Net Metering - Frequently Asked Questions

What is net metering?
Net metering allows excess renewable energy produced at your home through a solar powered system or wind turbine to be metered and sent to the grid. You'll need to apply for net metering with your supplier and local utility.

When your system produces more energy than your home or business uses, the excess energy is sent back to the grid in exchange for bill credits. When you need more energy than your home produces, you can pull energy from the grid and use the credits to offset some of your utility bill.

In which state do you offer net metering?
We currently offer net metering in Illinois in the ComEd and Ameren service territories.

How much will I pay for electricity if I net meter?
You'll pay the same rate as retail customers who don't net meter, but you'll pay only for the additional energy delivered to your home from the grid. There's no charge for net metering.

What happens if I generate more electricity than my home uses?
You'll receive a per kilowatt-hour (kWh) credit on your next month's bill for any excess energy your home sends back to the grid. Net metering credits are carried over month to month until they have been either used or expired. Unused credits expire at the end of your annual period (also known as your settlement month).

What happens to my net metering credits if I cancel services with my current electricity supplier?
Those credits will not transfer to your new supplier or to another account. You won't receive a refund or other compensation for the unused credits. Please contact your local utility about your net metering delivery service credits when discontinuing service or switching suppliers.

Who is eligible for net metering service?
You're eligible if you have an onsite renewable electrical generating system at your home or business that is intended primarily for your own use with a rated capacity of 2,000 kilowatts or less. If your system is sized greater than your home or business's electricity needs, it may not be eligible for net metering.

How do I get approved for net metering?
- Ask your local zoning board if there are any restrictions to the system types or location.
- Contact your local utility to get interconnection requirements.
  - **ComEd**: Interconnect@comed.com
  - **Ameren Illinois:** RenewablesIllinois@ameren.com
- Sign a net metering agreement with your retail electricity supplier. If you have questions, please contact us at netmetering@vistraenergy.com.

If I already net meter but want to switch to you as my supplier, do I need to submit another net metering application?
Yes. You will need to submit a new net metering application and inform your local utility or current retail electric supplier that you plan to switch. This ensures that your excess generation credits are set up to correctly apply to your bill.

How long will my net metering credits last?
Net metering credits expire at the end of the annual period. When you enroll for net metering, you can choose either April or October as your annual period end dates on your application. If your net metering bank has credits during that settlement month, it will reset to a zero balance and you will not be compensated or credited for any lost credits.

Do you install or finance systems eligible for net metering?
No.

If you've approved me for net metering but my local utility hasn't, can I still be treated as a net metering customer?
Unfortunately, no. Your system must be inspected and your account approved by the local utility prior to being approved for net metering.

If I'm part of a municipal electricity contract and decide to add net metering later, will it affect my contracted rates?
Your rates won't change once you become a net metering customer and you can remain on the municipal contract.

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