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SMALL SYSTEM RENEWABLE ENERGY CERTIFICATE PURCHASE

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APPLICABILITY:

This rate schedule is closed to new service applications effective January 1, 2017. An *Application for the Purchase of Small System Renewable Energy Certificates* ("REC Application", which upon execution by the Customer and the Company also becomes the "REC Agreement"), submitted by the Customer on or before December 31, 2016, shall be eligible for service under this rate schedule. X
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This Small System Renewable Energy Certificate Purchase Rate is available for renewable generation rated 10 kilowatts ("kW") or less pursuant to the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission ("NMPRC") Rule 17.9.570 New Mexico Administrative Code ("NMAC"), installed and interconnected behind a retail electric service meter. Participation by type of renewable energy facility is subject to approvals of the NMPRC. Service under this rate schedule requires an executed *Simplified Interconnection Application* ("Interconnection Application"), which upon execution by the Customer and the Company also becomes the "Interconnection Agreement", and a completed REC Application. X
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TERRITORY:

Areas served by the Company in Dona Ana, Sierra, Otero and Luna Counties.

DEFINITIONS:

A "Renewable Energy Certificate" is a "REC". X

A "Small System REC" is a document proving that the renewable energy, in kilowatt-hours ("kWh"), has been generated from a renewable distributed generation facility. Small System RECs are measured in the same units as the energy generated. X
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A "REC meter" is a separate meter that measures the energy output of the Customer's renewable distributed generation facility. X
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TERMS OF SERVICE:

Small System RECs will be purchased by the Company on a monthly basis for energy generated by the Customer's renewable distributed generation facility and measured by a separate REC meter as recorded at the time of the monthly meter reading.

The Customer is responsible for installing the REC meter socket to be identified and labeled as X

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"REC Meter". The REC meter socket shall be physically located near the Company's billing meter. The Company will provide and install the REC meter. X
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REC Agreements with an effective date on or after January 1, 2012, shall expire December 31, 2020. X
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If the ownership of the property on which the renewable distributed generation facility is located is transferred, the new owner of the property may opt in to the same terms of the REC Agreement between the prior owner and the Company. The new owner must submit a new REC Application. X
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In order to qualify for service under this rate schedule, Customers must meet the following requirements on or before December 31, 2016: X
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1. Complete and submit the REC Application, including submission of full payment of the REC Application fee to the Company. X
2. Provide the Company a complete Interconnection Application, including submission of full payment of the Interconnection Application fee. X
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3. Provide the Company a *Notice of Self Certification* that certifies the Customer's renewable distributed generation facility meets the criteria of a Qualifying Facility contained in the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's regulations, 18 C.F.R. Section 292.203 as may be amended, and as defined in NMPRC Rule 17.9.570 NMAC as may be amended. X
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4. The Customer's renewable distributed generation facility must be completely installed and inspected within six (6) months of the Company's receipt of a completed REC Application and Interconnection Application. X
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5. The Company will notify the Customer-applicant within ten (10) business days from receipt of a REC Application or the Interconnection Application whether either application is complete; if either application is not complete, the Company will provide an explanation of what is needed to complete the incomplete application. X
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6. The Customer-applicant will have ten (10) business days from receipt of notification that the REC Application or Interconnection Application is incomplete to complete the incomplete application; if not completed within ten (10) business days, the incomplete application will be deemed withdrawn. X
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MODIFICATIONS TO CUSTOMER-SITED QUALIFYING FACILITIES: X

The Company's approval for service under this rate schedule is for the qualifying facility and its kW maximum rated capacity as described in the Customer's REC Agreement and the *Notice of* X
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Self Certification.

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Subsequent to Company service to the Customer pursuant to the REC Agreement, should the Customer modify the approved qualifying facility to either expand or reduce the facility's maximum rated capacity, the Customer must submit a *Simplified Expansion Application* for review and approval by the Company, which upon execution by the Customer and the Company amends the Customer's Interconnection Agreement.

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Payment for the RECs associated with the facility's modified maximum rated capacity will be established at the rate approved for facilities effective on or after January 1, 2014.

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The Customer's failure to notify the Company of any modification to the approved qualifying facility and its approved kW maximum rated capacity will cause the REC Agreement and REC Purchase payments under this rate schedule to be subject to termination by the Company upon written notice to the Customer and a reasonable time for the Customer to complete and submit to the Company a *Simplified Expansion Application*.

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MONTHLY PURCHASE RATES:

Small System Renewable Energy Certificate (REC) Purchase – Solar Facilities

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REC Agreements for solar facilities (10 kW and less) effective on or after March 1, 2009: \$0.13/kWh
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REC Agreements for solar facilities (10 kW and less) effective on or after January 1, 2010: \$0.12/kWh
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REC Agreements for solar facilities (10 kW and less) effective on or after January 1, 2011: \$0.12/kWh
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REC Agreements for solar facilities (10 kW and less) effective on or after January 1, 2012:		
Tier	Period	Per kWh
Tier 1	January 1, 2012 – June 30, 2012	\$ 0.10
Tier 2	July 1, 2012 – December 31, 2012	\$ 0.08
Tier 3	January 1, 2013 – June 30, 2013	\$ 0.06
Tier 4	July 1, 2013 – December 31, 2013	\$ 0.04

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For REC Agreements for solar facilities (10 kW and less) effective on or after January 1, 2014: Until December 31, 2020, or otherwise ordered by the NMPRC: \$0.02 per kWh
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Small System Renewable Energy Certificate (REC) Purchase – Wind Turbine Facilities

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REC Agreements for wind turbine facilities (10 kW and less) effective on or after January 1, 2010: \$0.08/kWh

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REC Agreements for wind turbine facilities (10 kW and less) effective on or after January 1, 2011: \$0.08/kWh

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REC Agreements for wind turbine facilities (10 kW and less) effective on or after January 1, 2012:
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Tier	Period	Per kWh
Tier 1	January 1, 2012 – June 30, 2012	\$ 0.06
Tier 2	July 1, 2012 – December 31, 2012	\$ 0.05
Tier 3	January 1, 2013 – June 30, 2013	\$ 0.04
Tier 4	July 1, 2013 – December 31, 2013	\$ 0.03

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For REC Agreements for wind turbine systems (10 kW and less) effective on or after January 1, 2014: Until December 31, 2020, or otherwise ordered by the NMPRC: \$0.02 per kWh
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ACCESSIBILITY:

Equipment used to meter Small System RECs must be physically accessible as specified by the Company. The meter socket/meter box shall be installed in accordance with the Company's Rules and Regulations, identified and labeled "REC Meter", and located near the Company's billing meter.

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TERMS OF PAYMENT:

Small System REC Purchase payments to the Customer will commence in the billing period after the execution of an Interconnection Agreement and after the process of the REC Application is completed. The Customer will receive monthly information on the Customer's monthly electric bill documenting the kWh generated by the Customer's renewable distributed generation facility, the RECs purchased at the applicable Small System REC Purchase Rate, and the payment for RECs during the billing period.

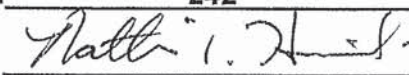
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Small System REC Purchase payments will normally be applied as a credit to the Customer's monthly bills. If the amount paid for the Small System RECs is more than the total of the Customer's monthly bill by up to \$50.00, the resulting credit will be carried forward and applied

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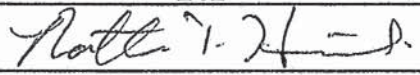
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toward the following month's bill. If the Small System REC payment balance results in a Customer credit above \$50.00, that balance will be paid directly to the Customer. X
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The Company's Rules and Regulations apply to service under this rate schedule. X

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