

## SENATE BILL NO. 226

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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 ~~costs.~~

