

1 _____ BILL NO. _____

2 INTRODUCED BY _____
3 (Primary Sponsor)

4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ALLOWING A CUSTOMER-GENERATOR TO BE REIMBURSED
5 FOR REMAINING UNUSED KILOWATT-HOUR CREDITS ACCUMULATED DURING THE PREVIOUS 12
6 MONTHS; REQUIRING A PUBLIC UTILITY TO COMPENSATE THE CUSTOMER-GENERATOR AT A RATE
7 DETERMINED BY THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION; AMENDING SECTION 69-8-603, MCA; AND
8 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE."

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10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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12 **Section 1.** Section 69-8-603, MCA, is amended to read:

13 **"69-8-603. Net energy measurement calculation.** Consistent with the other provisions of this part, the
14 net energy measurement must be calculated in the following manner:

15 (1) The public utility shall measure the net electricity produced or consumed during the billing period, in
16 accordance with normal metering practices.

17 (2) If the electricity supplied by the ~~electricity supplier~~ public utility exceeds the electricity generated by
18 the customer-generator and fed back to the ~~electricity supplier~~ public utility during the billing period, the
19 customer-generator must be billed for the net electricity supplied by the ~~electricity supplier~~ public utility, in
20 accordance with normal metering practices.

21 (3) If electricity generated by the customer-generator exceeds the electricity supplied by the ~~electricity~~
22 ~~supplier~~ public utility, the customer-generator must be:

- 23 (a) billed for the appropriate customer charges for that billing period, in accordance with 69-8-602; and
- 24 (b) credited for the excess kilowatt hours generated during the billing period, with this kilowatt-hour credit
25 appearing on the bill for the following billing period.

26 (4) On January 1, April 1, July 1, or October 1 of each year, as designated by the customer-generator
27 as the beginning date of a 12-month billing period, any remaining unused kilowatt-hour credit accumulated during
28 the previous 12 months must be granted to ~~the electricity supplier, without any compensation to the~~
29 customer-generator.

30 (5) (a) The customer-generator must be compensated for any remaining kilowatt-hour credit accumulated

1 during the previous 12 months at a rate to be determined by the commission.

2 (b) The customer-generator may choose to receive:

3 (i) monetary compensation; or

4 (ii) a credit to the customer-generator's account that is applied to subsequent billing periods."

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6 **NEW SECTION. Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2015.

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8 **NEW SECTION. Section 3. Applicability.** [This act] applies to kilowatt-hours generated on or after July

9 1, 2015.

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