

# Information on Net Metering through BC Hydro

## Under this program, for any given billing period...

- If the amount of electricity supplied by BC Hydro is greater than the electricity generated by the customer, the customer will pay for the net electricity at their usual rate.
- If the customer has generated more electricity than has been supplied by BC Hydro, their electricity charge on the bill will be zero. Any excess electricity will be carried over to the next billing period.
- At the end of each year, on the customer's anniversary date, BC Hydro will credit the customer for any remaining excess generation at the rate provided for in the Net Metering Rate Schedule of 5.4 cents per kilowatt-hour. At BC Hydro's discretion, this credit will either be applied to the customer's future bills, or BC Hydro will make a one-time payout to the customer.

## Eligibility

The net metering application is for the interconnection of a "BC Clean" generation resource, with a rated capacity up to 50 kilowatts, that is located on the premises of a residential or small commercial customer on the following rates: 1101, 1107, and 1200, 1201, 1210, 1211, 1220, 1234, 1255, 1256, 1265, 1266.

The BC Government's definition of BC Clean is: "BC Clean electricity refers to alternative energy technologies that result in a net environmental improvement relative to existing energy production. Examples may include small/micro hydro, wind, solar, photovoltaic, geothermal, tidal, wave and biomass energy, as well as cogeneration of heat and power, energy from landfill gas and municipal solid waste, fuel cells and

efficiency improvements at existing facilities."

Zone II customers taking service under Tariff supplement Special contracts are also eligible, provided that BC Hydro is satisfied that the metering, billing and other requirements of the net-metering tariff can be met. (For definitions of these rate schedules, please see the Rate Tariff on BC Hydro's web site at [www.bchydro.com/electric\\_tariff](http://www.bchydro.com/electric_tariff)).

The generator operates in parallel with BC Hydro's electric system, and offsets a part or all of the customer's own electrical power requirements.

## Use of the application form

This document is solely an **application** for a contract. It does not authorize you to interconnect your generating facility with BC Hydro's electric system. You and BC Hydro must first sign an interconnection agreement and comply with the terms of such an agreement. You must not interconnect your generating facility until BC Hydro provides you with a letter specifically stating that all of the interconnection requirements have been satisfied, and authorizes the interconnection.

## Required information

Please submit a completed application and an "electric single-line-diagram" of the system to be installed, showing the arrangement of the components from generator to your service entrance main switch. It may be necessary for BC Hydro to request additional information from you or your contractor to clarify the details of your installation.