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THE EMPIRE DISTRICT ELECTRIC COMPANY

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which was filed February 7, 2011NET METERING RIDER
RIDER NMSheet 1 of 10 Sheets**AVAILABILITY:**

This service is for Net Metering customers taking service on or after July 1, 2014. Net Metered service is available under this Rider at points on the Company's existing distribution facilities for customers operating generation powered by Renewable Energy Resources as defined in KSA 66-1257. The Net Metered service shall be available on a first-come, first-serve basis until the total rated electrical generating capacity of total connected load from renewable generation (net metered facilities per KSA 66-1265) equals one percent of the Company's peak demand from the previous year as stated in KSA 66-1265. All customers receiving service under this schedule must enter into a written Application / Agreement for Interconnection.

APPLICABILITY:

Net Metered service is applicable for residential customers with renewable electrical generating systems up to 15 KW or for non-residential customers with renewable electrical generating systems up to 100 KW or up to 150 KW for schools. Such electrical generating system must be connected on the Customer's side of the delivery point served under one of the Company's retail rate schedules and must be located on the same premises owned, operated, leased or otherwise controlled by the Customer.

This rider is not applicable to resale electric service.

DEFINITIONS:

"Commission" means the Kansas Corporation Commission.

"Company" (or "Empire") means the Empire District Electric Company.

"Customer" means a Kansas entity receiving retail electric service from the Company.

"Customer-Generator" means a Kansas retail customer of Empire who owns or operates a Net Metered Facility.

"IEEE" means the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Inc.

"IEEE Standard 1547" means the version of the IEEE standard 1547, "IEEE standard for interconnecting distributed resources with electric power systems," as published by the IEEE on July 28, 2003 and hereby adopted by reference.

"IEEE Standard 1547.1" means the version of the IEEE standard 1547.1, "IEEE standard conformance test procedures for equipment interconnecting distributed resources with electric power systems", as published by the IEEE on July 1, 2005 and hereby adopted by reference.

"Licensed Electrician" means any electrician who is licensed by any jurisdiction in Kansas with an electrical licensing authority.

"Licensed Engineer" means a Professional Engineer registered in the state of Kansas.

"Net Metered Facility" means an electricity generation system owned or operated by a Customer-Generator which is located on the Customer-Generator's side of the meter; powered by a Renewable Energy Resource; is located on the premises owned, operated, leased, or otherwise controlled by the Customer-Generator; is interconnected and operates in parallel phase and synchronization with the Company and is in compliance with the standards established by the Company; is intended primarily to offset part or all of the Customer-Generator's own electrical energy requirements; and, contains a mechanism, approved by Empire, that automatically disables the generation system and interrupts the flow of electricity back onto Empire's lines in the event that service to the Customer-Generator is interrupted.

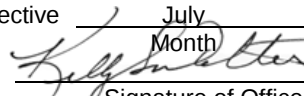
"Net Renewable Generation Capacity" means the gross generation capacity of the renewable energy resource over a four-hour period when not limited by ambient conditions, equipment, operating or regulatory restrictions less auxiliary power required to operate the resource, and refers to resources located in the state of Kansas or resources serving ratepayers in the state of Kansas.

"Parallel Operation" means an electrical connection of more than 100 milliseconds between a Net Metered Facility and the Company's electric distribution system.

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"REC" means renewable energy credit, as defined by KSA 66-1257 and amendments thereto; which represents the energy produced by Renewable Energy Resources; and is issued as part of a program approved by the Commission. For purposes of this tariff, one REC is reflected on a certificate representing the attributes associated with one megawatt-hour (MWh) of energy generated by a Renewable Energy Resource that is located in Kansas or serves ratepayers in Kansas. Neither Empire nor the Customer-Generator may create, register, or sell RECs from energy produced by any Net Metered Facility that is used by Empire to comply with the requirements of the renewable energy standards act.

"Renewable Energy Resources" means Net Renewable Generation Capacity from wind; solar thermal sources; photovoltaic cells and/or panels; dedicated crops grown for energy production; cellulosic agricultural residues; plant residues; methane from landfills or from wastewater treatment facilities; clean and untreated wood products such as pallets; existing hydropower; new hydropower, not including pumped storage, that has nameplate rating of 10 megawatts or less; fuel cells using hydrogen produced by one of the above-named renewable energy resources; and other sources of energy, not including nuclear power, that become available after the effective date of this tariff, and that are certified as renewable by rules and regulations established by the Kansas Corporation Commission ("Commission") pursuant to KSA 2009 Supp. 66-1262 and amendments thereto.

"School" means any postsecondary educational institution as defined in K.S.A. 74-3201 and amendments thereto, or any public or private school which provides instruction for students enrolled in grade kindergarten or grades one through twelve.

"UL Standard 1741" means the version of UL standard 1741 "inverters, converters, controllers and interconnection system equipment for use with distributed energy resources" as published on January 28, 2010 by Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. and hereby adopted by reference.

ENERGY PRICING AND BILLING:

The net electric energy delivered to the Customer-Generator shall be billed in accordance with Empire's rate schedule(s), as applicable for the Customer's load characteristics. The electric energy delivered by the Customer Generator to Empire shall be credited in kilowatt-hours (kWh), as described below;

Net electrical energy measurement shall be calculated in the following manner:

(a) For a Customer-Generator, Empire shall measure the net electrical energy produced or consumed during the billing period either by employing a single appropriate class, bidirectional meter, at no charge, that measures the amount of electrical energy produced and consumed, or by employing multiple meters that separately measure the Customer-Generator's consumption and production of electricity;

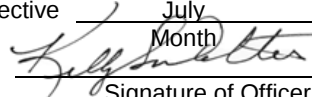
(b) If the electricity supplied by Empire exceeds the electricity generated by the Customer-Generator during a billing period, the Customer-Generator shall be billed for the net electricity supplied by Empire;

(c) If the electricity generated by the Customer-Generator exceeds the electricity supplied by Empire during a billing period, the Customer-Generator shall be charged a) the minimum monthly bill or b) demand charges plus any customer charge, where applicable, as defined in Empire's tariff, and shall be credited at a rate of 100% of Empire's monthly system average cost of energy per kilowatt-hour (kWh) for the excess kWh;

(d) Any excess kWh earned shall only be applied towards energy consumption registered on the meter(s) assigned to the account specified in Section A on sheet 6 of this tariff.

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RIDER NMSheet 3 of 10 Sheets**SIZING OF NET METERED FACILITY GENERATION EQUIPMENT:**

This Net Metering service program is intended to allow a customer to offset a portion or all of customer's electric energy needs with energy output from a customer-owned and operated Net Metered Facility. This program is not intended to provide a means for Customer-Generators to be reimbursed for excess energy produced which exceeds the Customer-Generator's own energy requirements. Therefore, it is important that each prospective Customer-Generator determine the appropriate size of generation equipment required to meet the customer's needs. If requested by the Customer, the Company will provide a history of the previous 3 year's monthly demand and energy profiles, where available, to assist the Customer in sizing its generation. Changes in future energy needs should be taken into account when sizing such equipment. Prospective customers under this NM Rider should confer with their renewable energy equipment distributors and installers regarding the estimated energy output of any specific systems they may be contemplating purchasing and installing. Wind and solar resource maps are available at www.kcc.state.ks.us/maps/maps.htm which will assist customers and their distributors/installers in the determination of the approximate annual available wind and solar resources at various locations in Kansas. It is important for the Customer-Generator and its distributor/installer to understand the relationship between the magnitude of available wind and solar resources and the total energy output of the Net Metered Facility. In no case shall the rated capacity of the Net Metered Facility's generation system be sized to exceed the rated capacity of the distribution transformer serving the Net Metered facility.

EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS:

The Customer-Generator must furnish, install, operate, and maintain in good repair without cost to the Company any relays, locks and seals, breakers, automatic synchronizers, disconnecting devices, and other control and protective devices required by IEEE Standard 1547, as tested and approved in accordance with UL Standard 1741. Customer-Generator must also comply with all requirements imposed by federal, state, or local governing authorities that apply to the installation, interconnection, or operation of such Net Metered facility.

Customer-Generator must supply, at no expense to Empire, a suitable location for Empire's equipment necessary to serve and meter the Net Metered facility.

Empire requires Customer-Generators to supply and install a utility controlled manual disconnect switch located on the line side (or load side when mutually agreed to by both Customer-Generator and Company) of the meter. Said manual switch shall have the capability of being locked out by Empire personnel to isolate Empire's facilities if an electrical outage on Empire's facilities occurs. Empire shall give notice to the Customer-Generator, as soon as possible, when the switch is locked out or used by Empire personnel. The manual disconnect switch may also be used by the Customer-Generator as a means of isolation during maintenance, testing, outage, and/or emergency activities.

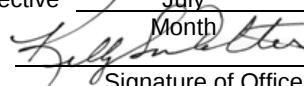
All Customer-Generators must submit a written application form in accordance with the instructions below, and obtain Empire approval of such application before any Net Metered Facility equipment is installed. In addition, before the initial energizing or start-up testing, or both, of the Net Metered Facility, the Customer-Generator shall schedule a mutually agreeable time and date for the witnessing by Empire of the start-up and associated tests.

If harmonics, voltage fluctuations, or other disruptive problems on Empire's system can be directly attributed to the operation of the Net Metered Facility, each problem shall be corrected at the Customer-Generator's expense. Empire shall provide the Customer-Generator with a written estimate of all costs that will be incurred by Empire and billed to the Customer-Generator to accommodate interconnection or correct such problems.

The Net Metered facility shall be operated and maintained in a manner that will not damage Empire equipment or cause undue hazard to Empire personnel.

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SYSTEMS WITH A CAPACITY OF 200 KW OR LESS

I. Instructions

For Customers Applying for Interconnection:

If you are interested in applying for interconnection to The Empire District Electric Company's (Empire) electrical system, you should first contact Empire and ask for information related to interconnection of parallel generation equipment to Empire's system and you should understand this information before proceeding with this Application. If you wish to apply for interconnection to Empire's electrical system, complete Sections A, B, C and D, and attach the plans and specifications describing the Net Metered Facility and submit them to Empire at:

The Empire District Electric Company
602 Joplin
Joplin, Missouri, 64801

A processing fee of \$ 100 must accompany this application/agreement to cover the cost of processing the request, providing a cursory engineering review of the plans and specifications and the preparation of a formal written response to the Customer-Generator's request. The processing fee is non-refundable, unless the application is denied under KSA 66 – 1265 (a). Additional interconnection costs may be assessed to the Customer-Generator if the cursory review indicates that additional metering or distribution equipment is necessary to accommodate the Customer-Generator's Net Metered Facility. An estimate of such additional metering and distribution costs will be presented to the Customer-Generator for approval before any such work is performed. Empire will not charge the Customer-Generator for a residential class bi-directional meter, a residential class dual-register meter, or a multiple metering system that derives the intended netting results; nor will Empire charge the Customer-Generator for any load research metering costs when the installation is initiated by Empire for Empire's benefit.

For a Net Metered Facility of fifteen (15kW) or less, Empire will provide notice of approval or denial within thirty (30) days of receipt; for Net Metered Facility of greater than fifteen (15 kW) up to 150 kW, Empire will provide notice of approval or denial within ninety (90) days of receipt. If this Application is denied, the Customer-Generator will be provided with the reason(s) for the denial. If this Application is approved and signed by both the Customer-Generator and Empire it shall become a binding contract and shall govern the Customer-Generator's relationship with Empire.

**For Customers Who Have Received Approval of
Customer-Generator System Plans and Specifications:**

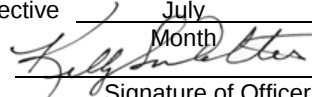
After receiving approval of your Application, it will be necessary to construct the Net Metered Facility in compliance with the plans and specifications described in the Application, complete Sections E and F of this Application, and forward this Application to Empire for review and completion of Section G at:

The Empire District Electric Company
602 Joplin
Joplin, Missouri, 64801

Prior to the interconnection of the Net Metered Facility to Empire's system, the Customer-Generator will furnish Empire certification (as completed in Section E) from a Licensed Electrician or Licensed Engineer that the installation meets the plans and specifications described in the application. If the application for interconnection is approved by Empire and the Customer-Generator does not complete the interconnection within one (1) year after receipt of notice of the approval, the approval shall expire and the Customer-Generator shall be responsible for filing a new application.

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Empire will complete Section G only after receipt of a completed Application/Agreement form, receipt of re-imbursement of any applicable metering and/or distribution charges, and witnessing of a successful start-up test of the Net Metered Facility. Said start-up testing will be scheduled within fifteen (15) days of receipt by Empire if electric service already exists to the premises, unless Customer-Generator and Empire agree to a later date. Similarly, upon receipt of a completed Application/Agreement form and payment of any applicable charges, if electric service does not exist to the premises, Empire will permit interconnection of the Customer-Generator System to Empire's electrical system no later than fifteen (15) days after service is established to the premises, unless the Customer-Generator and Empire agree to a later date.

**For Customers Who Are Transferring Ownership or Operational
Control of an Existing Net Metered Facility:**

If no changes are being made to the existing Net Metered Facility, the Customer-Generator should complete Sections A, D and F of this Application/Agreement and forward to Empire at:

The Empire District Electric Company
602 Joplin
Joplin, Missouri, 64801

Empire will review the new Application/Agreement and shall approve such, within fifteen (15) days of receipt by Empire if the new Customer-Generator has satisfactorily completed Application/Agreement, and no changes are being proposed to the existing Net Metered Facility. There are no fees or charges for the Customer-Generator who is transferring ownership or operational control of an existing Net Metered Facility if no modifications are being proposed to that Net Metered Facility.

For Customer-Generators Who Are Modifying an Existing Net Metered Facility:

If changes are being made to the existing Net Metered Facility, Customer-Generator shall submit a new Application/Agreement and forward to Empire at:

The Empire District Electric Company
602 Joplin
Joplin, Missouri, 64801

Empire will review the new Application/Agreement and notify the Customer-Generator within thirty (30) days whether the Application/Agreement is approved as submitted, or additional modifications are required. A processing fee of \$100 may be required with this Application/Agreement. The processing fee is non-refundable, unless the application is denied under KSA 66 - 1265(a).

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II. Application/Agreement

Section A: Customer-Generator's Information

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Service/Street Address (if different from above): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-Mail: _____

Emergency Contact Phone: _____

Empire Account No. (from Utility Bill): _____ Number of Meters: _____

Section B: Net Metered Facility Information

Manufacturer Name Plate (if applicable) AC Power Rating: _____ kW Voltage: _____ Volts

System Type: Photovoltaic _____ Wind _____ Fuel Cell _____ Solar Thermal _____ Thermal _____ Hydroelectric _____ Other (describe) _____

Service/Street Address: _____

Inverter/Interconnection Equipment Manufacturer: _____

Inverter/Interconnection Equipment Model No.: _____

Are Required Net Metered Facility Plans, Specifications, and Wiring Diagram attached? Yes _____ No _____

Inverter/Interconnection Equipment Location (describe): _____

Outdoor Manual/Utility Accessible & Lockable Disconnect Switch Location, Manufacturer & Model (describe): _____

Existing Electrical Service Capacity: _____ Amperes Voltage: _____ volts

Service Character: Single Phase _____ Three Phase _____

Section C: Installation Information / Hardware and Installation Compliance

Person or Company Installing: _____

Contractor's License No. (if applicable): _____

Approximate Installation Date: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-Mail: _____

Person or Agency Who Will Inspect/Certify Installation: _____

The proposed Net Metered Facility complies with all applicable National Electric Safety Code (NESC), National Electric Code (NEC), Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) and Underwriters Laboratories (UL) standards for electrical equipment and its installation. As applicable to System type specified in Section B, these standards include, but are not limited to, UL 1741 and IEEE 1547. Also, the proposed Net Metering Facility complies with all applicable local electrical codes.

The proposed Net Metered Facility has a lockable, visible disconnect device on the line side (on load side if acceptable to both Customer-Generator and Empire) of the meter and accessible at all times to Empire personnel.

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The Customer-Generator's proposed Net Metered Facility also has functioning controls to prevent voltage flicker, DC injection, overvoltage, undervoltage, overfrequency, underfrequency, and overcurrent, and to provide for System synchronization to Empire's electrical system. The proposed Net Metered Facility has an anti-islanding function that prevents the generator from continuing to supply power onto Empire's electrical system when it is not energized or operating normally. If the proposed Net Metered Facility is designed to provide uninterruptible power to critical loads, either through energy storage or back-up generation, the proposed Net Metered Facility includes a parallel blocking scheme for this backup source that prevents any backflow of power to Empire's electrical system when the electrical system is not energized or not operating normally.

Installer Name (print): _____

Installer Name (signature): _____ Date: _____

Section D: Terms and Conditions

In addition to abiding by Empire's other applicable rules and regulations, the Customer-Generator understands and agrees to the following specific terms and conditions:

1) Operation / Disconnection

If at any time, in the reasonable exercise of Empire's judgment, the operation of the Net Metered Facility is determined to be adversely affecting safety, power quality or reliability of Empire's electrical system, Empire may immediately disconnect and lock-out the Net Metered Facility from Empire's electrical system. The Customer-Generator shall permit Empire's employees and inspectors reasonable access to inspect, test, and examine the Net Metered Facility.

2) Metering and Distribution Costs

Empire shall provide metering equipment sufficient to measure the net amount of electrical energy produced or consumed by the Customer-Generator. If it is necessary for Empire to install additional metering or distribution equipment to accommodate the Net Metered Facility, the Customer-Generator shall reimburse Empire for the costs to purchase and install the additional equipment.

3) Energy Pricing and Billing

The netting and billing of the electric energy delivered to and received from the Customer-Generator shall be calculated in accordance with Empire's rate schedules and the Net Metering Rider; which may be modified from time to time upon approval by the Commission.

4) Initiation and Termination

This Agreement becomes effective when signed by both the Customer-Generator and Empire and shall remain in effect unless terminated at any time under the following conditions:

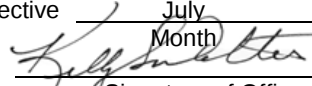
- (a) By the Customer-Generator upon giving Empire a written notice at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of termination of the Agreement. In such event, the Customer-Generator shall, no later than the proposed termination date, completely disconnect the Net Metered Facility from parallel operation with Empire's system.
- (b) By either party, if one party fails to comply with any of the terms and conditions of this Agreement. In such case, the other party may terminate this Agreement by giving at least thirty (30) days prior written notice which specifies the basis for termination.
- (c) By mutual agreement of the Customer-Generator and Empire.
- (d) By approval of the Commission, if there is a change in statute that is determined to be applicable to this contract and necessitates its termination.

5) Modification

If any planned changes to the Net Metered Facility alter the specifications and/or information provided in Sections B and C of this Application/Agreement, Customer-Generator shall submit to Empire a new Application/Agreement, Customer-Generator shall submit to Empire a new Application/Agreement with all sections completed.

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The Application/Agreement shall survive the transfer of ownership and operational control of the Net Metered Facility to a new Customer-Generator if the new Customer-Generator agrees to comply with the terms and conditions of the Application/Agreement and notifies Empire by completing sections A, D, and F no less than thirty (30) days before the transfer. Within fifteen (15) days Empire will review the new Sections A, D, and F and, if approved, Empire will then complete Section G and forward a copy of the completed Application/Agreement back to the new Customer-Generator, thereby authorizing the new Customer-Generator to operate the existing Net Metered Facility.

7) Dispute Resolution

Disputes between the Customer-Generator and Empire that cannot be resolved by the parties by other means may be brought to the Kansas Corporation Commission by either party, through complaint procedures as described in K.A.R. 82-1-220.

8) Testing Requirements

IEEE 1547 provides testing specifications and requirements. IEEE 1547.1 provides tests and procedures for verifying conformance to IEEE.

It shall be the Customer-Generator's responsibility to conduct any periodic testing of the interconnection related protective device(s) in accordance with the procedures and testing intervals prescribed by the manufacturer of said equipment. The Customer-Generator shall perform a "cease to energize functionality test" as described in IEEE 1547, section 5.4.2 at least once every 12 months, unless the equipment manufacturer recommends performing this test more frequently. Customer-Generator shall maintain a record of these tests for a period of at least 36 months. Copies of said test records and results shall be made available to Empire upon request.

9) Insurance

Empire may not require a Customer-Generator to purchase additional liability insurance. However, Customer-Generators may have legal liabilities not covered under their existing insurance policy in the event the Customer-Generator's negligence or other wrongful conduct causes personal injury (including death), damage to property, or other actions and claims. Empire shall not be liable directly or indirectly for permitting or continuing to allow an attachment of a Net Metered Facility or for the acts or omissions of the Customer-Generator that cause loss or injury, including death, to any third party.

10) Additional Terms and Conditions

Additional terms and conditions are included in the attached "Appendix A", which is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this Agreement.

I have read, understand, and accept the provisions of Section D, subsections 1 through 10 of this Application/Agreement.

Signed (Customer-Generator): _____ Date: _____

Section E: Electrical Inspection

I have inspected the Net Metered Facility referenced above and have verified that it meets all requirements noted in Section D.

Inspector Name (Print): _____

Inspector Certification (complete one of the options below):

I am a Registered Professional Engineer in Kansas _____ Kansas Registration # _____

I am a Licensed Electrician in Kansas _____ Licensing Jurisdiction _____ Elec Lic # _____
City or County) _____

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I have a Net Metered Facility installed on my premises and I have been given warranty information and/or an operational manual for this facility. Also, I have been provided with a copy of Empire's interconnection requirements and applicable rate schedule(s). I am familiar with the operation of the Net Metered Facility.

I agree to abide by the terms of this Application/Agreement and I agree to operate and maintain the Net Metered Facility in accordance with the manufacturer's recommended practices as well as Empire's interconnection standards applicable to Net Metering. If, at any time the Net Metered Facility is operating in an unusual manner I shall disconnect the Net Metered Facility and not reconnect it to Empire's electrical system until the Net Metered Facility is cleared to do so by Empire.

I agree not to operate the Net Metered Facility in parallel with Empire's electrical system until this Application/Agreement has been approved by Empire.

Signed (Customer-Generator): _____ Date: _____

Section G: Utility Application Approval (completed by The Empire District Electric Company)

Empire does not, by approval of this Application/Agreement, assume any responsibility or liability for damage to property or physical injury to persons due to malfunction of the Net Metered Facility or the Customer-Generator's negligence.

This Application is approved by Empire on this _____ day of _____ (month). _____ (year).

Empire Representative Name (Print): _____

Signed Empire Representative: _____

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Appendix A

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