

**Tipmont REMC**  
**Board Policy No. 220**  
**NET METERING**

**PURPOSE**

To define the circumstances under which Tipmont will offer net metering to our members.

**GENERAL POLICY STATEMENT**

Tipmont will offer net metering to members who generate 10 kW of electricity or less using "Qualifying Facilities" as defined by the Public Utility Regulatory Policy Act of 1978 (hereinafter referenced as Qualifying Facilities). Members having generating facilities not covered by PURPA do not qualify for net metering under this policy and must coordinate with Tipmont and its generation and transmission cooperative, Wabash Valley Power Association, for rules and requirements for net metering.

**PROVISIONS**

The development of renewable energy is an important part of our country's future power supply. Net metering encourages the development of small-scale renewable energy.

Though Tipmont is required to purchase all of our power supply from Wabash Valley Power Association, Inc. (WVPA), we are authorized by WVPA to offer net metering to members generating electricity per service location, if the size of the generation is 10 kW or less. Qualifying Facilities include those units powered by wind, solar, water, waste, geothermal, and various types of biomass. The generating unit must also include a switch that prevents facilities from furnishing energy when Tipmont's distribution line is de-energized.

In cases where a member has a Qualifying Facility generating over 10 kW, Tipmont reserves the right to seek a waiver from WVPA permitting net metering.

The member shall pay all costs of lines, services, protective equipment, metering and engineering fees incurred by Tipmont in the process of safely connecting the member's generation plant to the power grid.

If a member contributes more kWh energy in a billing period than is consumed, the net kWh energy shall accumulate as a credit to offset kWh consumption in

subsequent billing periods, carrying over from month to month for up to twelve months. At the end of each calendar year, Tipmont shall issue a payment to the member for remaining net metering credits, if any, pursuant to Tipmont's rate schedule.

A member interested in interconnecting a Qualifying Facility pursuant to this policy must complete an application including any information Tipmont deems necessary. The member will be required to enter into an interconnection agreement on terms agreeable to Tipmont before the net metering facility may be interconnected with Tipmont's system. The service location and service agreement will be subject to an annual inspection and review process which may include, but not be limited to, the member providing proof of liability insurance in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 and Tipmont verifying that the Qualifying Facility does not operate when the distribution line is de-energized. Insurance includes coverage of injury or death to utility workers and coverage of utility property.

Violating the terms of the interconnection agreement or failure to pass the annual inspection and review process will require that the Qualifying Facility be disconnected until the member is able to demonstrate compliance.

## **RESPONSIBILITY**

The CEO and Manager of Operations and Engineering shall be responsible for the administration of this policy and shall be periodically reviewed by the Board of Directors.

The policy supersedes any existing policy that may be in conflict with the provisions of this policy.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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President

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