

BLACK HILLS COLORADO ELECTRIC, LLC
 d/b/a BLACK HILLS ENERGY

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**OFF-SITE NET METERING SERVICE
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Off-Site Net Metering		N
Applicability	Applicable to residential, commercial and industrial retail customers of the Company whose electric service is connected to an Off-Site Solar photovoltaic generation system ("Off-Site Solar System" or "System") in parallel with the Company's electric system. The Off-Site Solar System shall be limited to a minimum of 500 watts and shall not exceed the lesser of two hundred percent of the average annual consumption of electricity by the customer or five hundred kilowatts.	N
Definitions	<u>Off-Site.</u> Shall mean all noncontiguous property owned or leased by the customer of the qualifying retail utility and whose property is located within the utility's certificated service territory. <u>Off-Site Net Metering.</u> The offsetting of the customer's retail consumption of kilowatt-hour (kWh) electric energy by the electricity generated from the eligible energy resources on the customer's side of the meter that are interconnected with the Company and located on noncontiguous property owned or leased by the customer.	N
Off-Site Net Metering Standard Offer	For calendar years 2022 and 2023, the utility shall issue a standard offer to interconnect and net meter off-site, customer-owned distributed generation. The available off-site net meter capacity shall equal one-quarter of one percent of the utility's annual retail sales from the immediately preceding year. The available off-site solar capacity will be available on a first-come-first service basis.	N

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Applications Applications for off-site net metering must be submitted through the Company's website and will be deemed provisionally submitted as of the electronic time-stamp of that submission. To complete the submission of the application a one-line diagram and deposit check must be received by the Company at its Pueblo, Colorado offices by 3:00 p.m. on the fifth calendar day following the date of submission of the application. If this fifth calendar day falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Federal holiday, then this material must be accepted by US Mail or in-person delivery at the Company's offices at 105 S. Victoria Ave, Pueblo, CO, 81003 by the next business day. N

If the on-line diagram and deposit materials are not received by the Company within this timeframe, the application will automatically be deemed rejected. Satisfaction of these requirements may be evidenced by a signed and dated return receipt for items sent by United States Mail or receipts given to persons submitting the materials in-person at the Company's offices at the above address. In the event the deposit check is not honored, the application will automatically be deemed rejected.

Deposit Required and Conditions to Payment of Incentives.

Systems which are of a size at or below 5 kW will require a deposit of \$250, and systems which are of a size above 5 kW will require a deposit of \$.05/watt. In order for an applicant/Third Party Developer to receive a refund of the deposit: (i) a System must be substantially completed (meaning the purchase and installation on the customer's premises of all major system components of the on-site solar system); (ii) all permits necessary to authorize the production and delivery of energy from the System must have been obtained; (iii) the System, including any interconnection facilities, must be inspected and approved by the appropriate governmental authorities having jurisdiction; (iv) the System must pass inspection; and (v) the System must otherwise have been constructed and installed in compliance with all applicable laws, rules and regulations including, but not limited to, C.R.S §40-2-128. Refunds of required deposits will be made within a reasonable time after the System is eligible for a refund of the deposit under the Agreement. Deposits forfeited under the Agreement will be credited to the Company's RESA fund.

Monthly Rate: All electric power and energy delivered by the Company to the Customer hereunder shall be received and paid for by the Customer under the applicable residential, commercial or industrial service schedule selected by the Customer as such rates, terms and conditions are on file and in effect from time to time with the Commission. The Company shall net meter all electric power and energy produced by the Off-Site Solar System, as set forth in the Off-site Net Metering Service tariff as in effect from time to time with the Commission. N

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Calculation Of Billing For Off-Site Net Metering Service: Off-Site Solar customers shall receive a bill credit from the Company equal to the applicable Fixed Bill Credit amount multiplied by the Off-Site Solar system's monthly generation. N

The Fixed Bill Credit will be subtracted from the total amount due on the customer's bill.

The Fixed Bill Credit will be equal to the Community Solar Garden Fixed Bill Credits listed on Tariff Sheet 94I. The Fixed Bill Credit will be fixed for the term of the interconnection agreement.

If, and to the extent that, a customer's net metering credit exceeds the customer's electric bill in any billing period, the net metering credit shall be carried forward and applied against future bills.

Renewable Energy Credits: The customer may choose to retain or sell to the qualifying retail utility the customer's renewable energy credits. The utility will offer a price of \$0.00 per REC if the customer chooses to sell its RECs to the utility. N

Rules and Regulations: Should there be any conflict between this tariff and the applicable residential or commercial service tariff, the provisions herein will control. Service supplied under this rate schedule is subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the agreement between the Customer and Company and the Company's Rules and Regulations on file with the Commission and the following conditions: N

1. Customer will install and maintain the Off-Site Solar System. The customer shall furnish, install, and maintain all wiring and equipment including service masts, end boxes, service switch, meter connections, ground rod and any associated materials for the service entrance. The Company will furnish meters, meter sockets, metering transformers, test blocks and other equipment necessary for measuring the net of the electric energy supplied by Company and the energy produced by the Off-Site Solar System. N

2. Customer shall notify Company of any service failure or damage to the Company's or the Customer's equipment. Repair and/or replacement of Company equipment shall be provided by Company as soon as practicable, subject to the Company's operating schedules, after notification by Customer of service failure. Customer shall be responsible for repairing damage to customer's equipment as soon as practicable. N

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3. Customer shall cooperate with Company to ensure the Off-Site Solar System design and installation is in compliance with the Company's Electric Extension Standards and safety provisions and the Company's Interconnection Standards for Co-generation and Small Power Production Facilities. Customers who do not comply with these standards will be subject to termination of service under this schedule and the applicable commercial service schedule until compliance is obtained. N
4. Customer shall operate and maintain the System in accordance with industry standards and manufacturer's recommendations to prevent abnormal degradation in the performance of the System. Customer shall provide periodic maintenance to avoid a reduction in insolation levels due to debris, shading and inadequate cleaning. N
5. Commercial customers who are located on leased premises must obtain the approval of the Company and either permission from the commercial customer's landlord, or other documentation evidencing the tenant's unequivocal right to install an Off-Site Solar System. Such commercial tenant Customer may relocate the Off-Site Solar System to a substitute premise reasonably acceptable to the Company at any time during the term of the Agreement, provided that the new location is within the service territory of the Company, the new location is reasonably acceptable to the Company, the cost to relocate or setting a new production meter is borne by the Customer and the Off-Site Solar System is not out of operation for more than ninety days due to such relocation. N
6. For Third-Party Developer Off-Site Solar Systems, the Developer shall have all of the obligations of the "Customer" set forth in this Rules and Regulations section of this tariff. N
7. The System shall be sized to supply no more than two hundred percent (200%) of the average annual consumption of electricity by Customer and cannot exceed 500 KW in size. In addition, to the extent Customer: (a) has another On-Site Solar System at the same site; (b) is a subscriber to a CSG with subscription(s) attributed to the same site; (c) has any other existing Retail Distributed Generation at such premises as defined by Commission rules, and/or (d) has off-site solar service, the aggregate amount of solar energy and retail distributed generation received from all systems cannot exceed two hundred percent (200%) of the average annual consumption of electricity by the Customer. N

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