

Net Metering Program

PROGRAM GUIDELINES



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1. PROGRAM OVERVIEW

SaskPower's *Net Metering Program* provides SaskPower participants with the opportunity to generate up to 100 kW (DC) of power, using an eligible energy resource, to offset their own power use, while still being able to draw from the SaskPower grid when needed.

2. ELIGIBILITY

2.1. ELIGIBLE APPLICANT

- I. The program is open to all SaskPower customers - residential, farms, businesses, and institutions.
- II. If you are not a SaskPower customer, please check with your power provider for program details.

2.2. ELIGIBLE ENERGY RESOURCES

Power must be generated using one of the following qualified resources:

- III. **Solar:** power generated by capturing sunlight and converting it to electricity through the use of photovoltaic modules (panels).
- IV. **Low-impact Hydro:** power generated by sending water from a river through a turbine(s), which spin and generate power.
- V. **Biomass/Biogas:** power generated by burning organic materials to create heat and steam to spin a turbine(s) to create electricity.
- VI. **Flare Gas:** power generated through the combustion of solution flare gas to create electricity.
- VII. **Waste Heat Recovery:** power generated through the recovery of usable energy from a source of waste heat, such as a manufacturing process, that does not use any other source of fossil fuel to generate the power in creating electricity.

All generation equipment used must be certified for use in Canada. For more information on Canadian Electrical Codes, the Electrical Inspection Act, and Saskatchewan interpretations, refer to the information on Technical Safety Authority of Saskatchewan's (TSASK) website. All grid-connected inverter generation systems must be Canada Standard Association Standard 22.2 – 107.1 & UL 1741 SB certified and installed as per TSASK requirements.

2.3. PROJECT SIZE

The program allows for projects up to 100 kW DC nameplate generating capacity per customer meter. Participants are eligible for a maximum of 500 kW of projects per calendar year on different meters.

3. CREDIT RATE

SaskPower will credit your account for any excess electricity your system sends to the SaskPower grid at the approved net metering credit rate. The current net metering credit rate is posted on SaskPower's website at <https://www.saskpower.com/netmetering>.

Each month, the value of the excess electricity you export to the grid is calculated using this rate and applied as a dollar credit against the electricity charges for energy you consume from the SaskPower grid.

Net metering credits can only be applied to electricity consumption charges. They cannot be applied to other charges on your bill, such as basic monthly charges, or taxes.

If the value of your net metering credit is greater than your electricity consumption charges for that month, the unused portion will automatically carry forward to future bills. Credits remain on your account for as long as the SaskPower account remains active at that service location. Net metering credits are not paid out in cash and are not transferable.

4. PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

The *Net Metering Program* participant may cancel their participation in the program, at any time. Your participation will automatically terminate if you terminate your account with SaskPower for electrical service at the location the generation system is connected to the grid. Participation in this program is not transferable. New owners/tenants will be offered participation in the available program at the time when a new SaskPower electrical service account is changed.

5. SUMMARY OF COSTS

- I. **Interconnection Study Fee:** A \$315 (GST included) non-refundable fee must be paid within 30 calendar days of the invoice issue date. This is a fee for service to have a SaskPower employee review the participant's system proposal and its impact on interconnection with SaskPower's grid.
- II. **Bi-directional Meter:** \$498.75 (GST included) for the installation of a bi-directional meter, which is quoted with the Program's Terms and Conditions Document and Quote Letter. This is a fee for the installation, ongoing maintenance, and replacement of the bi-directional meter over the life of the participant's participation in the program. You must pay for the meter prior to it being installed.
- IV. **Electrical Permits:** You are required to obtain an electrical permit from Technical Safety Authority of Saskatchewan (TSASK) before beginning any construction of your project. For more information, including permit prices, visit TSASK's website. TSASK reviews the system relevant to the participant's side of the meter.
- V. **Interconnection Costs:** You are responsible for all SaskPower costs associated with connecting your project to the SaskPower grid, including system and facility upgrades as required. All costs will be

included in your Quote Letter. For large generation systems it is possible that your installation could trigger relatively high-cost interconnection facilities needed to protect the SaskPower grid and other customers. You may need to increase the size of your electrical entrance/main service, we may need to increase the size of the transformer serving your site or additional grid upgrades may be required. You would be responsible for all these costs. Please ensure you do not over-commit to your project prior to our interconnection study being completed. Interconnection costs can be in the thousands or hundreds of thousands of dollars.

- VI. **Project Costs:** You are responsible for all costs associated with the purchase and installation of your project, including equipment and supplier/electrician/contractor costs.

6. APPLICATION AND INTERCONNECTION PROCESS

To participate in the Net Metering program, follow the steps below.

6.1. NET METERING PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM

This step can be completed at the same time as the 6.2. Electrical Review and Permit step.

- I. Complete the online *Net Metering Program* application form on saskpower.com and include all required exhibits listed below. Please ensure that the name on the application form matches exactly the name(s) shown on your monthly SaskPower bill, including any secondary account holders. You are also responsible for obtaining any permits and approvals required by your local municipal bylaws.
 - Electrical single line diagram, drawn by an electrician¹ or engineer, from the generating system to the main AC breaker and to the grid, showing specific detail of equipment to be used, numbers, model, type, wattage size, wiring gauge, etc.
 - Site location map, including location of generating system and SaskPower meter location. Submission of site plans, especially in rural areas/acreages – to include an area map with power meter location in relation to a grid road.
 - Specification sheets for all equipment to be installed (i.e. inverter(s), modules, generators, etc.).
- II. After your application has been received by SaskPower, including the required documents noted above, SaskPower will send a confirmation number to the participant's email address and issue an invoice to the participant for the \$315 (GST included) non-refundable interconnection study fee. The invoice must be paid within 30 calendar days of the issue date to avoid late payment charges. Payment details will accompany the invoice. Payments can be made online.
- III. Once the invoice is paid, your application will be sent to SaskPower's engineering department to conduct the interconnection study. SaskPower must complete an interconnection study prior to installing your system. This study is used to understand and identify if there are any grid updates needed to connect your system to our grid. If any grid upgrades are needed to connect your system to the grid, it is at your cost. Interconnection costs can be substantial — in the thousands

¹ See SaskPower Generation Interconnection Requirements at Voltage 34.5 kV and Below and Addendum for systems where Professional Engineer designs are required.

or hundreds of thousands of dollars. Wait for the interconnection study before making major project commitments as you may decide not to proceed if grid upgrades are required.

6.2. ELECTRICAL REVIEW AND PERMIT

Technical Safety Authority of Saskatchewan (TSASK) will review your project to ensure it meets Canadian Electrical Code – Saskatchewan Interpretation requirements.

- I. Visit TSASK's website to understand their process and requirements.
- II. Your contractor must obtain an electrical permit before beginning any work on your system. An electrical permit is required before an on-site electrical inspection of your system is conducted and installation of a bi-directional meter can be completed.
- III. Once you have the electrical permit number from TSASK, provide it to SaskPower. There will be a field for you to enter it in the Program Application Form online. If you do not have the permit number until later in the process, you can send it to newservices@saskpower.com. The permit number is required by SaskPower before the bi-directional meter can be installed.

6.3. QUOTE LETTER AND PROGRAM TERMS AND CONDITIONS DOCUMENT

- I. Once the interconnection study is complete, we will email you a Quote Letter and the Net Metering Program Terms and Conditions Document. The Quote Letter will include the total costs of your project's interconnection to SaskPower's grid, including the cost of the bi-directional meter. The Terms and Conditions Document will display your contact and project information.
- II. If you have any questions about the costs identified in the Quote Letter, the SaskPower business office listed on the Quote Letter is available to assist you.
- III. Sign and return both the Quote Letter and your Net Metering Program Terms and Conditions Document, as well as payment for the costs identified in the Quote Letter. The bi-directional meter must be paid for prior to SaskPower installing the meter. If there are additional interconnection costs identified, you will be required to pay 25% before SaskPower advances your project. The remainder of the costs will be due upon completion of construction.

6.4. SYSTEM INSTALLATION

- I. Based on the information received to date, decide on whether to proceed with your project.
- II. Finalize your project with your vendor and arrange for the generation system to be installed.
- III. If you change the equipment used or generation size (kW) of your project from what was originally submitted, you will have to provide updated/ new exhibits to the SaskPower business office, as noted on the Quote Letter; and submit the updated/ new exhibits to TSASK.

6.5. ELECTRICAL INSPECTION

- I. Once your system is installed and tested to work correctly, you must contact TSASK to arrange an on-site inspection of the project. This can be done a week or two in advance to minimize delays. The electrical

inspector requires the contractor/electrician to be present during the on-site inspection. An electrical inspection cannot be done without first applying to the SaskPower Net Metering Program and obtaining an electrical permit.

- II. Once the electrical inspection is complete, TSASK will leave a tag on the meter indicating the generation system must NOT be energized until the bi-directional meter is installed (if the bi-directional meter is not installed yet).

6.6. BI-DIRECTIONAL METER INSTALLATION

- I. The bi-directional meter may be installed prior to the Electrical Inspection.
- II. A bi-directional meter will be scheduled for installation by SaskPower. Once you have signed and returned the Quote Letter, paid for the bi-directional meter, and you have provided SaskPower with an electrical permit number, the installation of the bi-directional meter will take approximately 3 weeks.
- III. Once the meter has been installed, SaskPower will leave a tag on the meter indicating the generation system must NOT be energized until the Electrical Inspection is complete (if the inspection is not complete yet). Installation of a bidirectional meter does not replace or bypass TSASK inspection requirements. Energizing the system without meeting the requirements can cause safety issues and improper billing.
- IV. You or your contractor/electrician is not required to be present for the installation of the bi-directional meter.
- V. A condition to participate in the Net Metering Program: all participants will have a bi-directional smart meter installed.

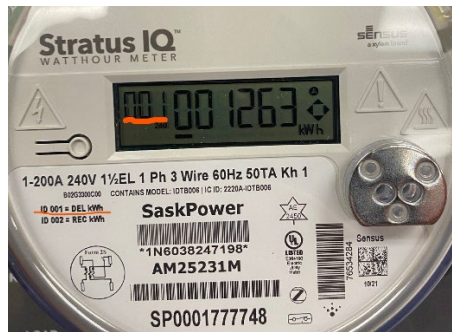
The power from your generation system will be used by the building first. Your SaskPower bill will show the power you consumed that was delivered by the SaskPower grid and any excess power you generate that is received by the SaskPower grid. If you generate more power than you use in the month, your excess power will be credited to your account at the predetermined rate and applied to your electricity consumed as a dollar value.

7. FURTHER INFORMATION

7.1. BI-DIRECTIONAL METER

The bi-directional meter displays the power delivered (dEL) by SaskPower to you and the excess power received (rEC) by SaskPower from your generation system. The power generated by your system is used by your building first. This power will not be recorded on the bi-directional meter, or displayed on your power bill, because it is used before it reaches the SaskPower grid.

- If, at any time, your system generates less power than you are using, power will be taken from the SaskPower grid and recorded on your bi-directional meter as delivered (DEL 001) by SaskPower.
- If, at any time, your system generates more power than you are using, the power will be sent to the SaskPower grid and recorded on your bi-directional meter as received (REC 002) by SaskPower.



7.2. ONCE YOU ARE IN THE PROGRAM

- Terms and Conditions are not transferable.
- Selling or renting the facility where the system operates requires a change in the Terms and Conditions holder.
- Increasing the size of the system requires a new submission application into the program and will require a new Terms and Conditions to be signed. Be sure to contact SaskPower before finalizing a new system design to ensure requirements can be accommodated.
- Changing the system, such as replaced components or parameter setting modifications, requires you to contact SaskPower before making any changes. This helps keep your participation in the program smooth and ensures your system stays safe and compliant as a generator on the grid.
- No equalized payment plan will be allowed on the account.
- Your SaskPower smart meters will be remotely read, so there is no longer a need or option to call SaskPower and submit your meter read by phone.
- A condition to the Net Metering Program, all participants will have a bi-directional smart meter installed.
- The account must remain in good standing.

8. CONTACT US

Any questions about the *Net Metering Program* can be sent to customergeneration@saskpower.com.

For any change to an existing net metering system, reach out to SaskPower at customergeneration@saskpower.com to discuss the process.

9. REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

Documents and information located on www.saskpower.com

- a) Electric Service Requirements
- b) Generation Interconnection Requirements at Voltage 34.5 kV and below, and any Addendums
- c) Terms & Conditions of Service