

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.

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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2334

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO AMEND § 23-18-603 TO ADD CERTAIN  
11 DEFINITIONS; TO AMEND § 23-18-604 TO CLARIFY THE  
12 AUTHORITY OF THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC SERVICE  
13 COMMISSION UNDER THE ARKANSAS RENEWABLE ENERGY  
14 DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2001; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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21 ACT OF 2001.  
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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27 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 23-18-603 is amended to read as follows:  
28 23-18-603. Definitions.

29 ~~For the purposes of~~ As used in this subchapter:

30 (1) "Commission" means the Arkansas Public Service Commission or  
31 other appropriate governing body for an electric utility as defined in  
32 subdivision (2) of this section;

33 (2) "Electric utility" means a public or investor-owned utility,  
34 an electric cooperative, municipal utility, or any private power supplier or  
35 marketer that is engaged in the business of supplying electric energy to the  
36 ultimate consumer or any customer classes within the state;



1 (3) "Net excess generation" means the amount of electricity that  
2 a net-metering customer has fed back to the electric utility that exceeds the  
3 amount of electricity used by that customer during the applicable period;

4 (4) "Net metering" means measuring the difference between  
5 electricity supplied by an electric utility and the electricity generated by  
6 a net-metering customer and fed back to the electric utility over the  
7 applicable billing period;

8 ~~(4)(5)~~ "Net-metering customer" means an owner of a net-metering  
9 facility; ~~and~~

10 ~~(5)(6)~~ "Net-metering facility" means a facility for the  
11 production of electrical energy that:

12 (A) Uses solar, wind, hydroelectric, geothermal, or  
13 biomass resources to generate electricity, including, but not limited to,  
14 fuel cells and micro turbines that generate electricity if the fuel source is  
15 entirely derived from renewable resources;

16 (B) Has a generating capacity of not more than twenty-five  
17 kilowatts (25 kW) for residential use or one megawatt (1 MW) ~~one hundred~~  
18 ~~kilowatts (100 kW)~~ for ~~commercial or agricultural~~ any other use;

19 (C) Is located in Arkansas;

20 (D) Can operate in parallel with an electric utility's  
21 existing transmission and distribution facilities; and

22 (E) Is intended primarily to offset part or all of the  
23 net-metering customer requirements for electricity; and

24 (7) "Renewable energy credit" means the environmental, economic,  
25 and social attributes of a unit of electricity, such as a megawatt hour,  
26 generated from renewable fuels that can be sold or traded separately.

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28 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 23-18-604 is amended to read as follows:

29 23-18-604. Authority of Arkansas Public Service Commission.

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

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

36 (1) Shall establish appropriate ~~rates,~~ terms, and conditions for

1 net-metering contracts, including a requirement that metering equipment be  
2 installed to both accurately measure the electricity supplied by the electric  
3 utility to each net-metering customer and also to accurately measure the  
4 electricity generated by each net-metering customer that is fed back to the  
5 electric utility over the applicable billing period;

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

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

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

19 (5) Shall provide that:

20 (A) Any net excess generation credit remaining in a net-  
21 metering customer's account at the close of an annual billing cycle shall  
22 expire; and

23 (B) Any renewable energy credit created as the result of  
24 electricity supplied by a net-metering customer is the property of the net-  
25 metering customer that generated the renewable credit.

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27 SECTION 3. Effective date.

28 This act is effective on January 1, 2008.  
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