

**SCHEDULE 215  
SOLAR PAYMENT OPTION PILOT  
SMALL SYSTEMS  
(10 kW or LESS)**

**PURPOSE**

This schedule establishes a photovoltaic volumetric incentive rate (VIR) pilot program as required by HB 3039 (Chapter 748, Oregon Laws 2009), HB 3690 (Chapter 78, Oregon Laws 2010 Special Session), HB 2893 (Chapter 244, Oregon Laws 2013), and OAR 860-084-0100. The pilot provides payments to retail electricity Customers for electricity generated by permanently installed solar photovoltaic energy systems.

**AVAILABLE**

To Customers with Qualifying Systems (QSs), as defined in ORS 757.360(3)(b), connected to retail Customers' facilities in territory served by the Company.

**APPLICABLE**

To Customers that have QSs not purchased with state or ETO incentives with installed nameplate generating capacity 10 kW DC or less where the output is not paid for pursuant to another tariff schedule, that meet the eligibility requirements in OAR 860-084-0120, and where the monthly generation does not exceed Total Monthly Use pursuant to a Solar Photovoltaic Pilot Program and Interconnection Services Agreement (Agreement).

**MONTHLY RATE**

Customer Charge

The Customer pays the Company a \$10.00 Customer Charge per month for each separately metered QS. This is in addition to the Basic Charge for providing Electricity Service to the Customer.

Volumetric Incentive Rate

The Company pays the applicable gross VIR to the QS Customer for eligible generation from the participating Customer with a capacity reservation awarded on or after August 25, 2015.

<u>Description</u>	<u>Hood River County</u>	<u>All Other Counties</u>		
Small : 10 kW or less*	22.7	31.6	¢ per kWh	(R)

\* DC nameplate capacity

The gross VIR applies up to the Total Monthly Use and consists of two components: (1) a retail bill offset based on applicable volumetric (kWh) charges, and (2) a net VIR payment. Kilowatt-hours generated in excess of the Total Monthly Use will be carried forward to the next month as provided in OAR 860-084-0360. Total Monthly Use is defined as net kWh from the retail meter (may be positive or negative) plus kWh from the QS meter.

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#### MONTHLY RATE (Continued) Volumetric Incentive Rate

The rate in place at the time of the Reservation Start Date, defined in OAR 860-084-0010(17), applies to the entire 15 year life of the Agreement.

#### RATE ADJUSTMENT

The Commission may adjust the rate to be effective on October 1 and April 1 of each year consistent with Commission Order Nos. 11-280 and 11-339. For Spring 2015, consistent with Commission Order No 15-092, the Commission adjusted the rate effective date to May 1, 2015. Pursuant to Commission Order No. 15-250, the Commission directs that any remaining capacity be distributed to applicants that are already on the waiting list as part of the May 2015 window. Distribution of any remaining capacity of the VIR program will continue until the earlier of March 31, 2016, or the installation of all program capacity (27.5 MW).

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#### EXCESS ANNUAL KILOWATT-HOUR CREDITS

In accordance with OAR 860-084-0360, at the end of the last monthly Billing Period ending on or before the last day of each generation year, any excess generation kWh credits accumulated will be transferred to the Company's low income assistance program at the average annual Schedule 201 Avoided Cost rate. The default generation year is April 1 through March 31. The Customer's excess kWh credits are set to zero for the beginning of the subsequent annual billing cycle.

#### SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC PILOT PROGRAM AND INTERCONNECTION SERVICES AGREEMENT

The Customer must execute a Solar Photovoltaic Pilot Program and Interconnection Services Agreement with the Company and meet all criteria under OAR Division 84 – Solar Photovoltaic Programs prior to delivery of power to the Company.

In accordance with terms set out in this schedule and the Commission's Rules as applicable, the Customer will receive monthly payment for energy from the Customer's QS based on kWh output, up to Total Monthly Use.

#### VIR PAYMENTS

VIR payments under this pilot occur no later than 45 days from the last day of the Customer's billing period. The VIR payment will be reduced by the amount of the retail bill offset for a net VIR payment. The Customer may choose among three payment options for the net VIR payment: (1) receive a direct payment, (2) have payments netted against the Customer's retail bill, or (3) assign the payment to a single assignee. A one-time assignment fee of \$25 applies for each payment assignment or reassignment.

The Customer is responsible for the minimum monthly charge and all non-volumetric charges related to the retail electricity rate schedule.

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### METERING REQUIREMENTS

The Company will install and own the required QS metering equipment at its expense.

Customers served on this schedule must have a PGE-owned meter that measures QS generation net of parasitic load. This meter must be located on the Customer side of the retail meter and on the AC (output) side of the inverter in a location that measures the entire output of the system. The additional meter does not change the Customer's Service Point (SP).

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### SEMIANNUAL CAPACITY RESERVATION

A customer must apply during the capacity reservation enrollment window beginning at 8 a.m. on April 1 and October 1 of each pilot year. If the 1<sup>st</sup> occurs on a weekend or holiday, the Company will accept applications on the following business day. For Spring 2015, per OPUC Order 15-092, the enrollment window begins at 8 a.m. on May 1, 2015. Capacity is initially allocated by a 24-hour lottery as directed by Commission Order. After capacity fills, remaining customers will be placed on a waitlist in the order of their reservation. In the event capacity becomes available during the enrollment window, Customers on the waitlist will be offered capacity in that order. The waitlist expires at the end of each enrollment period. The enrollment window is open for three months.

If capacity is not filled in the lottery, then capacity is reserved on a first-come, first-served basis.

A capacity reservation deposit of a \$500 minimum or \$20 per kW of the proposed system DC nameplate capacity is required with the capacity reservation application. The deposit is refundable unless the capacity reservation expires or the customer cancels the reservation, in each case the applicant forfeits the deposit.

A capacity reservation expires one year from the Reservation Start Date if the system has not been installed or, if an interconnection application is not filed, two months from the Reservation Start Date. See OARs 860-084-0195 through 860-084-0230 for additional capacity reservation rules.

### SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. Division 84 of the Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) Chapter 860 contains additional details that apply to this pilot.
2. The QS must be constructed from new components and operational no sooner than July 1, 2010.

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3. The Customer-generator is responsible for obtaining all necessary government approvals relating to its QS facility and must meet all applicable building codes and standards including standards specified in OAR 860-084-0260.
4. The Customer-generator is responsible for all costs associated with its QS facility, including interconnection costs incurred by the Company, and is also responsible for all costs related to any modifications to the facility that may be required by the Company resulting from the reviews as provided for in OAR 860-084-0310, 0320 or 0330, as applicable.
5. As provided in OAR 860-084-0340 and where applicable, a manual disconnect switch capable of isolating the QS from the Company's system and accessible to the Company at all times must be provided by the Customer-generator.
6. The estimated kWh output of any QS must not exceed 90% of the actual usage in the most recent 12 billing periods at the premise where the eligible system will be installed. If less than 12 billing periods of actual usage is available at the existing premise or new construction, then the annual usage by a similarly situated Customer may be used or a Customer may submit PGE's load estimation document. The Customer is responsible to determine the appropriate size of the QS. (T)
7. The Customer is not eligible for service under both this schedule and Schedule 203, Net Metering Service for each separately metered account. Each separately metered retail account may only have one QS meter. A Customer is eligible for additional QSs only if the VIR for the additional QS is the same as the first QS.
8. All renewable energy credits (RECs) or other benefits or allowances for which the QS qualifies or creates under current or future law relating to renewable energy are property of the Company.
9. The Company maintains the right to inspect the facilities with reasonable prior notice and at a reasonable time of day.
10. The Company maintains the right to disconnect, without liability, the Customer-generator for issues relating to safety or reliability.

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SPECIAL CONDITIONS (Continued)

11. The Company will not be liable directly or indirectly for permitting or continuing to allow an attachment of a QS, or for the acts or omissions of the Customer-generator that cause loss or injury, including death, to any third party.
12. Participants are required to meet general liability insurance requirements set forth in applicable Solar Photovoltaic Pilot Program and Interconnection Services Agreements in order to protect against injuries to property or persons caused by the QS. The applicable Agreements contain insurance limits and provisions, as well as the basis for making representations of equivalence.

**TERM**

Each Solar Photovoltaic Pilot Program and Interconnection Services Agreement will have a term of 15 years at the applicable VIR. In accordance with OPUC Order No. 14-025, the pilot will close to new capacity reservations on March 31, 2016, or when the cumulative capacity of contracted systems in the pilot reaches 27.5 MW AC statewide per OAR 860-084-0150, whichever comes first.

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