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Introduced by Representative Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Energy; net metering; environmental attributes; renewable energy  
credits

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to create an option to allow net metering customers to retain and retire the environmental attributes from their renewable energy generation. The bill also proposes to reduce electricity providers' required amount of distributed renewable generation based on the amount of electric generation for which the providers' net metering customers retain and retire environmental attributes.

An act relating to the net metering program and environmental attributes

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 30 V.S.A. § 8010 is amended to read:

§ 8010. SELF-GENERATION AND NET METERING

(a) A customer may install and operate a net metering system in accordance with this section and the rules adopted under this section.

(b) A net metering customer shall pay the same rates, fees, or other payments and be subject to the same conditions and requirements as all other

1 purchasers from the interconnecting retail electricity provider in the same ~~rate-~~  
2 ~~class~~ rate class, except as this section or the rules adopted under this section  
3 may provide, and except for appropriate and necessary conditions approved by  
4 the Commission for the safety and reliability of the electric distribution system.

5 (c) In accordance with this section, the Commission shall adopt and  
6 implement rules that govern the installation and operation of net metering  
7 systems.

8 (1) The rules shall establish and maintain a net metering program that:

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10 (H) allows a customer to retain ownership of the environmental  
11 attributes of energy generated by the customer's net metering system and of  
12 any associated tradeable renewable energy credits or to transfer those attributes  
13 and credits to the interconnecting retail provider, and:

14 (i) if the customer retains the attributes and the option to sell them,  
15 reduces the value of the credit provided under this section for electricity  
16 generated by the customer's net metering system by an appropriate  
17 amount; ~~and~~

18 (ii) if the customer retains the attributes and elects to retire them:

19 (I) requires the customer to agree, as a condition of approval,  
20 not to sell them; and



