

32. Community Solar Program

Availability: This rider applies to all BGE customer classes that have subscribed to Subscriber Organizations that have been approved by the Maryland Public Service Commission to participate in the Community Solar Program set forth in the Maryland Public Utilities Article § 7-306.2 and subtitle 62 of Title 20 of Code of Maryland Regulations. BGE shall continue to facilitate the operation of a Subscriber Organization that was granted a queue position by the Company during the pilot or constructed during the pilot until the final CSEGS associated with the subscriber organization is decommissioned.

Definitions: In addition to the definitions provided in Code of Maryland Regulations 20.62, the following definitions are used for the purposes of this rider.

Community Solar Energy Generating System (CSEGS): The physical solar energy generating facility as defined in Maryland Public Utilities Article § 7-306.2(a)3.

Subscriber Organization: The body responsible for maintaining Subscribers and providing the list of Subscribers to the utility for billing. A Subscriber Organization must be a customer of any BGE electric tariff schedule. The Subscriber Organization must be the name on the account for the CSEGS with BGE and must have obtained a Subscriber Organization Number from the Maryland Public Service Commission (PSC).

Subscriber: A Subscriber is a customer of any BGE electric tariff schedule that has subscribed with a Subscriber Organization or Subscription Coordinator for a portion of the output produced by a CSEGS.

Subscription Coordinator: A person who performs one of the following functions: markets CSEGS projects or otherwise provides CSEGS-related services; performs any administrative actions to connect or enroll customers with CSEGS projects or allocate subscriptions; or manages interactions between a Subscriber Organization and the Company relating to subscribers.

Administrative Fee: A fee that is charged by the Company to a Subscriber Organization or Subscription Coordinator that has elected to use Consolidated Billing.

Consolidated Billing: A payment mechanism that requires the Company to, at the request of a Subscriber Organization or Subscription Coordinator:

- (1) Include the monthly subscription charge of a Subscriber Organization or Subscription Coordinator on the monthly bills rendered by BGE for the electric service and supply to Subscribers; and
- (2) Remit Payment for those charges to the Subscriber Organization or Subscription Coordinator.

Net Bill Credit: The remaining credit on a bill rendered by the Company for electric service to a Subscriber that is participating in Consolidated Billing.

Savings Rate: A percentage set by a Subscriber Organization or Subscription Coordinator for a Subscriber which represents the discount to the Subscriber's energy charges provided by the subscribed energy.

Monthly Subscription Charge: An amount charged by a Subscriber Organization or Subscription Coordinator to a Subscriber in exchange for subscribed energy.

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Virtual Net Excess Generation: The amount of electricity generated by a CSEGS and attributed to a subscriber that would result in a negative kilowatt-hour reading at the end of the subscriber's billing cycle if applied to the subscriber's bill by the electric company as a reduction in metered kilowatt-hours.

Subscriber: A Subscriber is a BGE Customer taking service on any electric Tariff Schedule being billed the charges that would be assigned if the Subscriber were not participating in this program. A Subscriber may subscribe to more than one subscription from more than one CSEGS, but no more than four subscriptions in total, and may also participate in net-metering. A Subscriber may not subscribe for greater than 200% of their annual baseline energy, including any net-metering, if applicable. The Subscriber will be allocated a bill credit for a percentage of the monthly output of the CSEGS as provided to BGE by the Subscriber Organization.

A Subscriber will receive a monthly dollar credit on their bill that will be the equivalent of their subscription percentage of the CSEGS monthly generation amount applied to all energy charges on the Subscriber's Bill. If the Subscriber is with a third-party supplier, the monthly dollar credit on their bill will be the equivalent of their subscription allocation of the CSEGS monthly generation amount applied to all energy charges and their third-party supply rate, where available through a PSC-approved predefined and standardized electronic process across all Maryland utilities. If the third-party supply rate is unavailable, or the Subscriber has not chosen a third-party supplier, the applicable BGE Standard Offer Service Rate will be used. Supply portions of the credit provided to Subscribers and incremental costs will be recovered through the applicable SOS Rider. The distribution portion of the credits provided to Subscribers will be treated as a reduction to the actual revenues collected in the calculation of the Rider 25 monthly rate adjustment where applicable; all other distribution credits will be recovered through base distribution rates. Depending on timing of notification from the Subscriber Organization of the Subscriber's subscription amount, it may take up to two billing cycles, or more, before a bill credit is applied to the Subscriber's bill. Subscriptions may not take effect retroactively.

A customer has two options for accruing virtual net excess generation. The first option is that on or before 30 days after the billing cycle that is complete immediately prior to the end of April each year, BGE will issue checks for, or apply bill credits to the bill of each eligible Subscriber, a true-up for any virtual net excess generation. The dollar value of any virtual net excess generation shall be equal to the generation portion of the rate that the Subscriber would have been charged by the Company averaged for up to twelve months representing the period starting with the previous May and ending with the billing cycle an account is closed multiplied by the number of kilowatt-hours of virtual net excess generation. The second option is that a Subscriber will accrue virtual net excess generation for an indefinite period since the customer's last annual true-up or the start of service under this Rider if a true-up has not been completed. The Subscriber will be defaulted into the first option unless the second option is requested in writing or on a form accepted by the Commission. A customer may designate a third-party to submit an accrual election form on their behalf. Once a Subscriber elects to accrue virtual net excess generation for an indefinite period, the Subscriber may not elect to switch to accruing virtual net excess generation for a period not to exceed 12 months unless the Company approves the switch. The Company will approve a request to revert to the default option if no other requests to switch options have been made during each 12-month period from the date of the indefinite accrual election. The election to revert to the default option must take place prior to March 1 of that year to be effective for that year.

Within 15 days after the date the Subscriber closes the Subscriber's account or their subscription is cancelled, the Company shall pay the Subscriber for the dollar value of any accrued virtual net excess generation remaining at the time the account is closed or the subscription ends.

Subscriber Organization: Prior to applying for an Interconnection Agreement for this program, a Subscriber Organization must first be granted permission to participate in this program by the PSC and have received a Subscriber Organization Identification Number. Once the Subscriber Organization has an

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Identification Number, they must apply to BGE for an Interconnection Agreement under Code of Maryland Regulations 20.50.09, indicating a request to participate in the program. Interconnection Applications will be processed in the order in which the completed Interconnection Applications are received. A Subscriber Organization is responsible for interconnection costs as set forth in Rider 29 – Maryland Cost Allocation Method (“MCAM”).

A CSEGS may not exceed 5 MW in AC rated capacity. A CSEGS may not be located on the same or an adjacent parcel of land as an existing or proposed CSEGS if the total installed capacity of all CSEGS on the same or adjacent parcel would exceed 5 MW unless constructed on one of the following:

- A building rooftop,
- On multilevel parking structures,
- Areas zoned for industrial use,
- On brownfield locations and clean fill sites,
- Over a parking lot or roadway,
- On multilevel parking structures,
- On or over transportation or public rights-of-way,
- At airports, On land that:
 - Was previously zoned for industrial use or is ecologically compromised; and
 - Is not targeted for mitigation or restoration; or
- In any location if the combined capacity of all community solar energy generating systems on the same or adjacent parcel does not exceed 10 megawatts and:
 - At least 75% of the aggregate capacity of the co-located community solar energy generating system serves LMI subscribers;
 - For a site without a community solar energy generating system installed before the start of the program, all of the community solar energy generating systems installed after the start of the program are used for agrivoltaics; or
 - For a site with a community solar energy generating system installed before the start of the program, each new community solar energy generating system installed after the start of the program is used for agrivoltaics.

A CSEGS is subject to all tariff provisions applicable under the schedule they are placed, and the provisions contained herein. Subject to approval by the Company, a Subscriber Organization may choose either to connect the CSEGS to the electric meter of a subscriber or the CSEGS may be metered separately. If the CSEGS is connected to the electric meter of a subscriber, the greater of the total input demand or the CSEGS rated capacity shall determine the Tariff Schedule. If the CSEGS is separately metered, then the CSEGS rated capacity shall determine the CSEGS Tariff Schedule. A CSEGS facility with a capacity greater than 1 MW will be placed on Primary Service, unless the CSEGS facility is located where there is existing service in which case the CSEGS facility’s service shall match the existing service (secondary or primary). Metering will be divided into an input and an output channel. All usage on the input channel will be billed in accordance with the applicable tariff schedule as determined above. All generation on the output channel will be used in the calculation of the Subscriber Credits. BGE reserves the right to change the bill cycle of the account of the CSEGS facility to facilitate efficient subscriber credit calculation.

A Subscriber Organization must provide a partially executed Interconnection Agreement, in conjunction with a CSEGS Program Application. Program Applications shall be processed in the order in which they are received. BGE will notify the Subscriber Organization of receipt of the Program Application and whether the Program Application is complete within 5 business days. A Subscriber Organization receiving notice of an incomplete Program Application shall revise and resubmit within 10 days of receiving the notice. A list of accepted projects can be found on BGE.com.

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A CSEGS Identification Number will be assigned to the Subscriber Organization's specific CSEGS upon a complete and accepted Program Application.

Program Applications will only be accepted in electronic format as defined by BGE. To apply for capacity in an electric company's program queue, a Subscriber Organization shall provide the following to the electric company upon Program Application:

- A partially executed Interconnection Agreement
- One of the following:
 - For a CSEGS with a generating station capacity larger than 2MWac (megawatt alternating current) and not on a rooftop, a completeness determination issued by the Commission or a Public Utility Law Judge in response to an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity (CPCN) requesting authorization to construct the CSEGS.
 - For a CSEGS with a non-generating station capacity of 2MWac or less or on a rooftop, a receipt confirming the filing fee from a local jurisdiction demonstrating application for at least one of the following permits: 1) a Site Plan Review Application, 2) a Zoning Conditional Use Application, 3) a Zoning Variance Application, 4) a Zoning Certificate of Use Application, 5) a Special Exception Application, 6) a Board of Appeals Hearing Application, or 7) a Building Permit Application. If one of the preceding is not available due to preliminary action required by the jurisdiction, the Subscriber Organization may provide a receipt confirming completion of the preliminary action in lieu of one of the permits listed above. If a subscriber organization is unable to provide confirmation of the required permit application within 120 days of application, the Company may rescind the award of project capacity.
- Proof of site control:
 - Evidence of property ownership;
 - An executed lease agreement; or
 - A signed option to purchase or lease.

If a project fails to begin operating within 24 months of submission of a completed application, it shall be removed from the queue unless a \$50 per kW deposit is paid to maintain its spot in the program queue for 12 additional months. If a project fails to begin operating within 36 months of application, the electric company shall remove the project from the electric company's program queue. A project may lose its place in the queue if the Subscriber Organization does not complete any item required. BGE will notify a Subscriber organization prior to removal from the program. The Company shall retain a record of a project's kWh's applied to each subscriber's account for a period of 7 years. For all projects waitlisted under the pilot, the Company shall maintain the program's queue in order of the date and time of each project's application under the pilot regardless of pilot category unless removed herein.

A Subscriber Organization (or Subscription Coordinator) shall maintain a minimum average subscription size of 2 kW and may subscribe as many accounts as needed to match each CSEGS's capacity. The Subscriber Organization will ensure in the Program Application that each Subscriber authorizes the Company to release that Subscriber's account information as necessary to the Subscriber Organization or Subscription Coordinator once the Subscriber's signed consent is provided to the Company. The Company shall provide access to customer billing and usage data to a Subscriber Organization or Subscription.

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Coordinator if the customer provides BGE with affirmative consent that is accompanied by a written or electronic signature.

A Subscriber Organization must provide BGE, following requirements set forth by BGE, with a Subscriber List, in electronic data format, indicating the proportion of a CSEGS output that shall be applied to each Subscriber's bill including, but not limited to:

- CSEGS Identification Number
- Subscriber Organization Identification Number
- Subscriber Organization Name
- Each Subscriber's Account Number and Electric Choice ID
- Percentage share of each Subscriber
- Savings rate for each Subscriber participating in Consolidated Billing

Non-compatible or incorrect Subscriber List information will be provided to the Subscriber Organization. BGE will apply credits using the most recently updated Subscriber List provided by the Subscriber Organization. Subscriptions associated with ineligible Subscribers (such as Subscribers that are not BGE customers or have finalized their BGE accounts) will be treated as Unsubscribed Energy. Unsubscribed Energy will be banked by the Company in monthly kWh blocks. Unsubscribed Energy will be allocated to Subscribers at the request of the Subscriber Organization during the 12 months following the month it was generated. The Company shall allocate Unsubscribed Energy in the first full billing cycle after submission of instructions by the Subscriber Organization. Any Unsubscribed Energy remaining after 12 months from banking will be credited to the Subscriber Organization at the net hourly PJM locational marginal price (LMP) in the BGE Zone. No retroactive corrections or changes can be made to Subscriber information or allocation percentage. Instructions for the allocation of Unsubscribed Energy will be posted on the Company website at www.bge.com.

BGE shall provide a Subscriber Organization with a report detailing each subscriber's credit allocation no later than the last day of the calendar month following the month of the CSEG meter reading.

Consolidated Billing: A Subscriber Organization or Subscription Coordinator associated with a CSEGS may elect to participate in Consolidated Billing for one, more, or all accounts subscribed to a CSEGS. Under Consolidated Billing, BGE will include the monthly subscription charge of a Subscriber Organization or Subscription Coordinator on the monthly bill rendered by BGE for electric service. Any payout for accrued virtual net excess generation to a Subscriber will also be reduced by the subscription charge of a Subscriber Organization or Subscription Coordinator. BGE will remit payment for the subscription charge to the Subscriber Organization or Subscription Coordinator in accordance with Code of Maryland Regulations 20.62.06.

The Subscriber's monthly dollar credit will be reduced by the monthly subscription charge, which results in the net bill credit. In each billing period for each Subscriber account under Consolidated Billing, the Company will: (a) calculate the dollar amount of the net bill credit for a Subscriber by multiplying the savings rate for each Subscriber account provided by the Subscriber Organization or Subscription Coordinator in the Subscriber List by the monthly dollar credit and (b) calculate the dollar amount of the subscription charge by subtracting the net bill credit from the monthly dollar credit. The Company shall deduct a Subscriber's net bill credit from the monthly electric energy charges due. For a Subscriber on budget billing, the Company shall deduct a Subscriber's net bill credit from the Subscriber's monthly budget billing amount.

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The Company will assess an Administrative Fee on Subscriber Organizations or Subscription Coordinators who chose to enroll their Subscribers in Consolidated Billing for use of the Company's billing services. The Administrative Fee will be 1% of the monthly dollar credit or dollar value of accrued virtual net excess generation for each of their Subscriber's enrolled in Consolidated Billing. If BGE revises the Administrative Fee, it may not exceed the fee that was in effect when the Subscriber Organization or Subscription Coordinator elected for the CSEGS represented by the Subscriber Organization or Subscription Coordinator to participate in Consolidated Billing. The Company may adjust the Administrative Fee not more than once per year.

BGE shall provide a Subscriber Organization or Subscription Coordinator with Subscribers participating in Consolidated Billing with the following reports: (a) a report detailing each subscriber's net credit details as specified in Code of Maryland Regulations 20.62.06 no later than 60 days after the CSEGS meter readings by the Company and (b) a summary of any Consolidated Billing errors by April 1 of each year.