

SB0143/533126/1

BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 143
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, after “**Metering**” insert “and Virtual Net Energy Metering”; in line 4, strike “an” and substitute “a certain”; strike beginning with “requiring” in line 5 down through “accrued;” in line 8 and substitute “requiring the Public Service Commission to establish a method for calculating the value of certain accrued net excess generation; requiring that a subscriber of a community solar energy generating system accrue virtual net excess generation in the same manner as a certain eligible customer-generator;”; in line 9, after “metering” insert “and virtual net energy metering”; in line 12, after “(8)” insert “and 7-306.2(d)(1)”; and in line 17, after “7-306(f)” insert “and 7-306.2(d)(6) and (e)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 33, strike the brackets.

On page 2 in line 33, and on page 3 in lines 16, 33, and 36, in each instance, strike “**AUGUST**”.

On page 3, in line 1, after “**2.**” insert “EXCEPT FOR AN ELIGIBLE CUSTOMER-GENERATOR SERVED BY A MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITY OR A SMALL RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE AND”; in line 2, after “**PERIOD**” insert “REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE ELIGIBLE CUSTOMER-GENERATOR PREVIOUSLY ACCRUED NET EXCESS GENERATION FOR A PERIOD AUTHORIZED UNDER ITEM 1 OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH”; in lines 16 and 36, in each instance, strike the second set of brackets; in line 27, strike “**, A**” and substitute “**:**”

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in the same line, after “CUSTOMER–GENERATOR” insert “MAY NOT ELECT TO SWITCH TO ACCRUING NET EXCESS GENERATION UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I)1 OF THIS PARAGRAPH UNLESS THE ELECTRIC COMPANY APPROVES THE SWITCH; AND

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strike beginning with “SHALL” in line 27 down through “CLOSED” in line 29 and substitute “THE ELECTRIC COMPANY SHALL, WITHIN 15 DAYS AFTER AN ELIGIBLE CUSTOMER–GENERATOR’S ACCOUNT IS CLOSED, PAY THE ELIGIBLE CUSTOMER–GENERATOR, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBPARAGRAPH (V) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, FOR ANY ACCRUED NET EXCESS GENERATION REMAINING AT THE TIME THE ACCOUNT IS CLOSED”;

after line 29, insert:

“(v) THE COMMISSION SHALL ESTABLISH A METHOD FOR CALCULATING THE VALUE OF ANY ACCRUED NET EXCESS GENERATION THAT A CUSTOMER–GENERATOR ELECTS TO ACCRUE FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I)2 OF THIS PARAGRAPH.”;

and in line 33, strike the first set of brackets.

On page 4, after line 21, insert:

“7–306.2.

(d) (1) (i) The Commission shall establish a pilot program for a Community Solar Energy Generating System Program.

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(ii) The structure of the pilot program is as provided in this subsection.

(6) A subscriber [may not] SHALL:

(I) receive credit for virtual net excess generation [that exceeds 200% of the subscriber's baseline annual usage]; AND

(II) ACCRUE VIRTUAL NET EXCESS GENERATION IN THE SAME MANNER AS AN ELIGIBLE CUSTOMER-GENERATOR UNDER § 7-306(F) OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(e) On or before May 15, 2016, the Commission shall adopt regulations to implement this section, including regulations for:

(1) consumer protection;

(2) a tariff structure for an electric company to provide a subscriber with the kilowatt-hours or value of the subscriber's subscription, as the Commission determines;

(3) a calculation for virtual net energy metering as the Commission determines;

(4) a protocol for electric companies, electricity suppliers, and subscriber organizations to communicate the information necessary to calculate and provide the monthly electric bill credits and [yearly] net excess generation payments required by this section; and

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(5) a protocol for a subscriber organization to coordinate with an electric company for the interconnection and commencement of operations of a community solar energy generating system.”.