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1 AN ACT Relating to increasing the allowable electrical generating
2 capacity of a net metering system owned by a municipality located east
3 of the crest of the Cascade mountains to two megawatts; and amending
4 RCW 80.60.010.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 80.60.010 and 2007 c 323 s 1 are each amended to read
7 as follows:

8 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter
9 unless the context clearly (~~indicates~~) requires otherwise.

10 (1) "Commission" means the utilities and transportation commission.

11 (2) "Customer-generator" means a user of a net metering system.

12 (3) "Electrical company" means a company owned by investors that
13 meets the definition of RCW 80.04.010.

14 (4) "Electric cooperative" means a cooperative or association
15 organized under chapter 23.86 or 24.06 RCW.

16 (5) "Electric utility" means any electrical company, public utility
17 district, irrigation district, port district, electric cooperative, or
18 municipal electric utility that is engaged in the business of
19 distributing electricity to retail electric customers in the state.

1 (6) "Irrigation district" means an irrigation district under
2 chapter 87.03 RCW.

3 (7) "Meter aggregation" means the administrative combination of
4 readings from and billing for all meters, regardless of the rate class,
5 on premises owned or leased by a customer-generator located within the
6 service territory of a single electric utility.

7 (8) "Municipal electric utility" means a city or town that owns or
8 operates an electric utility authorized by chapter 35.92 RCW.

9 (9) "Net metering" means measuring the difference between the
10 electricity supplied by an electric utility and the electricity
11 generated by a customer-generator over the applicable billing period.

12 (10)(a) Except as provided in (b) of this subsection, "net metering
13 system" means a fuel cell, a facility that produces electricity and
14 used and useful thermal energy from a common fuel source, or a facility
15 for the production of electrical energy that generates renewable
16 energy, and that:

17 ~~((a))~~ (i) Has an electrical generating capacity of not more than
18 one hundred kilowatts;

19 ~~((b))~~ (ii) Is located on the customer-generator's premises;

20 ~~((c))~~ (iii) Operates in parallel with the electric utility's
21 transmission and distribution facilities; and

22 ~~((d))~~ (iv) Is intended primarily to offset part or all of the
23 customer-generator's requirements for electricity.

24 (b) In addition to meeting the conditions of (a)(ii) through (iv)
25 of this subsection, "net metering system" also means a facility that
26 generates electricity using water and that:

27 (i) Has an electrical generating capacity of not more than two
28 megawatts;

29 (ii) Is owned and operated by a municipality east of the crest of
30 the Cascade mountains with a population between thirty-one thousand and
31 thirty-two thousand based on the census 2010 summary file number one
32 prepared by the United States census bureau; and

33 (iii) Is served by an investor-owned electric utility whose rates
34 are regulated by the commission.

35 (11) "Premises" means any residential property, commercial real
36 estate, or lands, owned or leased by a customer-generator within the
37 service area of a single electric utility.

1 (12) "Port district" means a port district within which an
2 industrial development district has been established as authorized by
3 Title 53 RCW.

4 (13) "Public utility district" means a district authorized by
5 chapter 54.04 RCW.

6 (14) "Renewable energy" means energy generated by a facility that
7 uses water, wind, solar energy, or biogas from animal waste as a fuel.

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