

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, AUGUST 2, 2011

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of November 30, 2004 (P.L.1672, No.213),  
2 entitled "An act providing for the sale of electric energy  
3 generated from renewable and environmentally beneficial  
4 sources, for the acquisition of electric energy generated  
5 from renewable and environmentally beneficial sources by  
6 electric distribution and supply companies and for the powers  
7 and duties of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission,"  
8 further providing for definitions.

9 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
10 hereby enacts as follows:

11 Section 1. The definitions of "customer-generator" and "net  
12 metering" in section 2 of the act of November 30, 2004  
13 (P.L.1672, No.213), known as the Alternative Energy Portfolio  
14 Standards Act, amended July 17, 2007 (P.L.114, No.35), are  
15 amended to read:

16 Section 2. Definitions.

17 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall  
18 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
19 context clearly indicates otherwise:

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21 "Customer-generator." A nonutility owner [or], operator or

1 lessee of a net metered distributed generation system with a  
2 nameplate capacity of not greater than 50 kilowatts if installed  
3 at a residential service or not larger than 3,000 kilowatts at  
4 other customer service locations, except for customers whose  
5 systems are above three megawatts and up to five megawatts who  
6 make their systems available to operate in parallel with the  
7 electric utility during grid emergencies as defined by the  
8 regional transmission organization or where a microgrid is in  
9 place for the primary or secondary purpose of maintaining  
10 critical infrastructure, such as homeland security assignments,  
11 emergency services facilities, hospitals, traffic signals,  
12 wastewater treatment plants or telecommunications facilities,  
13 provided that technical rules for operating generators  
14 interconnected with facilities of an electric distribution  
15 company, electric cooperative or municipal electric system have  
16 been promulgated by the Institute of Electrical and Electronic  
17 Engineers and the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.

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19 "Net metering." The means of measuring the difference  
20 between the electricity supplied by an electric utility and the  
21 electricity generated by a customer-generator when any portion  
22 of the electricity generated by the alternative energy  
23 generating system is used to offset part or all of the customer-  
24 generator's requirements for electricity. Virtual meter  
25 aggregation on properties owned or leased and operated by a  
26 customer-generator and located within [two miles of the  
27 boundaries of the customer-generator's property and within] a  
28 single electric distribution company's service territory shall  
29 be eligible for net metering.

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1       Section 2.   This act shall take effect in 60 days.