

## Illinois Net Metering FAQ

### What is net metering?

Net metering allows customers to offset their energy use by installing an onsite, approved electric generation facility (for example solar or wind) and connecting that facility to their [respective] utility's distribution grid. If the installed facility generates more electricity than is consumed by the customer, the customer will receive a per kilowatt-hour (kWh) credit for the excess electricity placed on the utility's distribution grid. The onsite generation facility must be approved by both the customer's electric supplier and the customer's local utility company (Ameren Illinois), and must be connected to the electrical grid in order for it to qualify as a net metering (or interconnected system) account.

### How does net metering work?

Onsite generation will be consumed at the property first and any excess generation will flow from the electrical panel to the utility meter and finally to the grid. Production is calculated at the customer's utility meter, and the amount of energy placed on the grid by the customer's facility during the billing cycle is "netted" against the kilowatt hours delivered to, and consumed by, the customer during the billing cycle.

### How much will I pay for electrical supply if I net meter?

Net metering customers pay the same retail per kilowatt hour rate for electric supply as non-net metering retail service customers. Please contact your local utility, Ameren Illinois, to inquire about net metering rates for delivery service.

### What happens if I generate more electricity than I consume?

When a customer generates more electricity than they consume over a billing cycle they will receive a per kWh credit that will carry forward to the next billing month. Net metering credits will be "banked" and carry over each bill month until they have been used or expired, whichever occurs first. Unused credits will expire at the end of your annual billing period.

### What happens to my net metering credits if choose to discontinue services with Homefield Energy?

If you decide to discontinue service with Homefield Energy for any reason and you have net metering credits, those credits will **not** transfer to your new supplier and they cannot be transferred to another Homefield Energy supplied account. You will **not** receive any refund or other compensation for the unused credits. Please contact your local utility (Ameren Illinois) about your net metering delivery service credits when discontinuing service or switching suppliers.

### What type of generation is allowed under net metering?

Generation facilities powered by the following can be eligible (so long as all other requirements are met) for net metering: solar electric energy, wind, dedicated crops grown for electricity generation, agricultural residues, untreated and unadulterated wood waste, landscape trimmings, livestock manure,

anaerobic digestion of livestock or food processing waste, fuel cells or micro turbines powered by renewable fuels, or hydroelectric energy.

### **Who is eligible for net metering service?**

A residential or commercial electric customer that owns or operates a solar, wind, or other eligible renewable electrical generating facility (as set forth immediately above) with a rated capacity of not more than 2,000 kilowatts that is located on the customer's premises and is intended primarily to offset the customer's own electrical requirements. If a system is sized greater than a customer's own electrical requirements, it may not be eligible for net metering.

### **How do I get approved for net metering?**

- Contact your local zoning board to see if there are any restrictions to the system types, location, etc.
- Contact your local utility Ameren Illinois or Ameren to get complete interconnection requirements.
  - Ameren Illinois: [Interconnect@AmerenIllinois.com](mailto:Interconnect@AmerenIllinois.com)
  - Ameren Illinois: [RenewablesIllinois@ameren.com](mailto:RenewablesIllinois@ameren.com)
- Click on the following link (net metering application) to complete an Homefield Energy net metering agreement. If you have questions, please Contact us at [netmetering@HomefieldEnergy.com](mailto:netmetering@HomefieldEnergy.com).

### **Does Homefield Energy charge extra for net metering?**

No. There is no Net Metering charge from Homefield Energy

### **Does Homefield Energy sell, install or finance generation facilities eligible for net metering systems ?**

No, not at this time.

### **If I'm already a net metering customer and want to choose Homefield Energy for supply, do I need to complete and submit another net metering application?**

Yes. Your existing net metering application with your utility or current alternative retail electric supplier does **not** automatically transfer over to Homefield Energy. You will need to complete a net metering application with Homefield Energy and inform your local utility or current alternative retail electric supplier that you plan to switch.

### **If I currently have net metering credits and switch to Homefield Energy will those credits carryover from my current supplier and local utility?**

Homefield Energy will **not** honor any net metering credits earned while your account was being supplied by the utility or another alternative retail electric supplier. Please contact Ameren Illinois to see if they will continue to honor your delivery service related net metering credits when your account switches to another supplier.

### **How long do I get to keep my net metering credits?**

Net metering credits expire at the end of the annual period. When you enroll for net metering with Homefield Energy you can choose from one of two annual period end dates (April or October). You can choose your settlement month when you complete your application. If your net metering bank has credits during the settlement month, it will re-set to a zero balance and you will not be compensated or credited for any lost credits.

### **Does Homefield Energy provide a list of preferred dealers or installers?**

No.

### **If Homefield Energy has approved my account for net metering but I have not been approved by my local utility, can I still be treated as a net metering customer?**

No. Your account must be approved by the local utility **before** Homefield Energy will treat your account as a net metered account. In order for a retail customer to be considered for net metering service, he/she must comply with all applicable interconnection requirements in Part 465 and Part 466 of Title 83 of the Illinois Administrative Code.  
<ftp://www.ilga.gov/JCAR/AdminCode/083/08300465sections.html>

### **If I've signed a retail agreement with Homefield Energy and decide to add net metering, will it affect my contracted rates?**

Please refer to your electric supply agreement or contact our net metering department at <mailto:netmetering@Homefield Energy.com> for further details.

### **How can I learn more?**

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