

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSON

DOCKET NO. 2021-AD-19

IN RE: ORDER ESTABLISHING DOCKET TO REVIEW THE
 EFFICACY AND FAIRNESS OF THE NET METERING AND
 INTERCONNECTION RULES

ORDER SEEKING COMMENT

Consistent with the Order Establishing Docket entered in this matter, the Mississippi Public Service Commission (“the Commission”) hereby declares its intent to elicit comments from all parties in this docket regarding the efficacy, fairness, and functionality of the Mississippi Renewable Energy Net Metering Rule (“Net Metering Rule”) and the Mississippi Distributed Generator Interconnection Rule (“Interconnection Rule”).¹ Interested parties desiring to file written comments shall do so no later than **sixty (60) days** from the date of this Order.

Pursuant to the directive of the rule itself,² written comments should address “the efficacy and functionality of the [Net Metering Rule],” and should identify any proposed modifications or changes to the rule with redlined particularity. In addition, the Commission orders that written comments be based upon the commenter’s actual experience and/or knowledge gained over the five (5) years that the Rule has been in effect.

¹ Full text copies of these Rules are publicly available at [https://www.psc.ms.gov/sites/default/files/Net%20Metering%20Exhibt%20A%20\(revised\).pdf](https://www.psc.ms.gov/sites/default/files/Net%20Metering%20Exhibt%20A%20(revised).pdf).

² See Net Metering Rule at Chapter 07 (“Reopener”).

To aid in eliciting targeted data and relevant information, the Commission specifically seeks comments responding to a series of issues and questions set out below. Comments need not be limited only to the questions presented, but should be tailored to the issues of overall efficacy and functionality, with a goal of improving the existing Net Metering and/or Interconnection Rules:

1. Have the Net Metering and Interconnection Rules been effective in creating meaningful access to renewable self-supply opportunities for Mississippi electric customers?
2. What, if any, modifications to the Net Metering and Interconnection Rules could meaningfully increase customer access to renewable self-supply?
3. What, if any, modifications to the Net Metering and Interconnection Rules would incentivize increased participation by both net metering customers and industry providers such as developers, designers, installers and maintenance providers for distributed generation facilities?
4. What, if any, modifications to the Net Metering and Interconnection Rules should the Commission consider to increase low-income access to, and participation in, net metering?
5. What, if any, modifications to the Net Metering and Interconnection Rules should the Commission consider to better enable commercial and industrial enterprises to self-supply?
6. What, if any, modifications should be made to the annual reporting requirements of the current Net Metering Rule?

7. Should the Commission modify or remove the existing cap(s) on total installed net metering capacity?

8. Should the Commission modify the timing or manner in which net metering customers are credited or compensated for excess energy exported to the grid?³

9. What measures or mechanisms could most equitably reduce the up-front cost burdens faced by customers interested in self-supply through net metering?

10. What role, if any, should the Mississippi Public Utilities Staff serve in reviewing facilities studies for Level 2 and/or 3 interconnections?

11. In light of the Commission's recent approval of advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) for Entergy and Mississippi Power Company, are bi-directional meters still needed for effective net metering?

12. To the extent a commenter proposes a new or different compensation scheme, please explain how that proposal would directly affect a Mississippi customer's ability to self-supply. Answers to this question should include any relevant studies, surveys, financial modeling or other specific data-driven evidence supporting the position.

13. Should the Net Metering Rule incorporate uniform rules or standards applicable to community solar projects and, if so, in what way and to what extent?

³ See Net Metering Rule Chapter 03, part 108.

14. Should the Commission continue to condition a customer's receipt of the additional compensation allowed by the non-quantifiable benefits adder on the customer's voluntary transfer of their REC ownership?

15. Should the Commission permit meter aggregation by a single net metering customer/owner?

16. How could the Net Metering Rule most effectively and accurately incorporate new or developing distributed energy resources, such as battery storage?

17. What role, if any, should the Commission's Joint Solar Safety and Net Metering Working Group⁴ continue to serve going forward?

18. What measures and mechanisms should the Commission consider to better enable schools, state and local government bodies, and other non-profit or tax-exempt entities to participate in net metering?

After the sixty-day comment has expired, all filed comments and submissions will be reviewed by the Commission and will be available to the public via the Commission's Website or by making a public records request. Any final proposed changes to the rules will be made in full accordance with the provisions of the Mississippi Administrative Procedures Act, Miss. Code Ann. § 25-43-1.101, *et seq.* and Rule 26 of the Public Utilities Rules of Practice and Procedure.

⁴ See Order Adopting Net Metering Rule at p. 21, Docket No. 2011-AD-2 (Dec. 3, 2015), *available at* https://www.psc.state.ms.us/InSiteConnect/InSiteView.aspx?model=INSITE_CONNECT&queue=CTS_ARCHIVEQ&docid=562242.

The Executive Secretary is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this Order to all parties of record, the Office of the Attorney General, all affected public utilities and any other parties of interest identified.

This Order shall be deemed issued on the day it is served upon the parties herein by the Executive Secretary of the Commission who shall note the service date in the file of this Docket.

SO ORDERED THIS the 2nd day of February, 2021.

Chairman Dane Maxwell voted aye; Commissioner Brent Bailey voted aye, and Commissioner Brandon Presley voted aye.

MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



Dane Maxwell
Dane Maxwell, Chairman

Brent Bailey
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Brandon Presley
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Attest: A True and Correct Copy

Katherine Collier

Katherine Collier,
Executive Secretary

Effective this the 2nd day of February, 2021.