

Village of Chatham Net Metering Policy

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Section 1: The Village of Chatham (“Village”) shall make available, upon request, net metering service to any customer receiving electric service from Village and who meets the requirements set forth in this policy. For purposes of this policy “net metering” means service to an electric customer under which electric energy generated by that electric customer from an eligible on-site generating facility owned by that customer and, under some circumstances, delivered to the local distribution facilities, may be used to offset electric energy provided by the electric utility to the electric customer as provided for in this policy.

Section 2: For purposes of this policy an eligible on-site generating facility shall be defined as a renewable generating facility such as a photovoltaic facility or small wind turbines. Other forms of renewable generation shall be considered on a case by case basis. In all cases, facilities interconnected must be deemed to be renewable to qualify for this policy.

Section 3: The electric generating facility must also abide by Village Interconnection Standards currently in place and as may be amended in the future.

Section 4: Subject to the limitations set forth herein, Village shall make net metering service available upon request to any Village electric customer with a qualifying generating facility of 25 kW capacity or less.

Section 5: Any generating facility greater than 25 kW but less than 1 MW shall be considered on a case by case basis. The decision with respect to such facilities shall be made by the appropriate official as designated by the utility.

Section 6: Notwithstanding the provisions in Section 5, Village reserves the authority to limit the size of a customer’s net metered installation such that the electrical output will not, as a matter of routine operation, exceed the electric load of the structure on which it is installed.

Section 7: Total net metered capacity interconnected under this policy for the Village of Chatham system shall not exceed 5% of the system’s peak as it existed in the prior calendar year. In the event that the system peak is reduced such that the existing net capacity exceeds the 5% level, those existing net metered customers shall be allowed to continue under this policy; however, no new interconnections will be allowed until such time as the system peak grows such that net metered capacity is again no greater than 5% of the system’s peak.

Section 8: Energy generated by the customer-owned generator will offset the energy required by the customer's load during the billing period. For any energy generated by the customer in excess of the energy required by the customer's loads for a given billing period, a credit shall be carried forward to the customer's next billing period. In no case shall credits for excess energy be carried forward for a period greater than one year. In the event of termination of an account qualifying for net metering under this policy, any outstanding credits are surrendered. Under no circumstances will the Village make payments or credit transfers to customers for excess energy.

Section 9: All costs incurred by the Village associated with the net metering program, including but not limited to, costs for materials, changes in metering, other physical facilities or billing-related costs, shall be borne by the participants in the net metering program; provided however, that such costs shall be capped at the market cost of a new meter to each qualifying customer interconnecting facilities of 25 kW or less. For those facilities greater than 25 kW that are deemed to qualify under this policy, all costs associated with the program shall be borne by the participant.

Section 10: Village will develop such documents as needed to implement this policy.