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A Bill

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO ALLOW A LIMITED AMOUNT OF NET EXCESS
9 GENERATION CREDIT TO ROLL OVER TO A NET-METERING
10 CUSTOMER'S ACCOUNT AT THE CLOSE OF AN ANNUAL BILLING
11 CYCLE; TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 TO ALLOW A LIMITED AMOUNT OF NET EXCESS
16 GENERATION CREDIT TO ROLL OVER TO A NET-
17 METERING CUSTOMER'S ACCOUNT AT THE CLOSE
18 OF AN ANNUAL BILLING CYCLE; AND TO MAKE
19 TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 23-18-604 is amended to read as follows:

26 23-18-604. Authority of Arkansas Public Service Commission.

27 (a) An electric utility shall allow net-metering facilities to be
28 interconnected using a standard meter capable of registering the flow of
29 electricity in two (2) directions.

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

32 (1) Shall establish appropriate rates, terms, and conditions for
33 net-metering contracts, including a requirement that ~~metering~~ net-metering
34 equipment be installed to ~~both~~ accurately measure the electricity ~~supplied;~~
35 (A) Supplied by the electric utility to each net-metering

36 customer; and ~~also to accurately measure the electricity generated~~



1 (B) Generated by each net-metering customer that is fed
 2 back to the electric utility over the applicable billing period;

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

8 (3) Shall require electric utilities to credit a net-metering
 9 customer with any accumulated net excess generation in the next applicable
 10 billing period;

11 (4) May expand the scope of net metering to include additional
 12 facilities that do not use a renewable energy resource for a fuel ~~or may~~
 13 ~~increase the peak limits for individual net-metering facilities~~, if so doing
 14 results in ~~desirable~~ distribution system, environmental, or public policy
 15 benefits;

16 (5) May increase the peak limits for individual net-metering
 17 facilities, if doing so results in distribution system, environmental, or
 18 public policy benefits; and

19 ~~(5)~~ (6) Shall provide that:

20 (A) ~~Any~~ The net excess generation credit remaining in a
 21 net-metering customer's account at the close of an annual billing cycle, up
 22 to an amount equal to four (4) months' average usage during the annual
 23 billing cycle that is closing, shall ~~expire~~ be credited to the net-metering
 24 customer's account for use during the next annual billing cycle;

25 (B) Except as provided in subdivision (b)(6)(A) of this
 26 section, any net excess generation credit remaining in a net-metering
 27 customer's account at the close of an annual billing cycle shall expire; and

28 ~~(B)~~ (C) Any renewable energy credit created as the result
 29 of electricity supplied by a net-metering customer is the property of the
 30 net-metering customer that generated the renewable credit.

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