

HOUSE BILL 248

53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2018

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES; REQUIRING PUBLIC UTILITIES TO PROVIDE UPON REQUEST AGGREGATE NET METERING SERVICE TO AN ELECTRIC CUSTOMER; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY TO THE PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. A new section of the Public Utility Act is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] AGGREGATE NET METERING--RULEMAKING AUTHORITY.--

A. A public utility shall make available upon request aggregate net metering service to an electric customer that the public utility serves.

B. For the purpose of measuring an electric customer's electricity usage under the aggregate net metering

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1 service, a public utility shall aggregate for billing purposes
2 a designated meter with one or more aggregated meters.

3 C. The aggregate net metering service applies only
4 to charges that use kilowatt-hours as the billing determinant.
5 All other charges applicable to each meter account shall be
6 billed to the electric customer.

7 D. With the commission's prior approval, a public
8 utility may charge the electric customer requesting meter
9 aggregation a reasonable fee to cover the administrative costs
10 of the aggregate net metering service pursuant to a tariff
11 approved by the commission.

12 E. By January 1, 2019, the commission shall adopt
13 rules to implement the provisions of this section; provided
14 that the adopted rules shall not impose load requirements nor
15 proximity requirements on designated or aggregated meters.

16 F. For the purposes of this section:

17 (1) "aggregate net metering service" means
18 service to an electric customer under which electric energy
19 generated by that electric customer from an eligible renewable
20 energy distributed generation facility interconnected with the
21 public utility's distribution system may be used to offset the
22 aggregate electric energy provided by the public utility to the
23 electric customer within the applicable billing period;

24 (2) "aggregated meter" means a meter located
25 on the premises of an electric customer's owned or leased

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1 property that is within the same service area as the electric
2 customer's designated meter;

3 (3) "designated meter" means a meter that is
4 physically attached to an electric customer's renewable energy
5 distributed generation facility; and

6 (4) "renewable energy distributed generation
7 facility" means a facility located on the premises of an
8 electric customer's owned or leased property that produces
9 electric energy by the use of renewable energy, is sized to
10 supply no more than one hundred twenty percent of the average
11 annual aggregate consumption of electricity by the electric
12 customer and complies with applicable interconnection rules."

13 SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the
14 provisions of this act is July 1, 2018.

