

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
2 84th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2003

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2267

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5 By: Representative Judy
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS RENEWABLE ENERGY
10 DEVELOPMENT ACT TO MODIFY THE REQUIREMENTS FOR
11 NET-METERING CONTRACTS AND BILLING CREDITS; AND
12 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 23-18-604 is amended to read as follows:
24 23-18-604. Authority of Arkansas Public Service Commission.

25 (a) An electric utility that offers residential or commercial
26 electrical service, or both, shall allow net-metering facilities to be
27 interconnected using a standard meter capable of registering the flow of
28 electricity in two (2) directions.

29 (b) Following notice and opportunity for public comment, the Arkansas
30 Public Service Commission:

31 (1) Shall establish appropriate rates, terms, and conditions for
32 net-metering contracts, including ~~a~~:

33 (A) A requirement that metering equipment be installed to
34 both accurately measure the electricity supplied by the electric utility to
35 each net-metering customer and also to accurately measure the electricity
36 generated by each net-metering customer that is fed back to the electric



1 utility ~~over the applicable billing period; and~~

2 (B) Terms and conditions for net-metering contracts shall
3 provide the net-metering customer with an annual net-metering balance so that
4 if a net-metering customer generates a net excess of electricity over a
5 monthly billing period, then the excess shall be carried forward as a credit
6 toward usage in the following monthly billing periods until the end of the
7 account year and the billing account shall be balanced annually so any
8 remaining net excess generation credit that remains at the end of the billing
9 year shall be donated to the electric utility;

10 (2) May authorize an electric utility to assess a net-metering
11 customer a greater fee or charge of any type, if the electric utility's
12 direct costs of interconnection and administration of net metering outweigh
13 the distribution system, environmental, and public policy benefits of
14 allocating the costs among the electric utility's entire customer base; and

15 (3) May expand the scope of net metering to include additional
16 facilities that do not use a renewable energy resource for a fuel or may
17 increase the peak limits for individual net-metering facilities, if so doing
18 results in desirable distribution system, environmental, or public policy
19 benefits.

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