



# Net Metering Program Reopened

CVEA implemented the Net Metering Program (Program) in 2012 when member interest in renewable energy alternatives, like wind and solar, had increased in popularity.

Net metering allows an eligible consumer to connect an approved renewable energy generation system to the CVEA grid in order to offset their normal usage and potentially sell back excess energy to the Cooperative. To be eligible to participate in the Program, a consumer's generation system must produce electric energy derived from one or more renewable resources to include the following: solar photovoltaic or thermal energy, wind energy, biomass energy, hydroelectric energy, geothermal energy, hydrokinetic energy, and ocean thermal energy.

The system must be operated, and either owned or leased, by a consumer that purchases retail electric utility service from CVEA. It must also be located on the consumer's premises, be used primarily to offset part or all of the consumer requirements for energy, be compatible with the Cooperative's system,

and have a total nameplate capacity of no more than 25 kW.

There exist specific and overall system limitations that can limit the number of consumers that can participate in the Program. Specifically, the total nameplate capacity of all participants in the Program may not exceed 1.5 percent of CVEA's average retail demand. At inception this was 210 kW; once that limit was reached, applications were no longer accepted.

In 2020, due to an increase in peak loads, the maximum allowable kW's for this program, as dictated by CVEA's Tariff, has also increased. This provides for additional nameplate capacity, and an opportunity for members to once again apply for participation in the Program.

As of February 10, 2020, CVEA reopened the application period and new applications are being accepted. If you are interested in the Net Metering Program, have questions, or would like to get started on the application process, please visit the net metering page, under the member services section at [cvea.org](http://cvea.org). For additional help, please contact Darin Sauls at [sauls@cvea.org](mailto:sauls@cvea.org). ■

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