

Net Metering Annual Review

KPUD's Net Metering Program enables customers who generate renewable power to benefit from the option to purchase power from the utility when their generating system falls short of meeting their electricity needs. Customers prioritize electricity from their renewable energy system, reducing the amount supplied by the utility. Depending on the system's size and electricity use, surplus or banked kilowatt-hour credits might be accessible to offset the power provided by KPUD.

Servicemen are headed your way with AMI meters. Many of KPUD's net meter customers—particularly those in rural settings—have been self-read customers responsible for supplying monthly meter reads for billing. Annually, KPUD would go on-site to collect these reads for the annual audit and true-up. With the new AMI meters in the field, those reads will now be collected automatically.

For an efficient reading process, it's crucial meters are easily accessible with

clear visibility to the front of the meter, located in an area not fenced off or enclosed. If a customer has a situation where KPUD cannot access the meter, we encourage them to contact KPUD to discuss a resolution.

How are kilowatt-hour (kWh) credits applied? If a customer records zero or negative kWh use, they won't incur energy charges, and the kWh use amount will be added as a credit to the associated meter's bank for future use. If, at any point in the net metering year, power consumption exceeds the system's generation at a billing period's end, the customer is billed for the kWh use, minus any available kWh credits in the net meter bank. If credits are insufficient to cover the total kWh use in a billing period, the customer is billed for the remaining billable kWh. The value of the kWh credits is contingent on the customer's retail power rate class.

What are banked kWh credits? Banked kWh credits represent excess kWh

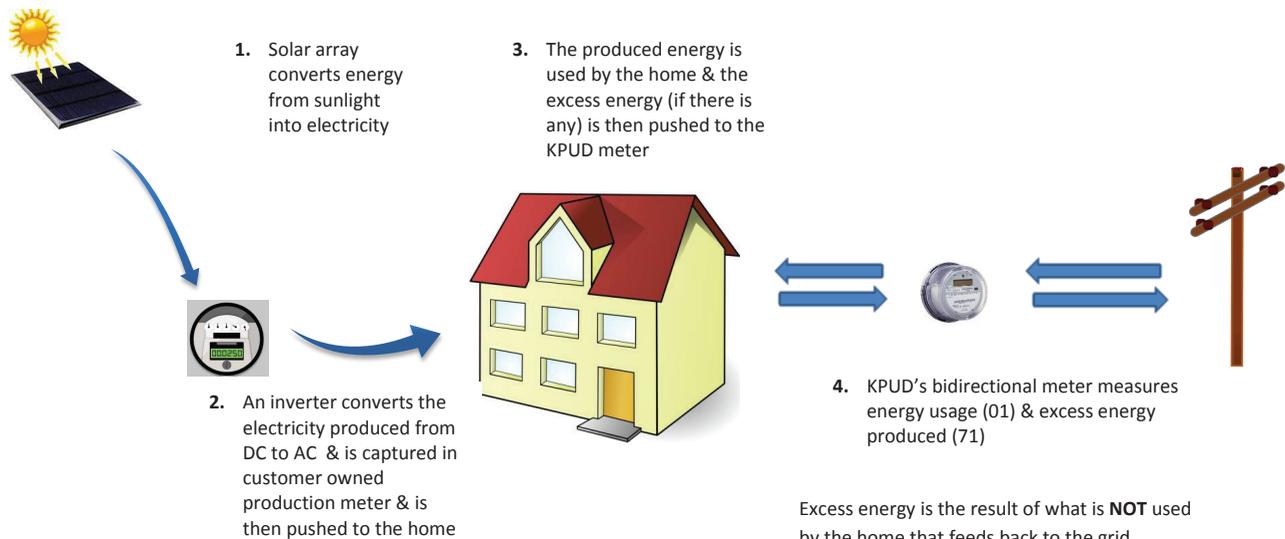
generated by a customer, not utilized as an offset during a given billing period. These credits are stored in the net meter bank to reduce billable consumption in future billing periods. Typically, customers accumulate kWh credits in the summer and use them in the fall/winter. Net meter accounts incur monthly basic fees and other applicable charges based on the customer's rate schedule, which are consistently billed.

What happens if I generate more than I consume during the net meter year? According to Washington state law, any unused banked kWh credits accumulated from the previous net meter year will expire March 31, and new accumulation begins April 1.

For more information about net metering with KPUD, contact our Energy Services Department at 509-773-7622 or visit www.klickitatpud.com/conservation/netmetering. ■



How Net Metering Works



Excess energy is the result of what is **NOT** used by the home that feeds back to the grid.

KPUD's meter and customer's production meter generally do not show the same reads