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Introduced by Representatives Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Canfield of  
Fair Haven, Feltus of Lyndon, and Hebert of Vernon

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Energy; public service; net metering

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require that  
net metering credits apply only to energy usage charges and not to the  
customer charge or energy efficiency charge billed by the electric company.

An act relating to the regulation of net metering

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 30 V.S.A. § 219a(e) is amended to read:

(e) Consistent with the other provisions of this title, electric energy  
measurement for net metering systems using a single nondemand meter that  
are not group systems shall be calculated in accordance with subdivisions  
(1)-(3) of this subsection, and electric energy measurement for net metering  
systems that use other types of meters shall be calculated in accordance with  
subdivision (4) of this subsection.

1           (1) The electric company ~~which~~ that serves the net metering customer  
2 shall measure the net electricity produced or consumed during the customer's  
3 billing period, in accordance with normal metering practices.

4           (2) If the electricity supplied by the electric company exceeds the  
5 electricity generated by the customer and fed back to the electric distribution  
6 system during the billing period, the customer shall be billed for the net  
7 electricity supplied by the electric company, in accordance with normal  
8 metering practices.

9           (3) If electricity generated by the customer exceeds the electricity  
10 supplied by the electric company:

11           (A) The electric company shall calculate a monetary credit to the  
12 customer by multiplying the excess kWh generated during the billing period by  
13 the kWh rate paid by the customer for electricity supplied by the company and  
14 shall apply the credit to any remaining energy usage charges on the customer's  
15 bill for that period; The monetary credit shall not apply to the fixed customer  
16 charge or the energy efficiency charge on the customer's bill.

17           (B) If application to such energy usage charges does not use the  
18 entire balance of the credit, the remaining balance of the credit shall appear on  
19 the customer's bill for the following billing period; ~~and~~.

20           (C) Any accumulated credits shall be used within 12 months, or shall  
21 revert to the electric company, without any compensation to the customer.

1 Power reverting to the electric company under this subdivision (3) shall be  
2 considered SPEED resources under section 8005 of this title.

3 (4) For a net metering system serving a customer on a demand or  
4 time-of-use rate schedule, the manner of measurement and the application of  
5 bill credits for the electric energy produced or consumed shall be substantially  
6 similar to that specified in this subsection for use with a single nondemand  
7 meter. However, if such a net metering system is interconnected directly to the  
8 electric company through a separate meter whose primary purpose is to  
9 measure the energy generated by the system:

10 (A) The bill credits shall apply to all kWh generated by the net  
11 metering system and shall be calculated as if the customer were charged the  
12 kWh rate component of the interconnecting company's general residential rate  
13 schedule that consists of two rate components: a service charge and a kWh  
14 rate, excluding time-of-use rates and demand rates. The bill credits shall not  
15 apply to the fixed customer charge or the energy efficiency charge.

16 (B) If a company's general residential rate schedule includes  
17 inclining block rates, the residential rate used for this calculation shall be the  
18 highest of those block rates.

19 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

20 This act shall take effect on passage.