

13.08.380 - Riders and adjustments.

- A. Environmental Compliance Cost Recovery (ECCR). The monthly environmental compliance cost recovery adjustment in cents per kWh shall be added to all metered bills for service. The ECCR shall represent an amount no higher than that which may be calculated using the economic compliance cost reporting issued from time to time by the city's principal electricity supplier, MEAG Power. ECCR changes will normally occur annually with changes becoming effective with the first day of a new fiscal year (July 1).

Current monthly environmental compliance cost recovery adjustment rates in cents per kWh may be obtained from the city's billing department Covington City Hall, 2194 Emory Street, N.W., Covington, Georgia.

- B. Power Cost Adjustment Rider (PCA). This power cost adjustment rider (PCA) is applicable to each of the city's retail tariffs which contains reference to it. The PCA is used to make interim adjustments to monthly rates for service to reflect known and measurable changes in the city's total costs of providing wholesale electricity to its customers.

The city's total costs of providing wholesale electricity are defined herein to include power and energy purchased from its primary energy suppliers (MEAG Power and Southeastern Electric Power Administration).

PCA changes will normally be made annually with changes becoming effective with the first day of a new fiscal year (July 1). However, the city reserves the right to make changes more frequently if unexpected wholesale energy cost levels are incurred.

Current power cost adjustment rates in cents per kWh may be obtained from the city's billing department, Covington City Hall, 2194 Emory Street, N.W., Covington, Georgia.

- C. Distributed Generation Rider (After 2017). Applicable to customers in all areas served by the city, under any rate defined in Section 13.08, installing distributed generation on or after January 1, 2017, and subject to its service rules, regulations, terms, policies and procedures, as amended from time to time, which are incorporated herein by this reference, and desiring to sell electrical energy to the city produced by the distributed generation facility, which must be eligible for participation subject to the terms and provisions of the Georgia Cogeneration and Distributed Generation Act of 2001 or successor legislation (the "DG Act"). Customer's account(s) with the city must be in good standing.

Distributed generation facility must:

1. Be owned (or leased) and operated by an existing customer for production of electric energy;
2. Be located on the customer's premises;
3. Be connected to and operate in parallel with the city's distribution facilities;
4. Be intended primarily to offset part or all of the customer's generator's requirement for

electricity;

- 5. Have peak generating capacity of not more than ten (10) kilowatts for residential applications and not more than one hundred twenty-five (125) percent of actual or expected maximum annual peak demand of the premises for commercial applications; and
- 6. Use solar photovoltaic system, wind, fuel cell, or hydro generation.

MONTHLY METERING COST:

Bi-directional metering charge\$4.50 per month.

All installed costs for metering and associated equipment will be paid by the customer at the time service is initiated under this section.

Bi-directional metering is defined as measuring the amount of electricity supplied by the city and the amount fed back to the city by the customer's distributed generation facility during the billing period using the same meter. Bi-directional metering shall be used where distributed generation facilities are connected to the city on the customer's side of the customer's meter.

MONTHLY CAPACITY COST:

The city requires each customer with a distributed generation facility to pay the monthly stand-by capacity charges based on sixty (60) percent of the installed nameplate capacity rating (in kilowatts) of the customer's system.

Stand-by Capacity Charge

Residential (Flat Charge)

1 kW to 5 kW nameplate\$5.50 per month

6 kW to 8kW nameplate9.50 per month

9kW to 10kW nameplate15.00 per month

Commercial non-demand15.16 per kW per month

Commercial demand20.26 per kW per month

Commercial Time of use (TOU)14.84 per kW per month

Industrial, Large Industrial and Extra Large Industrial16.69 per kW per month

PAYMENT FOR ENERGY

Bi-directional Metering.

- 1. When electricity supplied by the city exceeds electricity generated by the customer's

distributed generation, the customer will be billed by the city in accordance with the applicable tariff(s).

2. When electricity generated by the customer's distributed generation system exceeds electricity supplied by the city, the customer will be billed for the customer charges as provided in the standard rate for that billing period and credited for excess kilowatt-hours generated during that period at the city's avoided energy cost.

Avoided Energy Cost

Payments by the city to the customer for the billing period metered avoided energy kilowatt-hours will be computed by the city in its sole discretion based on the six-month period April through September average monthly wholesale market price as determined by the Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia (MEAG Power), the city's wholesale energy provider.

In the event the customer develops a credit balance during a billing period, the balance will remain as a credit on the customer's account. Credit balances remaining at the end of the city's fiscal year will be cleared by the issuance of a check to customer for the credit balance. Mid-year clearance of account credit balances will be at the city's discretion.

SAFETY, POWER QUALITY, AND INTERCONNECTION REQUIREMENTS:

The customer will be responsible for the cost of maintaining a safe and reliable interconnection with the city. The city will provide, upon request, the following documents which must be completed and submitted to the city for approval prior to interconnection by the customer to the city's distribution system:

1. Application for interconnection of distributed generation facility.
2. Interconnection agreement.
3. Electrical power exchange agreement.

All provisions of the said documents are incorporated by this reference into this rider and made a part hereof. For the avoidance of doubt, the customer shall be deemed to have agreed to such provisions by applying for service under this rider.

The city will only be required to purchase energy from eligible distributed generation facilities on a first-come, first-served basis until the cumulative generating capacity of all renewable energy sources from all customers equals the percentage of the city's annual peak demand in the previous year as set forth in O.C.G.A. § 46-3-56(a). Additional energy may be purchased by the city at its sole discretion at a cost agreed to by it and the customer provider. The city shall not be required to purchase energy from customers in excess of amounts required by the DG Act.

The city reserves the right to separate the customer's generating equipment from city lines and facilities when, in the city's sole judgment, the continued parallel operation may be unsafe or may cause damage to persons or property. Upon such separation, the city shall promptly notify the customer so that any unsafe condition can be corrected.

- D. Distributed Generation Rider (Before 2017). Applicable to customers in all areas served by the city, under any rate defined in Chapter 13.08, installing distributed generation prior to January 1, 2017, and subject to the city's service rules, regulations, terms, policies and procedures, as amended from time to time, which are incorporated herein by this reference, and desiring to sell electrical energy produced by a distributed generation facility to the city, which must be eligible for participation subject to the terms and provisions of the Georgia Cogeneration and Distributed Generation Act of 2001 or successor legislation (the "DG Act") and whose account(s) with the city must be in good standing.
1. Any distributed generation facility must:
 - a. Be owned by an electric utility customer of the city for solar, wind, or other production of electric energy;
 - b. Be located on premises owned or leased by such customer;
 - c. Be connected to and operate in parallel with the city's distribution facilities;
 - d. Be intended primarily to offset part or all of such customer's requirement for electricity;
 - e. Have a peak generating capacity of not more than ten (10) kilowatts for residential application and not more than one hundred (100) kilowatts for commercial or industrial applications; and
 - f. Utilize a solar photovoltaic, wind, fuel cell or hydro generation system.
 2. Metering Cost. The city will install bi-directional metering. All installed costs for metering and associated equipment will be paid by the customer at the time service is initiated pursuant to this section. "Bi-directional metering" means measuring the amount of electricity supplied by the city and the amount of electricity fed back to the city by the customer's distributed generation facility during a billing period, using the same meter.
 3. Payment for Energy.
 - a. When electricity supplied by the city exceeds electricity generated by the customer's distributed generation, the electricity will be billed to the customer by the city in accordance with the current applicable rate.
 - b. When electricity generated by the customer's distributed generation system exceeds electricity supplied by the city, the customer will be billed for appropriate customer charges for that billing period less a credit for excess kilowatt-hours generated during that billing period at avoided energy cost.
 - c. The city will only be required to purchase energy from eligible distributed generation

facilities on a first-come, first-served basis until the cumulative generating capacity of all renewable energy sources from city customers equals 0.2 percent of the city's annual peak demand for the previous year. Additional energy may be purchased from the customer by the city at a cost agreed to by it and the customer.

4. **Avoided Energy Cost.** Payments by the city to the customer for the billing period metered avoided energy kilowatt-hours will be computed by the city in its sole discretion based on the six-month period April through September average monthly wholesale market price, as determined by the Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia (MEAG Power), the city's wholesale energy provider.
 5. **Safety, Power Quality and Interconnection Requirements.** The city, after appropriate notice and opportunity for comment, may adopt by regulation additional safety, power quality and interconnection requirements for customer generation that the city determines are necessary to protect public safety and system reliability.
- E. **Distributed Generation Buy All Sell All Rider (After 2017).** Applicable to customers in all areas served by the city, under any rate defined in Section 13.08, installing distributed generation on or after January 1, 2017, and subject to its service rules, regulations, terms, policies and procedures, as amended from time to time, which are incorporated herein by this reference, and desiring to sell electrical energy to the city produced by the distributed generation facility, which must be eligible for participation subject to the terms and provisions of the Georgia Cogeneration and Distributed Generation Act of 2001 or successor legislation (the "DG Act"). Customer's account(s) with the city must be in good standing. Distributed generation facility must:
1. Be owned (or leased) and operated by an existing customer for production of electric energy;
 2. Be located on the customer's premises;
 3. Be connected to and operate in parallel with the city's distribution facilities;
 4. Be intended to sell all of the customer's generator's electricity to city, no customer use or offset shall be allowed;
 5. Have peak generating capacity of not more than ten (10) kilowatts for residential applications and not more than one hundred twenty-five (125) percent of actual or expected maximum annual peak demand of the premises for commercial applications; and
 6. Use solar photovoltaic system, wind, fuel cell, or hydro generation.

MONTHLY METERING COST:

The city will install bi-directional metering for distributed generation application. All installed costs for metering and associated equipment will be paid by the customer at the time service is initiated under this rider. Additionally, charges may apply as specified in the contract for larger installations to cover other costs to the city including data or related administrative and billing costs.

Furthermore, customer agrees to pay a monthly metering charge as followed:

10 kW or less\$4.50 per month.

Above 10 kWContract with the city

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

Credited kilowatt-hours for this rider shall be based on metered energy generated by the customer's distributed generation facilities and delivered to the city's electric grid during the applicable billing month. Billable kilowatt hours for the applicable retail rate shall be based on the metered energy delivered by the city and used by the customer during the applicable billing month.

For each billing period, the customer shall receive a monthly credit equal to the credit kilowatt-hours multiplied by the city's avoided energy cost. The city will compute the credit at its sole discretion based on the monthly wholesale market price as determined by the Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia as the city's wholesale energy provider.

MINIMUM BILL:

The monthly minimum bill for customers on this rider shall be no less than the minimum bill under the applicable retail rate, including ECCR and PCA as applicable, plus the monthly meter charge under this rider and extra facility charges as specified by contract if applicable.

SAFETY, POWER QUALITY, AND INTERCONNECTION REQUIREMENTS:

The customer will be responsible for the cost of maintaining a safe and reliable interconnection with the city. The city will provide, upon request, the following documents which must be completed and submitted to the city for approval prior to interconnection by the customer to the city's distribution system:

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The city will only be required to purchase energy from eligible distributed generation facilities on a first-come, first-served basis until the cumulative generating capacity of all renewable energy sources from all customers equals the percentage of the city's annual peak demand in the previous year as set forth in O.C.G.A. § 46-3-56(a). Additional energy may be purchased by the city at its sole discretion at a cost agreed to by it and the customer provider. The city shall not be required to purchase energy from customers in excess of amounts required by the DG Act.

The city reserves the right to separate the customer's generating equipment from city lines and facilities when, in the city's sole judgment, the continued parallel operation may be unsafe or may cause damage to persons or property. Upon such separation, the city shall promptly notify the customer so that any unsafe condition can be corrected.

(Ord. dated 2/3/14, § 8; Ord. dated 12/12/16(1), § 1; Ord. dated 10/21/19, § 1; Ord. dated 4/20/20, § 1; Ord. dated 10/5/20, § 5)

Editor's note— Ord. dated Feb. 3, 2014, § 8, amended § 13.08.380 in its entirety to read as set out herein. Former § 13.08.380 pertained to distributed generation—avoided energy costs and derived from Ord. dated April 5, 2010, § 1.