

Decision 11-07-031 - July 14, 2011

CALIFORNIA SOLAR INITIATIVE PHASE ONE MODIFICATIONS

Summary of relevant sections for Virtual Net Metering Expansion Workshop

Conclusions of Law – Paragraphs related to VNM:

[2] VNM tariffs should be expanded to allow any residential, commercial or industrial multi-tenant or multi-meter property to take VNM service and thereby receive the benefits of a solar energy system and net energy metering.

[3] For properties other than MASH-participating affordable housing developments, an expanded VNM tariff should be limited to accounts served by a single SDP.

[4] It is not necessary for a customer to have received a CSI incentive to receive VNM service.

[5] The expanded VNM tariff can apply to any DG technology that is eligible for a full retail rate credit under net energy metering.

Ordering Paragraph relevant to VNM:

[2] Within 60 days of the effective date of this decision, Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Southern California Edison Company and San Diego Gas and Electric Company (collectively, the utilities) shall each file Tier 2 advice letters containing modifications to their Net Energy Metering tariffs to allow Virtual Net Metering (VNM) to apply to all multi-tenant and multi-meter properties, with the limitation that sharing of bill credits can only occur for accounts served by a single service delivery point that receive a full retail rate credit unless the customer is a Multifamily Solar Housing Program participant. The revised tariffs in these advice letters should mirror the tariff created in compliance with Decision 08-10-036 for Multifamily Affordable Solar Housing (MASH) program participants. Any deviations from the MASH VNM tariffs should be explained and supported in the advice letter. The utilities may propose a one time account set up fee and monthly administrative fee for VNM service. The utilities may seek recovery of VNM implementation and set up costs in their future general rate cases.

The full decision is available online:

http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PUBLISHED/FINAL_DECISION/139683.htm

Table 1. Fee Summary

Proposed Account Assessment, Account Set-up, Billing and Credit Modification Fees for Virtual Net Metering				
Utility	Site Assessment	Account Set-up	Monthly Billing	Credit Modifications
PG&E	\$550.00 Billed to Owner; \$91 per additional system on site	\$12.00 per Benefitting Account; Billed to Owner	--	\$3.00 per account being modified; Billed to Owner
SCE	\$600.00 Billed to Generating Account; \$65 per additional system on site	\$33.00 per Benefitting Account; Billed to Generating Account	--	\$11.02 per Benefitting Account for each change; Billed to Generating Account.
SDG&E	--	1-4 units--\$100 5-10 units--\$200 >10 units -- \$500 Billed to Customer-Generator account	1-4 units--\$5.00 5-10 units--\$10.00 >10 units -- \$30.00 Billed to Customer-Generator account	\$8.00 per account modified* Billed to Customer-Generator account <small>*Modifications can only be made once in a 12 month period</small>