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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1004

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO REQUIRE ELECTRIC UTILITIES TO COMPENSATE
9 NET-METERING CUSTOMERS FOR NET EXCESS GENERATION
10 CREDITS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; AND FOR OTHER
11 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 TO REQUIRE ELECTRIC UTILITIES TO
15 COMPENSATE NET-METERING CUSTOMERS FOR NET
16 EXCESS GENERATION CREDITS IN CERTAIN
17 CIRCUMSTANCES.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 23-18-604(b)(6), concerning the authority
24 of the Arkansas Public Service Commission, is amended to read as follows:

25 (6) Shall provide that:

26 (A) The electric utility shall purchase at the electric
27 utility's avoided costs of wholesale power minus a transmission fee not
28 exceeding ten percent (10%) any net excess generation credit remaining in a
29 net-metering customer's account at:

30 (i)(a) At the close of an annual a monthly billing
31 cycle, up to an amount equal to four (4) months' average usage during the
32 annual billing cycle that is closing, shall be credited to the net-metering
33 customer's account for use during the next annual billing cycle.

34 (b) However, if the total amount of the
35 purchase price to be paid under subdivision (b)(6)(A)(i)(a) of this section
36 is less than one hundred dollars (\$100), the electric utility may credit the



1 net-metering customer's account for the purchase price rather than purchasing
 2 the net excess generation credits; and

3 (ii) When the net-metering customer:

4 (a) Ceases to be a customer of the electric
 5 utility;

6 (b) Ceases to operate the net-metering
 7 facility; or

8 (c) Transfers the net-metering facility to
 9 another person; and

10 ~~(B) Except as provided in subdivision (b)(6)(A) of this~~
 11 ~~section, any net excess generation credit remaining in a net-metering~~
 12 ~~customer's account at the close of an annual billing cycle shall expire; and~~

13 ~~(C) Any~~ (B) A renewable energy credit created as the
 14 result of electricity supplied by a net-metering customer is the property of
 15 the net-metering customer that generated the renewable energy credit.

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 17 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 23-18-604, concerning the authority of the
 18 Arkansas Public Service Commission, is amended to add additional subsections
 19 to read as follows:

20 (c)(1) As used in this section, "avoided costs" means the same as
 21 defined in § 23-3-702.

22 (2) Avoided costs shall be determined under § 23-3-704.

23 (d)(1) Except as provided in subdivision (d)(2) of this section, an
 24 electric utility shall separately meter, bill, and credit each net-metering
 25 facility even if one (1) or more net-metering facilities are under common
 26 ownership.

27 (2) At the net-metering customer's discretion, an electric
 28 utility may apply net-metering credits from a net-metering facility to the
 29 bill for another meter location if the net-metering facility and the separate
 30 meter location are under common ownership.