

HOUSE BILL NO. 188

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT INCREASING THE ABILITY OF A CUSTOMER-GENERATOR PARTICIPATING IN NET METERING TO CARRY FORWARD REMAINING UNUSED KILOWATT-HOUR CREDITS AND TO APPLY EXCESS CREDITS TO FUTURE BILLS; AMENDING SECTION 69-8-603, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

**Section 1.** Section 69-8-603, MCA, is amended to read:

**"69-8-603. Net energy measurement calculation.** Consistent with the other provisions of this part, the net energy measurement must be calculated in the following manner:

(1) The public utility shall measure the net electricity produced or consumed during the billing period, in accordance with normal metering practices.

(2) If the electricity supplied by the ~~electricity supplier~~ public utility exceeds the electricity generated by the customer-generator and fed back to the ~~electricity supplier~~ public utility during the billing period, the customer-generator must be billed for the net electricity supplied by the ~~electricity supplier~~ public utility, in accordance with normal metering practices.

(3) If ~~the~~ the electricity generated by the customer-generator exceeds the electricity supplied by the ~~electricity supplier~~ public utility, the customer-generator must be:

(a) billed for the appropriate customer charges for that billing period, in accordance with 69-8-602; and

(b) credited for the excess kilowatt hours generated during the billing period, with this kilowatt-hour ~~credit~~ credits appearing on the bill for the following billing period.

(4) On January 1, April 1, July 1, or October 1 of ~~each~~ every second year, as designated by the customer-generator as the beginning date of a ~~12-month~~ 24-month billing period, any remaining unused kilowatt-hour ~~credit~~ credits accumulated during the previous ~~12 months~~ 24 months must be granted to the ~~electricity supplier~~ public utility, without any compensation to the customer-generator."

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2015.



