

**LAURENS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.**  
**Laurens, South Carolina**

**RENEWABLE GENERATION SEASONAL RIDER**  
**RATE SCHEDULE RGS-R**

**AVAILABILITY**

Available in all territory served by the Cooperative, in conjunction with the Cooperative's Residential, General Service, Large Power, and School Rates, subject to the Cooperative's Service Rules and Regulations. Furthermore, this Rider is available on a first come, first serve basis, except that the total capacity of all consumer-owned generating systems, served under this Rider, shall not exceed 1% of the Cooperative's maximum hourly non-coincidental aggregate peak load, as measured at its distribution substations, for the prior calendar year.

**APPLICABILITY**

A. System Type

This rider is applicable to Consumers where solar photovoltaic, wind-powered, biomass-fueled, or micro-hydro, or other Cooperative-approved renewable generation sources of electric energy ("Eligible Generation Source") are installed on the Consumer's side of the delivery point, for the Consumer's own use, but interconnected with and operated in parallel with the Cooperative's distribution system.

This rider is applicable only for installed single-phase and multi-phase generation systems where the rated capacity of the Consumer's generating system shall not exceed the lesser of (a) the Consumer's estimated average twelve (12) month non-coincidental kilowatt demand or (b) 20 kilowatts for a residential system or 1000 kilowatts for a nonresidential system, and where such system fully complies with the Cooperative's then current "Standard for Interconnecting Small Generation 100 kW or Less with Electric Power Systems" ("Interconnection Standard"). In addition, Consumer's generating system must be manufactured, installed, and operated in accordance with applicable Government and Industry standards.

B. Nameplate Rating

To qualify for service under this Rider, the Nameplate Rating of the Consumer's installed generation system and equipment must not exceed the Consumer's actual or estimated average (12)-month non-coincidental demand (kW) for **20 kW** for a residential consumer or 1,000 kW for a non-residential consumer, whichever is less.

## **CHARGES**

### A. Rate

The applicable rate per month shall be determined from the appropriate rate schedule referenced in the AVAILABILITY section above. The monthly bill shall be determined as follows::

1. The basis for Consumer's monthly energy charges, basic facilities charges and, if any, demand charges, shall be the rates in the applicable rate schedule as referenced in the AVAILABILITY section above.
2. For each billing period, the Consumer's monthly energy generated by Consumer's Eligible Generation Source for that billing period will be credited by an amount per kilowatt-hour at the Cooperative's stated rate as outlined in section A.3 below. Cooperative shall review the cost of service based rate at least annually to ensure rate reflects the appropriate cost.
3. As of the Effective Date of this Rider, monthly generated energy shall be credited at the Cooperative's rate of:

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| <u>Summer Months</u> (June through September) | @ | 8.0¢ per kWh |
| <u>Winter Months</u> (October through May)    | @ | 5.0¢ per kWh |

4. If solar credit is larger than the energy bill, the remaining credit rolls over to the next month as long as the account remains active.

## **GENERAL CONDITIONS**

### A. Limitations on Net Metering Load

If the Consumer's proposed installation results in the total net metering generation exceeding the limitation provided under "AVAILABILITY", above, the Consumer will be notified that service under this Rider is not allowed.

### B. Execution of Interconnection Agreement

The Consumer must execute an Interconnection Agreement prior to receiving service under this Rider. The agreement shall include a description of the conditions related to interconnection of the Consumer generation with the Cooperative's electrical system.

C. Applicable Rate Schedule

All provisions of the applicable rate schedule including, but not limited to, Facilities Charge, Determination of Billing Demand, Determination of On-Peak and Off-Peak Hours, Definition of Month, Contract Demand, Wholesale Power Cost Adjustment, etc. will apply to service supplied under this Rider.

D. Ownership of Premises

If the Consumer is not the owner of the premises receiving electric service from the Cooperative, the Cooperative shall have the right to require that the owner of the premises give satisfactory written approval of the Consumer's request for service under this Rider.

E. Interconnection

1. COMPLIANCE – When interconnecting Small Generation, the Consumer shall comply with the requirements of the Cooperative's Interconnection Standard.
2. APPLICATION – The Consumer shall submit an Application to Interconnect Small Generation, which must be accepted by the Cooperative, and pay an application fee in accordance with the Interconnection Standard.
3. INSURANCE – The Consumer shall comply with the liability insurance requirements of the Cooperative's Interconnection Standard.

F. System Upgrades

The Cooperative will furnish, install, own and maintain metering to measure the kilowatt demand and kilowatt-hours delivered by the Cooperative to the Consumer. The Cooperative shall have the right to install special metering and load research devices on the Consumer's equipment and the right to use the Consumer's telephone line for communication with the Cooperative's and the Consumer's equipment.

The Consumer shall pay for any costs associated with upgrades to the Cooperative's distribution system required for the Cooperative to maintain a safe and reliable distribution system, necessitated by providing service to Consumer, hereunder.

G. Renewable Energy Credits

Renewable energy generators will retain ownership of Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) until a market for RECs is fully developed, as reasonably determined by the Cooperative. After a market for RECs is fully developed, any RECs or other environmental attributes associated with net excess generation shall be granted to the Cooperative. Further, by accepting service under this Rider, the Consumer shall, at the Cooperative's request, execute such additional instruments or assurances as may be necessary to evidence or confirm the ownership of any such Renewable Energy Credits or other environmental attributes while interconnected with the Cooperative's system.

**CONTRACT PERIOD**

Acceptance of service under this Rider binds the Consumer to all terms and conditions of this Rider. Such obligations shall begin on the date of such acceptance of service and shall continue for an initial term of one (1) year and thereafter for additional terms of one (1) year each, unless and until terminated at the end of such initial term or any additional term by not less than sixty (60) day's advance written notice of termination from the Consumer to the Cooperative. A separate contract shall be executed for each of Consumer's meters/service locations where service will be taken hereunder.

The Cooperative reserves the sole right to terminate service under this Rider at any time upon written notice to the Consumer in the event that the Consumer violates any of the terms or conditions of the Rider, or if the Consumer operates the generation system and equipment in a manner which is detrimental to the Cooperative or any of Cooperative's other consumers.