

To: BED customers who receive solar incentive credits

From: BED

Date: ~~September 15, 2022~~

Subject: Proposed change to solar incentive amount

On September 2, 2022, Burlington Electric Department (“BED”) filed a proposed change to its solar incentive amount for review and approval by the Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) in Case No. 22-3947-TF. In this Case, BED proposes to return the solar incentive amount to ~~its original amount of~~ \$0.052265 per kWh, ~~that was which was the rate~~ in effect prior to August 1, 2021. Currently, the solar incentive amount for NM 1.1 systems is \$0.04118.

BED has requested that the tariff revision be effective October 1, 2022.

In BED’s 2021 rate case, Case No. 21-2186-TF, ~~based on the Department of Public Service’s (“Department’s”) recommendation, BED a reduction in the solar incentive amount, from \$0.052265 to \$0.041185, was approved to account for the 7.5% rate increase that was requested in 2021.~~

After this solar incentive reduction, it came to the attention of the Department of Public Service that existing NM 1.1 customers had experienced a reduction of their net-metering credits. As a result, the Department of Public Service made an informal recommendation to BED that the solar incentive for net-metering 1.1 systems remain unaltered for the first 10 years, as provided by 30 V.S.A. § 219a(h)(1)(K)(v) of 2015.

~~Following the Commission’s approval of this rate increase in Case No. 21-2186-TF, a net-metering customer who receives solar incentive credits contacted the Department to question this change. As a result, the Department determined that the solar incentive amount should be returned to its pre-August 1, 2021, amount of \$0.052265 and requested that BED submit this change to the Commission.~~

To accomplish this, it was decided the solar incentive amount should be returned to its pre-August 1, 2021, amount of \$0.052265 and requested that BED submit this change to the Commission.

The Department also proposed several additional text changes to BED’s net-metering tariff which BED has also submitted for Commission approval in Case No. 22-3947-TF.

BED has also requested permission from the Commission to pay customers the difference between the two amounts for the period when the credit was reduced on August 1, 2021, to the date the credit returns to the higher level. If the Commission approves BED’s requested changes in Case No. 22-3947, you can expect to see a future credit on your electric bill.

~~In conjunction with its review of the solar incentive question described above, the Department proposed several additional text changes to BED’s net-metering tariff which BED has also submitted for Commission approval in Case No. 22-3947-TF.~~

Customers can access the documents filed in Case No. 22-3947-TF online at ePUC.vermont.gov. Additionally, customers can contact BED staff with questions at customercarehelp@burlingtonelectric.com or 802-865-7300.