GENERAL INFORMATION

58. Host Community Benefit Program

A. Program

Residential electric utility customers taking service under Service Classification Nos. 1, 8, 12 and located within a Renewable Host Community shall be provided with an annual bill credit. The credits shall be provided on the Company's electric bills for accounts of residential customers located within the town(s) or city(ies) that host a Major Renewable Energy Facility.

B. Definitions

"Renewable Host Community" is any municipality, or portion thereof, within which a Major Renewable Energy Facility, as defined herein, has been proposed for development.

"Renewable Owner" is the owner of a Major Renewable Energy Facility that is proposed to be located in a host community, or those with a nameplate generating capacity of at least 25 MW, for which NYSERDA has executed an agreement for the acquisition of environmental attributes related to a solicitation issued by such authority after April 3, 2020.

"Major Renewable Energy Facility" ("MRE") is any Renewable Energy System, as such term is defined in PSL Section 66-p with a nameplate generating capacity of 25 MWs or more, and any co-located system storing energy generated from such renewable energy system prior to delivering it to the bulk transmission system, including all associated appurtenances to electric plants as defined under PSL Section 2, including electric transmission facilities less than ten miles in length or to provide access to load and to integrate such facilities into the state's bulk electric transmission system.

"Renewable Energy Systems" are the systems that generate electricity or thermal energy through use of the following technologies: solar thermal, photovoltaics, on land and offshore wind, hydroelectric, geothermal electric, geothermal ground source heat, tidal energy, wave energy, ocean thermal, and fuel cells which do not utilize a fossil fuel resource in the process of generating electricity, pursuant to PSL Section 66-p.

C. Customer Eligibility

1. A customer that takes service under Service Classification No. 1, Service Classification No. 8, or Service Classification No. 12, whether receiving electricity supply from the Company or an ESCO shall be eligible to receive an annual Bill Credit as described in Section E.
2. The residential customer must reside within the Renewable Host Community where the MRE Facility is located.

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D. Program Fee

1. Renewable Owners shall fund the bill credits provided to the residential customers by paying an annual Program Fee of $500 per MW nameplate capacity for solar generation facilities and $1,000/MW nameplate capacity for wind generation facilities.
2. The Program Fee shall be paid to the Company by December 1 of each year for ten years, beginning with the year in which the MRE Facility begins operations.
3. The Renewable Owner shall identify the MRE Facility associated with the Program Fee, and the town(s) and/or city(ies) within which the Major Renewable Energy Facility is sited ("Renewable Host Community").
4. The Program Fee shall only apply to the generating capacity of the MRE Facility; a storage system facility attached to a MRE Facility shall not impact the calculation of the Program Fee.
5. This program does not apply to generation facilities with capacity of 25 MW or greater based on contracts with NYSERDA for RECs arising from NYSERDA solicitations issued prior to April 3, 2020.

E. Bill Credit

1. The Company shall identify the residential customers located in the Renewable Host Community and their accounts. The Company will disburse the bill credit on the applicable residential utility customers' first electric bill of the following calendar year.
2. The Company shall distribute the annual fees, less an administrative fee as directed by a Commission Order, to eligible residential customers once per year for ten years.
3. The Company shall calculate the annual customer credits as the annual payment received from the MRE Facility, less an administrative fee as directed by a Commission Order, divided by the eligible customers for the upcoming credit year.
4. The annual Bill Credit shall be applied equally to residential electric customers located within the Renewable Host Community.
5. The annual Bill Credit shall be provided on the later of: (1) the first electric bill of the calendar year; or (2) the first electric bill as soon as practicable after the receipt of the annual payment by the Company from the MRE Facility.
6. The annual Bill Credit shall be applied after all other adjustments to a customer's bill.
7. If there are any remaining Bill Credits after applying the annual Bill Credit to the customer's first billing period, the remaining credit shall be applied to subsequent months' bills after all other adjustments and until the Bill Credit is exhausted.
8. Any remaining Bill Credits at the end of a calendar year shall be allowed to roll over to the subsequent year.
9. If a customer discontinues service and there is a credit on the account, the Company shall provide the amount of any remaining credit balance by check. The credit balance will not accrue interest.

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58. Host Community Benefit Program (Cont'd)

E. Bill Credit (Cont'd)

10. If there is a new residential customer that moves in to an eligible residence, the customer of record as of the first billing period of the calendar year will be entitled to the full annual Bill Credit for the calendar year. The Bill Credit shall stay with the customer of record as of the first billing period of the year in the case of an account transfer or disbursed to that customer in the event the customer discontinues service as described in E.8 above.
    a. The new customer shall begin receiving the Bill Credit in the next annual bill credit implementation cycle and will not receive a proration of the bill credit for that Program year.
11. The costs shall be tracked separately and reconciled with revenues collected for the program on an annual basis. Any over/under-collection of the credits compared to the payments available will be included in the next year's credit calculation.