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PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF NEVADA

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EXPLANATION - Matter in ***italics*** is new; matter in brackets **[**~~omitted material~~**]** is material to be omitted.

Section 1 Chapter 704 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto the provision set forth as section 2 of this regulation.

Sec. 2. ***"Geothermal Energy System" means an energy system that provides geothermally heated water to one or more customers and reduces the consumption of electricity or any fossil fuel.***

Sec. 3. NAC 704.8875 is hereby amended as follows:

NAC 704.8875 In calculating the total number of kilowatt-hours that a provider generates, acquires or saves from portfolio energy systems or efficiency measures during a compliance year, the provider may use the following kilowatt-hours if the provider has complied with all requirements for inclusion of the kilowatt-hours in its calculation:

1. Any kilowatt-hours generated by the provider from its own renewable energy systems during the compliance year;
2. Any kilowatt-hours acquired or saved by the provider during the compliance year pursuant to preexisting renewable energy contracts or energy efficiency contracts;
3. Any kilowatt-hours acquired or saved by the provider during the compliance year pursuant to new renewable energy contracts or energy efficiency contracts;
4. Any equivalent kilowatt-hours attributable to the provider during the compliance year from solar thermal systems;
5. Any excess kilowatt-hours fed back to the provider during the compliance year from net metering systems used by customer-generators pursuant to NRS 704.766 to 704.775, inclusive;
6. Any kilowatt-hours saved during the compliance year as a result of an energy efficiency measure, subject to the limitations set forth in paragraph (b) of subsection 2 of NRS 704.7821 ***and subsection 3 of section 3 of Assembly Bill 1 passed by the 74th Session of the Nevada Legislature***; and
7. Any kilowatt-hours that the provider is authorized to carry forward from previous compliance years.

Sec. 4. NAC 704.8927 is hereby amended as follows:

NAC 704.8927 1. Except as otherwise provided in NAC 704.8893, electricity generated by a renewable energy system which is authorized to participate in the system of portfolio energy credits must be metered and the renewable energy system shall submit meter readings quarterly to the Commission.

2. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 3 to 11, inclusive, the Administrator shall certify portfolio energy credits to a portfolio energy system or efficiency measure for:

(a) The net metered output of electricity in kilowatt-hours delivered to the transmission system or the distribution system and sold to a provider of electric service. The net metered output must be provided to the Administrator by the entity that owns, operates or controls the meters used to monitor the net metered output of electricity of the renewable energy system.

(b) The difference between the metered generation of electricity in kilowatt-hours and the net metered output of electricity set forth in paragraph (a). Unless otherwise provided for in a contract for renewable energy, the portfolio energy credits certified by the Administrator pursuant to this paragraph must be awarded to the owner of the renewable energy system.

3. The Administrator shall certify portfolio energy credits for the line loss factor of:

(a) A customer-maintained distributed renewable energy system by multiplying the metered number of kilowatt-hours generated and used by the customer who is served by the customer-maintained distributed renewable energy system by a factor of 1.05; and

(b) An energy efficiency measure by multiplying the number of kilowatt-hours saved by the energy efficiency measure by a factor of 1.05.

4. The Administrator shall certify portfolio energy credits for participants in the Solar Energy Systems Demonstration Program created in section 14 of chapter 331, Statutes of Nevada 2003, as amended by section 17 of chapter 478, Statutes of Nevada 2003, by multiplying the actual kilowatt-hours produced by the solar renewable energy system by a factor of 2.4.

5. The Administrator shall certify portfolio energy credits for solar photovoltaic systems described in NRS 704.7822 by multiplying the actual kilowatt-hours produced by the solar renewable energy system by a factor of 2.4.

6. The Administrator shall certify portfolio energy credits for a system that uses a reverse polymerization process described in NRS 704.7823 by multiplying the actual kilowatt-hours produced by the renewable energy system by a factor of 0.7.

7. The Administrator shall certify portfolio energy credits for electricity saved by a utility provider during its peak load periods, as defined in the utility provider's approved tariffs, from energy efficiency measures described in NRS 704.7802, by multiplying each kilowatt-hour of electricity saved by the utility provider during its peak load period from energy efficiency measures by a factor of 2.0.

8. A solar thermal energy system may use a thermal energy meter to measure the amount of energy generated by the system. The system will be credited with 1 kilowatt-hour of electricity generated for each 3,412 British thermal units of heat generated by the solar thermal energy system.

9. ***The energy, measured in Btu 's, produced by a Geothermal Energy System providing heated water to one or more customers shall be calculated as follows: The flow rate, measured in gallons per minute, should be multiplied by the change in temperature across a heat exchanger, measured by the temperature of the incoming geothermal fluid in degrees Farenheit and the outgoing temperature of the geothermal fluid in degrees Farenheit after the fluid has passed through the heat exchanger, multiplied by 500.***

~~[9]~~ ***10***. A net metering system will be credited annually with portfolio energy credits based upon the amount of metered electricity generated by the system or, if metering is not used, upon an estimate of the electricity generated by the net metering system by using the method of calculation designated by the Regulatory Operations Staff of the Commission for a solar energy system which does not use a meter to measure the generation of electricity of the system.

~~[10]~~ ***11***. The portfolio energy credits generated by a net metering system must be assigned to the owner of the net metering system, unless the provisions of subparagraph (4) of paragraph (c) of subsection 2 of NRS 704.775 or subparagraph 3 of paragraph (c) of subsection 3 of NRS 704.775 apply, or another allocation of the portfolio energy credits is provided for in a written agreement between the utility provider and the owner of the net metering system.

~~[11]~~ ***12***. If the Administrator is required by subsections 4 to 7, inclusive, to apply a multiplier in certifying portfolio energy credits for a portfolio energy system or efficiency measure and he determines that more than one multiplier may be applicable to the portfolio energy system or efficiency measure, the Administrator shall only apply the largest applicable multiplier in certifying the portfolio energy credits.

~~[12]~~ ***13***. As used in this section:

(a) "Customer-maintained distributed renewable energy system" means a facility or energy system which:

(1) Is used and maintained by an end-use customer;

(2) Uses renewable energy to generate electricity;

(3) Does not use the utility's system to transmit or distribute electricity; and

(4) Uses a meter and other equipment to:

(I) Measure the electricity generated by the energy system; and

(II) Reduce part, but not more than all, of the electrical load of the customer.

(b) "Reverse polymerization process" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 704.7823.

(c) "Solar thermal energy system" means a renewable energy system that uses solar energy for the purpose of producing heat to reduce directly the consumption of electricity, natural gas or propane.