
POLICY BULLETIN NO. 113

SUBJECT:

Distributive generation policy for cooperative interconnection with net-metered or small power producers and co-generators (qualifying facilities) 150 kW and smaller in compliance with the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act (PURPA) of 1978. 150 kW and larger shall be dealt with on an individual basis.

OBJECTIVE:

Lower Yellowstone REC recognizes that its members may want to take advantage of alternative on-site generation sources. This policy outlines the means and requirements for interconnection of this generation with Lower Yellowstone REC distribution lines. The cooperative's intent is to enable interconnection under terms and conditions that do not adversely affect other members economically and qualitatively. While this policy primarily assesses interconnection options, it is recognized that a member may generate without interconnecting to the cooperative lines.

AVAILABILITY AND REQUIREMENTS:

When a member desires to generate electricity and interconnect to the cooperative's grid the following requirements must be met:

1. Complete and sign applications and interconnection agreement with the cooperative that outlines specific terms, agreements and issues such as safety, insurance, responsibilities, charges, power quality and other pertinent issues.
2. Generation source may be renewable including but not limited to wind, solar, geothermal, hydro or fuel cells (if powered from a renewable source).
3. With the exception of the net metering option, the generation must meet the definition of "Qualifying Facility" (QF) as defined in the Public Utilities Regulatory Policy Act of 1978 (PURPA) and provided PURPA continues to be enforceable under federal law.

OPTIONS:

The member's generation source may be interconnected utilizing one of the following three options, depending on the generation source and facility size:

1. Net Metering
2. QF interconnection
 - a. Output purchased by Lower Yellowstone REC
 - b. Output wheeled through Lower Yellowstone REC

RESPONSIBILITY:

The General Manager shall be responsible for carrying out the provisions of this policy, and may delegate certain responsibilities to staff members or consultants of the cooperative.