THE EMPIRE DISTRICT ELECTRIC CO	MPANY				
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For <u>ALL TERRITORY</u>					
NET METERING RIDER RIDER NM					

## AVAILABILITY:

Electric service is available under this schedule at points on the Company's existing distribution facilities located within its service area for customers operating renewable fuel source generators.

Applicable to Customer-Generators with a Company approved interconnection agreement. This schedule is not applicable where the Customer's electrical generating system exceeds 100 kW.

The net metering service shall be available to Customer-Generators on a first-come, first-serve basis until the total rated generating capacity of net metering systems equals 5% of the Company's single-hour peak load during the previous year. Resale electric service will not be supplied under this schedule.

## **DEFINITIONS:**

Customer-Generator:

The owner or operator of a qualified electric energy generation unit that meets all of the following criteria:

- a. Is powered by a renewable energy resource;
- b. Has an electrical generating system with a capacity of not more than one hundred fifty kilowatts;
- c. Is located on a premises owned, operated, leased, or otherwise controlled by the Customer-Generator;
- d. Is interconnected and operated in parallel phase and synchronization with the Company;
- e. Is intended primarily to offset part or all of the Customer-Generator's own electrical energy requirements;
- f. Meets all applicable safety, performance, interconnection, and reliability standards established by the National Electrical Code, the National Electrical Safety Code, the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers and any local governing authorities; and
- g. Contains a mechanism that automatically disables the unit and interrupts the flow of electricity back onto the Company's electricity lines in the event that the service to the Customer-Generator is interrupted.

Renewable Energy Resources:

Electrical energy produced from wind, solar thermal sources, hydroelectric sources, photovoltaic cells and panels, fuel cells using hydrogen produced by ones of the above-named electrical energy sources, and other sources of energy that become available, and are certified as renewable by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources or the Missouri Department of Economic Development's Division of Energy.

## CHARACTER OF SERVICE:

Alternating current, 60 cycles, at the voltage and phase of the Company's established secondary distribution system serving the Customer-Generator's premise.

## BILLING AND PAYMENT:

The Company shall render a bill for net consumption at approximately 30-day intervals based on the Company's regular tariff schedules as on file with the Missouri Public Service Commission. Net consumption is defined as the kWh supplied by the Company to the Customer-Generator minus kWh supplied by the Customer-Generator and returned to the Company's grid during the billing month. Any net consumption shall be valued monthly as follows