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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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