

## **Changing Anniversary Month on Residential Net Metering Account**

National Grid would like you to be aware that you have a one time anniversary month change for your kWh credit (see attached tariff). To find your anniversary month look on the second page of your National Grid bill under **Anniversary Month**. The number located there would be the month your net meter was installed. We do suggest that customers wait a few months to have a chance to see what their production and usage is after the solar array is installed and operational. Once you have a better idea of your usage and production, you can request the anniversary month change. Please note, **you need to submit that request 2 months prior to your existing anniversary** in order for any accumulative credits to remain on your account.

What happens on the anniversary month, is the meter is read and then billed, any excess kWh at that time is pulled off your account and converted to a dollar amount at the SC6 avoided cost rate (wholesale market rate), within 30 to 60 days and then applied to your account as a General dollar credit.

To change your anniversary month, you must email our Distributed Generation group at [DistributedGenerationServices-NY@nationalgrid.com](mailto:DistributedGenerationServices-NY@nationalgrid.com) with your account numbers and your current anniversary month and the new anniversary month that you have selected. Since the kWh is worth more to you on your bill then it is to be cashed out and converted to a dollar amount at the SC6 avoided cost rate (wholesale market rate) which is roughly \$0.03 to \$0.05 per kWh I would suggest having the anniversary changed to a month that most of the kWh, if not all has been used up, and you have not started to overproduced. You are only able to change your anniversary month one time. As noted above, since your array has not been activated or it's only been on for a short period I would suggest you wait till you have a better idea what you are producing and using. If you decided to change the anniversary month, once you send the email out to our Distributed Generation group, the change should occur with in two billing cycles.

### **A note from your Solar Installer:**

We suggest that you change your anniversary date to March or April, when you will have THE LEAST AMOUNT OF ACCUMULATED CREDIT!

With the increased sunshine in the spring and summer months, you begin to accumulate energy credits. These credits will be applied towards your power bill when there is less sun, during the winter months. Every year on your anniversary date, National Grid balances out any unused credits which means: Accumulated and unused solar energy credits will be exchanged for a dollar value and credited on your energy bill.

These credits have less value as dollars than they do as energy and so it makes sense to have your anniversary date fall when you have the least amount of solar energy credits saved up.

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#### GENERAL INFORMATION

1) Net Metering for Solar Electric Generating Equipment, Farm Waste Electric Generating Equipment, Micro-Combined Heat and Power Generating Equipment, Fuel Cell Electric Generating Equipment, and Micro-Hydroelectric Generating Equipment

.4 For Residential Solar and Farm Waste Customer-Generators:

- .4.1 At the end of the net metering year (12 month period), defined as the 12 month period after the effective date of Form "K," or the alternative anniversary date selected by the Customer-Generator in accordance with Rule 36.6.4.1.1 below, and each 12 month period thereafter, any accumulated excess kWh production shall be converted to a cash value and paid to the Customer-Generator at the appropriate service classification's average avoided cost for the applicable period as calculated under Special Provisions C of S.C. No. 6 of this Tariff.

36.6.4.1.1 All eligible Residential Solar and Farm Waste Customer-Generators will have a one-time option to select an individual anniversary date for their annual cash-out of any accumulated excess kWh production.

.5 For Non-Residential Solar and Non-Residential Micro-Hydroelectric Customer-Generators:

- .5.1 Customer-Generators will continue to have any excess kWh production converted to its equivalent value and carried over to each proceeding month on an ongoing basis.

- Solar, Farm Waste, Micro-Combined Heat and Power, Fuel Cell, and Micro-Hydroelectric Customer-Generators may not offset metering credits against bills for usage metered at locations other than the net metering delivery point with the exception of Rule No. 36.7 below.
- Remote Net Metering for Non-Residential Solar Electric Customer-Generators and Farm Waste Customer-Generators

To qualify for remote net metering, the Customer-Generator must be:

36. A non-residential Solar Electric Customer-Generator, as defined in Rule 36.1.2; or  
37. A Farm Waste Customer-Generator, as defined in Rule 36.1.3

A Customer-Generator who qualifies per the above may designate all or a portion of their excess net metering credits generated by such equipment to any property owned or leased and in the same name as the Customer-Generator. The Company reserves the right to obtain proof that all accounts are held by the qualifying Customer-Generator. For purposes of this Rule 36.7, the account where the generator is connected will be defined as the host account and those eligible accounts that are designated by the host account to receive excess net metering credits will be defined as satellite accounts.