

SENATE BILL NO. 201

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ALLOWING A CUSTOMER-GENERATOR PARTICIPATING IN NET METERING TO CARRY FORWARD REMAINING UNUSED KILOWATT-HOUR CREDITS AND TO APPLY EXCESS CREDITS TO SEPARATELY METERED ACCOUNTS; PROVIDING STIPULATIONS FOR APPLYING EXCESS KILOWATT-HOUR CREDITS TO ADDITIONAL METERS; AMENDING SECTION 69-8-603, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE."

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

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

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

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

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

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

~~—— (a) billed for the appropriate customer charges for that billing period, in accordance with 69-8-602; and~~

~~—— (b) credited for the excess kilowatt hours generated during the billing period, with this kilowatt-hour credit appearing on the bill for the following billing period.~~

(3) (a) Except as provided in subsection (3)(c) and in accordance with subsection (3)(e), at the end of each monthly billing period a public utility shall carry over any excess kilowatt-hour credits earned by the customer-generator and apply those credits to the bill for any of the customer-generator's separately metered accounts. Separately metered accounts may include a utility account for a corporation of which the customer-generator is an owner.



