



Policy No:
Title: Renewable Energy Rebates
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SUBJECT: RENEWABLE ENERGY REBATES

I. OBJECTIVE:

To establish policy to support and encourage the use of renewable generation by offering SMPA members rebates on approved installations. SMPA wishes to provide an incentive for members to install renewable energy systems at their place of residence or business.

II. POLICY:

It shall be the policy of San Miguel Power Association, Inc. (SMPA) to:

- A. Provide a Renewable Energy Rebate, not to exceed 50% of the cost of the unit to members who install an eligible renewable energy generating facility as defined by the state of Colorado.
- B. Only grid-tied installations located within the SMPA service territory are eligible for the Renewable Energy Rebate. Installations must be owned by the member. A third party lease in which the member does not own the system, or have an ownership interest, does not qualify for SMPA rebates.
- C. Rebate amounts and eligibility will be based on current SMPA rebate program rules and the terms and conditions in the most recent and active SMPA rebate program.
- D. System wattage will be used to calculate rebates and will be based on the nameplate rating of the installed system.
 - 1. Solar – the total installed photovoltaic panel capacity (DC Watts).
 - 2. Wind – the nameplate capacity of the generator in AC Watts.
 - 3. Biomass – the nameplate capacity of generator in AC Watts.
 - 4. Hydro –the nameplate capacity of the generator in AC Watts.
 - 5. Geothermal – the nameplate capacity of the generator in AC Watts
 - 6. Other – calculated by SMPA on a case by case basis.
- E. An annual cap of \$90,000 shall be established for this program for budgeting purposes. Once that amount of rebates have been issued, Board approval will be necessary for any additional rebates for that calendar year.
- F. SMPA will evaluate participation in any government, or other, rebate program where part or all of the rebate amount may be recovered by SMPA. Where feasible, SMPA may participate in programs that allow members to participate in any such program.
- G. SMPA will receive all renewable energy credits (RECs) produced by the system for a period of ten (10) years. After this period SMPA will continue to own all REC's produced by the system unless the owner of the system makes a written request to the SMPA Board of Directors for another arrangement, which would be considered by the SMPA Board at that time on a case by case basis.

- H. The owner of the renewable energy system shall maintain the system and its components in good working order for a minimum of ten (10) years from date the rebate is issued. If during the ten year period the system should become damaged or no longer operate in a normal manner for any reason, the owner will be liable for repayment of a pro-rated portion of the original rebate amount. (Ex. If the system ceases to produce just after year 5, the owner would be liable for 50% of the original rebate.)
- I. The member will follow requirements of all SMPA interconnection documents that pertain to the renewable energy system's interconnection with SMPA.
- J. SMPA reserves the right to refuse payment of a rebate, including but not limited to the following reasons: failure to meet the qualifications as set forth in this policy, incomplete enrollment materials or insufficient or non-approved system inspections.
- K. Once the system has obtained all necessary approvals, a representative of SMPA may inspect the system to ensure it meets the requirements of this program.
- L. SMPA staff will develop a quarterly report on the capacity and number of generating facilities installed.
- M. The rate code on the member's account, as determined by SMPA, shall be used to determine whether an account is considered Residential or Commercial. Members will not be allowed to change their rate code in order to leverage a different renewable energy rebate amount.

III. RESPONSIBILITY

The General Manager/CEO will be responsible for the administration and compliance of this policy.