

THE EMPIRE DISTRICT ELECTRIC COMPANY d.b.a. LIBERTY

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For ALL TERRITORY

NET METERING RIDER RIDER NM
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**For Customers Who Are Installing Solar Systems:**

Customer-Generators who are Missouri electric utility retail account holders will receive a solar rebate, if available, based on the capacity stated in the application, or the installed capacity of the Customer-Generator System if it is lower, if the following requirements are met:

- a. Empire must have confirmed the Customer-Generator's System is operational; and
- b. Sections H and I of this Application must be completed.

The amount of the rebate will be based on the system capacity measured in direct current. The rebate will be based on the schedule below up to a maximum of 25,000 watts (25kW) for residential customers, and up to a maximum of 150,000 watts (150 kW) for non-residential customers. In order to receive a rebate of \$0.25 per watt, all solar rebate applications must be received and completed prior to August 6, 2023 and operational before December 31, 2023.

- \$2.00 per watt for systems operational on or before June 30, 2014;
- \$1.50 per watt for systems operational between July 1, 2014 and June 30, 2015;
- \$1.00 per watt for systems operational between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016;
- \$0.50 per watt for systems operational between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2019;
- \$0.25 per watt for systems operational between July 1, 2019 and December 31, 2023;
- \$0.00 per watt for systems operational after December 31, 2023.

**For Customers Who Are Assuming Ownership or Operational Control of an Existing Customer-Generator System:**

If no changes are being made to the existing Customer-Generator System, complete sections A, D and F of this Application/Agreement and forward to Empire at the address above. Empire will review the new Application/Agreement and shall approve such, within fifteen (15) days of receipt by Empire if the new Customer-Generator has satisfactorily completed Application/Agreement, and no changes are being proposed to the existing Customer-Generator System. There are no fees or charges for the Customer-Generator who is assuming ownership or operational control of an existing Customer-Generator System if no modifications are being proposed to that System.

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Disclaimer: Possible Future Rules and/or Rate Changes  
Affecting Your Photovoltaic ("PV") System

1. Your PV system is subject to the Commission's current rates, rules, and regulations. The Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") may alter its rules and regulations and/or change rates in the future. If this occurs, your PV system is subject to those changes, and you will be responsible for paying any future increases to electricity rates, charges, or service fees from the Company.
2. The Company's electricity rates, charges, and service fees are determined by the Commission and are subject to change based upon the decisions of the Commission. These future adjustments may positively or negatively impact any potential savings or the value of your PV system.
3. Any future electricity rate projections which may be presented to you are not produced, analyzed, or approved by the Company or the Commission. They are based on projections formulated by external third parties not affiliated with the Company or the Commission.

The undersigned warrants, certifies, and represents that the information provided in this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge; and the installation meets all Missouri Net Metering requirements.

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Print Name of Applicant

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Print Installer's Name

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Applicant's Signature

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Installer's Signature

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If Applicant is a Business, Print Title/Authority of  
Person Signing on behalf of Applicant

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Date

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Date

**MUST BE MAILED TO EMPIRE VIA U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, FEDEX OR UPS, OR EMAIL THE NET METERING DEPARTMENT**

DATE OF ISSUE July 7, 2023 DATE EFFECTIVE August 6, 2023  
ISSUED BY Charlotte Emery, Sr Director, Rates and Regulatory Affairs, Joplin, MO

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SOLAR REBATE RIDER RIDER SR
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**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this Rider SR is to implement the solar rebate established through §393.1030 RSMo. and §393.1670 RSMo and to establish the terms, conditions and procedures, consistent with applicable law and MoPSC orders and rules, which the Company will rely on in accepting rebate applications, authorizing rebate payments to eligible participants for a qualifying solar electric system ("System"), and the handling of solar renewable energy credits ("SRECs") associated with the new or expanded System.

**AVAILABILITY:**

Subject to the Retail Rate Impact limitations set forth in 4 CSR 240-20.100(5), §393.1030 RSMo and §393.1670 RSMo, Missouri retail electric customers of the Company who install, own, operate and maintain a solar electric generation system in parallel with the Company's service in accordance with the following limitations and conditions are eligible for the solar rebate:

1. The customer must have a completed and approved Net Metering Application and Agreement on file with the Company in accordance with the Company's Net Metering Rider, Rider NM.
2. The customer must be an active account on the Company's system and in good payment standing.
3. The System must be permanently installed on the customer's premise.
4. The customer must declare the installed System will remain in place on the account holder's premise for the duration of its useful life which shall be deemed to be a minimum of ten (10) years.
5. The solar modules and inverters shall be new equipment and include a manufacturer's warranty of ten (10) years.
6. No residential retail electric account will be eligible for a solar rebate for more than twenty-five kilowatts (25 kW) of new or expanded new capacity irrespective of the number of meters/service points associated with the account holder. No non-residential retail electric account will be eligible for a solar rebate for more than one hundred fifty kilowatts (150 kW) of new or expanded new capacity irrespective of the number of meters/service points associated with the account holder.
7. The System shall meet all requirements of 4 CSR 240-20.065 and the Company's Net Metering Rider, Rider NM.
8. The System must be situated in a location where a minimum of eighty-five percent (85%) of the solar resource is available to the System.
9. The customer must execute an affidavit for Company's use in complying with §393.1030 RSMo and §393.1670 RSMo. The affidavit can be obtained from Company's website [www.empiredistrict.com](http://www.empiredistrict.com).
10. The Solar Rebate application must be received and completed prior to August 6, 2023, and the system must become operational on or before December 31, 2023.

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**SOLAR REBATE APPLICATION:**

For the customer's convenience, the Solar Rebate Application is located in two (2) places: Section H. and Section I. of an "INTERCONNECTION APPLICATION/AGREEMENT FOR NET METERING SYSTEMS WITH CAPACITY OF ONE HUNDRED KILOWATTS (100 kW) OR LESS", an integral part of the Company's Net Metering Rider, Rider NM; and Section A. and Section B. of the "MISSOURI SOLAR ELECTRIC REBATE APPLICATION", an integral part of the Company's Solar Rebate Rider, Rider SR – both of which can be obtained from the Company's website [www.empiredistrict.com](http://www.empiredistrict.com).

**SYSTEM:**

Qualifying solar electric system.

**REBATE RATE SCHEDULE:**

Subject to the Availability provisions of this Rider SR, complete and accurate Solar Rebate Applications received by the Company for Systems on or before August 6, 2023 will be eligible for a solar rebate in the amount of \$0.25 per watt, provided they become operational prior to December 31, 2023.

**RESERVATION QUEUE:**

The Company will establish a Reservation Queue for solar rebate payments based on the System Qualification Dates. A customer, and their developer (if applicable), whose Net Metering Application and Solar Rebate Application are conditionally approved pending field commissioning safety test will be notified in writing, by letter or email, that either:

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1. Solar rebate funds have been committed for their System, subject to the Qualification Date not changing and the commitment not expiring; or
2. Solar rebate funds cannot be guaranteed for their System. The Company will use the following notice in this event:

*“Empire cannot guarantee solar rebate funds for your System. Empire has filed its sixty-day notice of reaching its annual retail rate impact limit pursuant to Section 393.1030, RSMo. You may still receive a solar rebate if: a) the Public Service Commission determines that Empire has not yet met its annual retail rate impact limit; b) additional rebates become available due to other qualified solar systems dropping out of the reservation queue; or c) additional rebates become available at the start of the next calendar year.”*

At least monthly, the Company will notify in writing, by letter or email, those customers and their developers that did not receive a Rebate Commitment but for which a Rebate Commitment is now being made as a result of other Systems that have dropped out of the Reservation Queue. Details concerning the Reservation Queue are posted on the Company website [www.empiredistrict.com](http://www.empiredistrict.com). Applications will be processed within the time frames set forth by applicable law and MoPSC orders and rules.

**QUALIFICATION DATE AND REBATE COMMITMENT:**

The Qualification Date will be the postmarked date of the Net Metering Application and/or the Solar Rebate Application received by the Company that satisfy the Application Requirements and are subsequently approved by the Company.

The Company will only make a Rebate Commitment to a customer that has a Qualification Date and the customer, and their developer, will be notified in writing, by letter or email, of any deficiencies in the Application Requirements that will prevent a Rebate Commitment by the Company.

The Company's Rebate Commitment to a customer will expire if:

1. The System has not attained an Operational Date by December 31, 2023.
2. The System is not constructed in accordance with the design submitted by the customer and approved by the Company, thereby causing the Net Metering Application to become invalid.

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**REBATE PAYMENT:**

The amount of the rebate will be the combined direct current (DC) rating of the solar module(s) in watts as indicated by the applicant by clearly identifying the specific model number on the manufacturer's specification sheet(s) for the new System or the current expansion of an existing System multiplied by the rebate rate as determined by the Rebate Rate Schedule Provisions of this Rider SR.

A rebate payment will not be issued until:

1. A complete and accurate Net Metering Application has been executed by the customer and the Company, and
2. A complete and accurate Solar Rebate Application has been accepted by the Company and a Rebate Commitment made by the Company, and
3. Customer has satisfied all Completion Requirements, and
4. The System is operational.

A current Empire Net Metering customer does not need to complete a new Net Metering Application in order to take advantage of this Rider SR.

Rebate payments will be made within the time frames set forth by applicable law and MoPSC orders and rules.

NOTE: Confirmation by the Company that the System was installed and operational does not constitute any warranty or guaranty of fitness for a particular use. The Company expressly disclaims all warranties and conditions of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose in connection with the customer's solar electric system. The customer is solely responsible for determining the appropriateness of using a qualifying solar electric system, including but not limited to the risk of system operational errors, damage to or loss of property, and unavailability or interruption of System operations. The Company will not be liable for any direct damages or for any special, incidental, or indirect damages or for any economic consequential damages. The Company will not be liable for any damages claimed based on a third party claim.