

## **Distributed Generation Interconnection Process**

- 1. Contact Price Electric Cooperative to discuss plans for the system. PEC representatives will answer any questions you may have and provide you with an Application for Interconnection. Facilities generating 20kw or less are not subject to an application fee. Upon review of the application, if an engineering review or distribution study is deemed necessary, these fees will be applied on a cost basis.
- 2. Upon completion and return of the Application, it will be reviewed by PEC, and you will be notified in writing of its status.
- 3. Following approval, applicants are allowed six months to complete the project.
- 4. Upon completion of the project the system shall undergo commission testing, including verification of antiislanding capabilities, performed by PEC personnel. Interconnection will not be allowed if commission testing fails. **Under no circumstances shall the system be energized prior to commission testing.** If it is found that the system has been energized prior to commissioning, a \$500 tampering fee will be charged.
- 5. If the system is not installed per the one-line diagram, safety related code compliance issues, or fails antiisland testing, a \$150 fee will be applied for each return trip.
- 6. Following successful testing, an Interconnection Agreement shall be completed and signed by the member and the Cooperative.

## **General Information**

- Members participating in the Distributed Generation program are expected to maintain liability insurance equal to or greater than \$300,000.
- The member must pay any/all costs associated with interconnection.
- The Cooperative will install and maintain special metering equipment capable of measuring the flow of electricity at the same rate and ratio both into and out of the member's facility.
- Accounts with dual fuel meters that are part of Price Electric's Dual Fuel Load Management Program must be wired in parallel with the net meter and NOT in a sub-metered fashion.
- An additional electric meter will be installed on the property to record when the member is generating electric power. There will be a monthly charge for the additional meter.
- Net metering allows members to offset their energy usage with energy generated, kWh for kWh, throughout the month. Any excess generation will be paid to the member at the avoided cost in the form of a bill credit. If the member uses more energy than was generated, the member only pays for the kWh that exceeds his generation for that month's billing period (all other charges such as service availability charges, PCA, taxes, etc. still apply).
- The avoided cost is based on Dairyland Power Cooperative's current avoided cost rate and is published annually in Price Electric Cooperative's Schedule R-1 rate tariff. Please contact Price Electric to obtain a copy of the tariff.
- The rates for sales and purchases of electricity may change over time due to the Cooperative boardapproved rate adjustments, and sales and purchases shall be made under the rates in effect for the month that any such energy is sold or produced.



• Each party to the Distributed Generation Interconnect Agreement shall indemnify, hold harmless and defend the other party, its officers, directors, employees, and agents from and against all claims, suits, liabilities, damages, costs and expenses resulting from the installation, operation, modification, maintenance or removal of the distributed generation facility. The liability of each party shall be limited to direct actual damages, and all other damages at law or in equity shall be waived.

## Responsibilities

| Action  | Responsibility                |
|---|-------------------------------|
| Application   | Member                        |
| Proof of Insurance  | Member                        |
| Signed Interconnection Agreement (At time of commissioning) | Member & PEC                  |
| Labels for meters/disconnects/etc.                          | Contractor                    |
| Installing Production Meter Socket                          | Contractor                    |
| Signed Wiring Compliance Statement                          | Contractor/Master Electrician |
| Interconnection   | PEC                           |
| Interconnection Costs                                       | Member                        |
| Anti-Island Testing   | PEC                           |
| Service/Maintenance   | Member                        |

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