

## **Follow-up to April 10<sup>th</sup> Net Metering Informational Collaborative Meeting**

The Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (“IURC” or “Commission”) appreciates the thoughtful discussion that occurred at the April 10<sup>th</sup> Informational Collaborative Meeting regarding Net Metering Availability and Capacity Thresholds.

It appears to Commission staff that the participants generally agreed that the following actions would help expand the availability and transparency of net metering information:

- 1) Changing the submission of the net metering reports of the investor-owned utilities (“IOUs”) to the Commission from annually to quarterly.
- 2) Having monthly net metering queue information on utility websites when the utility is 1 megawatt (MW) from meeting the 1.5% threshold, each of the reserved capacity thresholds, and the non-reserved capacity threshold.
- 3) Having a designated contact person/group at the utility to provide additional information to customers and installers regarding queue status and net metering availability under the various thresholds, with the designated person/group’s contact information on the utility’s website.

It also appears that it may be helpful to have some additional definitions.

We would appreciate stakeholder comments and feedback on the following proposals, questions, and definitions. **Please provide your comments and feedback by June 20, 2019, to [URCCComments@urc.IN.gov](mailto:URCCComments@urc.IN.gov).** If stakeholders have questions and comments in addition to what is in this document, they are welcome to include them in their comments and feedback.

### **1) Quarterly Reporting on Net Metering Participation**

Commission staff proposes the following schedule for quarterly reporting on net metering participation:

- Utilize the same reporting template as the annual filing in place today.
- In addition to the rule requiring year-end filing submitted by March 31 with Dec 31 data, the IOU’s will make quarterly submissions on June 30 (with March 31 data), September 30 (with June 30 data), and December 31 (with September 30 data).
- These quarterly filings will be summarized and posted to the IURC website similar to the annual report posting today.
- The quarterly reporting will continue through the September 2022 submission (with June 30, 2022 data, corresponding to the end of the net metering new customer offering period). The reporting will then revert to the rule requiring annual filings until such rule may be changed.

## 2) Definitions for Queue Management

- A. Definition for “net metering participant” – some possible options include:
- Apply definition consistent with GAO 2017-2<sup>1</sup>
  - Participation is established when application filed.
  - Participation is established when facility is energized.
  - Should this be the same definition applied in the utility’s EIA Form 861M filing?
- B. Definition for “net metering queue participant”.
- A customer for a utility with a queue who has submitted an application but not executed an interconnection agreement.
  - Other?
- C. Definition for when a net metering queue participant has not proceeded with their project within a certain amount of time.
- A customer with an executed interconnection agreement that has not yet energized their net metering facility?
  - What type of progress is required to remain in the queue?
  - What amount of time is reasonable for a net metering queue participant to remain in the queue?
  - Other?

## 3) Net Metering Queue Information Publicly Available when within 1 MW of a Threshold

Commission staff proposes that a utility should post its net metering participant queue when the available capacity it will make available for any reserved or non-reserved customer-generator type is less than 1 MW.

In addition, it appears that the utility has the flexibility to expand the available capacity to any customer-generator type.

- A. What information should be provided for a posted queue? Please provide a working definition for the information suggested.
- B. How often should the posted queue be updated?

## 4) Designated Contact Person/Group

It appears that the utilities already have designated contact person/group for net metering and that this same person/group would have up-to-date information on net metering availability. Commission staff proposes that the contact information for questions regarding net metering

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<sup>1</sup> GAO 2017-2 Appendix A Term D(2). A customer is participating in net metering when both customer and utility have a signed interconnection agreement.

availability be on the utility's website in a conspicuous manner (if not already there) and provided to Commission staff.

## **5) Distributed Generation Definitions**

What common definitions would be helpful as utilities move toward filing for distributed generation rates?

[Please note that this question is intended to start a discussion on distributed generation rates and that, once a proceeding regarding distributed generation rates has been filed, the Commission's determination will be based on the evidence presented in that record.]