
21	(4) On January 1, April 1, July 1, or October 1 of each year, as designated by the customer-generator
20	appearing on the bill for the following billing period.
19	(b) credited for the excess kilowatt hours generated during the billing period, with this kilowatt-hour credit
18	(a) billed for the appropriate customer charges for that billing period, in accordance with 69-8-602; and
17	supplier, the customer-generator must be:
15 16	and 69-8-602.(3) If electricity generated by the customer-generator exceeds the electricity supplied by the electricity
14 15	be billed for the net electricity supplied by the electricity supplier, in accordance with normal metering practices
13	customer-generator and fed back to the electricity supplier during the billing period, the customer-generator must
12	(2) If the electricity supplied by the electricity supplier exceeds the electricity generated by the
11	accordance with normal metering practices <u>69-8-602</u> .
10	(1) The utility shall measure the net electricity produced or consumed during the billing period, in
9	net energy measurement must be calculated in the following manner:
8	"69-8-603. Net energy measurement calculation. Consistent with the other provisions of this part, the
7	Section 2. Section 69-8-603, MCA, is amended to read:
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5	these costs among the utility's entire customer base."
4	(b) public policy is best served by imposing these costs on the customer-generator, rather than allocating
3	metering systems that exceed any offsetting benefits associated with these net metering systems; and
2	(a) the utility will incur any additional direct costs associated with interconnecting or administering net
1	(3) The commission shall determine, after appropriate notice and opportunity for comment if: