

## Net Metering and Solar FAQ's

### **Q. How do I apply for the TMLP Net Metering Program?**

A. To apply for net metering, you must fill out a net metering application, an interconnection agreement, a 1-line diagram and a copy of the customer-contractor agreement. Once these are received at TMLP, they are reviewed and ultimately approved by TMLP management. You will be notified by e-mail and/or mail.

### **Q. How much is the solar rebate?**

A. TMLP's residential solar rebate funding ended on May 31, 2024.

### **Q. How big of a system can I apply for?**

A. You can apply for and install any size system that covers the interconnected meter's consumption. TMLP will analyze larger proposed residential solar installations under the initial project review to insure compatibility with TMLP system and capacity on the TMLP circuit.

### **Q. I'm a commercial customer. Is there a maximum size system size that I can install on my property?**

A. TMLP currently has two net metering categories, the 1st is for customers with generating systems of 60 kW AC or less and the second is for customers with generating systems between 60 kW AC and 2,000 kW AC. The maximum system size may not exceed 50% of the customer's highest peak demand for the preceding 12 month period, as determined by TMLP. Systems sized 60 kW AC to 2,000 kW AC requires a Distribution System Impact Review by TMLP and arrays greater than 1MW AC will require a level 3 ISO system study (at the ISO timeline) in addition to the TMLP Interconnection study. The direct costs will be passed through to the array owner. Anything greater than that and a Purchased Power Agreement (PPA) must be negotiated with the TMLP.

### **Q. Can I install additional solar systems on my property?**

A. If you choose to add to an existing system, it must be reviewed and approved by TMLP prior to installation.

### **Q. Can I lease a system from a third party and install it on my property?**

A. Yes, as long as you are leasing the solar system from the company and are not purchasing any solar power from the company. Any power generated from a third party would have to be purchased by TMLP and would constitute a Purchased Power Agreement (PPA). The same applies for a commercial customer.

**Q. Some solar companies state that they don't do business in TMLP territory. Why is that?**

A. Again, most of these companies that "don't do business" in TMLP territory don't have financial models that work with TMLP's net metering rate.

**Q. Can I use the energy from my solar system on another account? Another property?**

A. No, energy generated from a solar system must be applied to the meter of the account holder of record. Applying the energy usage to another account or property is not permitted as that is considered retail wheeling and not allowed in TMLP service territory.

**Q. How does it work if I generate more energy than I take in from TMLP?**

A. If the electricity generated by the Customer exceeds consumption and is distributed back to TMLP during the billing period, then the Customer shall be billed for the same monthly service charge as applied to other customers of the TMLP in the same rate class; not be charged any kilowatt-hours taken from TMLP and shall be credited for the net excess kilowatt-hours generated as applied to the generation and Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) charges during the billing period; with this kilowatt-hour credit appearing on Customer's bill for the following billing period.

$(\text{Consumption from TMLP}) - (\text{Excess Generation put onto the TMLP Grid}^*) - (\text{PCA Cost}) + (\text{TMLP Monthly Service Charge}) = \text{Your Invoice Amount}$

\*Excess generation is credited at the 'generation charge' for your rate. Please see TMLP rate sheets for the exact amount: <https://www.tmlp.com/electric/rates/>

**Q. Does the TMLP claim REC's etc. associated with a solar project?**

A. At this time, TMLP does not claim the Renewable Energy Certificates (REC). However, there is an exception for any residential arrays participating in and built during the DOER MLP Solar Rebate program, which ended June 30, 2021.

**Q. Does the TMLP do the installation or recommend contractors that would sell / install the system?**

A. No, TMLP does not install the system nor recommend contractors to do the installation as we are a municipal entity and prohibited by law from doing so. TMLP provides the net meter at the end of a project and inspects the completed system.

**Q. What if I sell my house or business and I have a solar / net metering system?**

A. If a residential or commercial customer sells their house or commercial property with an active solar / net metering system, the new owner would need to sign TMLP's "[Net Metering Interconnection Agreement](#)" in order for the new owner to actively generate electricity and participate in the TMLP Net Metering program.

**Q. Can I install a battery backup with my array?**

A. All battery backup/storage requests must include [Battery Backup Verification & Rebate Application Document](#), 1-line diagram showing battery backup, battery product technical information sheet and copy of city/town wire inspector's approval of referenced battery backup system.

[Commercial account battery backup form](#).

**Q. Can I install additional battery backup units on my property and receive a rebate?**

A. Only one rebate per customer is allowed under the battery backup/storage rebate program. If you choose to add to an existing unit, it must be reviewed and approved by TMLP.

**Q. Can I receive another battery backup rebate if I install a unit at another property I own in the TMLP territory?**

A. No, only one (1) rebate per customer of record regardless of how many owned properties within the TMLP service territory.

**Q. Can I assign the rebate check to be payable to a third party such as solar contractor?**

A. No. The rebate check must be payable to the TMLP Customer of Record where the system was installed.