

# FAQs: Texas Net Metering

*Please note that this FAQ applies only to customers served in the Texas service area.*

## **Senate Bill 1910**

### **What is Senate Bill 1910 all about?**

In part, Senate Bill 1910 amended Chapter 39, Utilities Code, to allow rollback net metering for small distributed renewable generation (DRG or renewable) facilities in Texas. S.B. 1910 was signed into law by Governor Perry on June 17, 2011. This bill reflects provisions agreed to by both the City of El Paso and El Paso Electric (EPE).

### **When does this law take effect?**

It was effective immediately.

### **Does that mean Rollback Net Metering is now available to EPE customers?**

Starting September 2011, Rollback Net Metering service is available to all EPE customers.

## **Rollback Net Metering**

### **Who qualifies for Rollback Net Metering?**

Two types of customers qualify for Rollback Net Metering:

1. DRG owners that interconnect an apartment house occupied by low-income elderly tenants that qualifies for master metering under [Section 184.012\(b\)](#) and the renewable facility is reasonably expected to generate not less than 50 percent of the apartment house's annual electricity use; or
2. DRG owners that have a qualifying facility with a design capacity of not more than 50 kilowatts.

However, the DRG facility must be rated to produce an amount of electricity that is less than or equal to:

1. The owner's estimated annual kilowatt hour consumption for a new apartment house or qualifying facility; or
2. The amount of electricity the owner consumed in the year before installation of the DRG facility.

### **How does Rollback Net Metering work?**

Rollback Net Metering works by installing a special, yet simple, meter that is capable of measuring both energy being delivered to a customer and energy received from a customer. When energy is delivered to a customer, such as in the evening hours, the meter runs forward. During the day, if the renewable generating facility is producing more energy than the customer is using, the meter runs backward and, in effect, reversing the energy measured the previous evening.

If, at the end of the billing period (about every 30 days), you've used more electricity than your system generated, you pay the retail price of your applicable tariff schedule for that extra electricity. If you've generated more than you've used, then EPE pays you for the extra electricity, at its avoided cost, via a credit to your monthly bill. If the credits applied to your account result with a credit balance greater than \$50, EPE will send you a refund check for the credit balance.

**Does Rollback Net Metering benefit all qualifying customers?**

Rollback Net Metering provides qualifying systems the greatest benefit as compared to the other metering options. Under the rollback net metering option, customers avoid the additional monthly charge contained in EPE's Rate 48 – Non-Firm Purchased Power Service and the customer's total generation is netted against their consumption during each month. If a customer's system generates more than the customer uses in a month, all net generated energy is purchased by EPE at its avoided cost.

**What do I need to do to receive Rollback Net Metering?**

To qualify for net metering, customer must submit an Interconnection Application Packet to Corporate Development Department at El Paso Electric. Interconnection application forms can be found on EPE's website at [www.epelectric.com/](http://www.epelectric.com/) Residential Services/Renewable Energy Tab.