

Distributed Generation

Distributed generation (DG) includes standby generation, new technologies such as fuel cells and micro-turbines, as well as renewable energy sources such as wind, solar, hydro, and bio-mass. DG provides members with greater reliability, improved environmental performance, and economic savings. To be a qualifying facility (QF), agreements and approved interconnection of the DG with the electric grid (Barron Electric's distribution lines) are required for the safety of the member and the cooperative.

Standby Generation - Discount Rate

Power to a home or business can be vulnerable to power outages during unpredictable weather or extreme weather conditions. Standby power generators offer the security of uninterrupted electricity. With an automatic standby generator on Barron Electric's Load Management Program, members receive a discounted kWh rate whether the account is a residence or small or large business, new or existing.

A Standby Generation Loan Program exists for the purchase and installation of a standby generator. Maximum funds allowed: \$50,000 per installation per member; 6% interest rate per year on unpaid balance, and loan payment will be added to monthly electric bill.

Connectivity Requirements for Standby Generation

- Signed agreement
- Equipment must meet all stated Federal code requirements
- Install an automatic transfer switch device (double pole, double-throw)
- Complete transfer of load between systems
- Controlled by the Load Management Program
- Maintain a 24-hour fuel supply
- Subject to approval and yearly inspection

*A penalty is charged for failure to interrupt.
Members on this rate are not eligible for off-peak programs or capital credits.*

Barron Electric is committed to equitable rates for all consumer classes, optimal efficiency of facilities and resources, and energy conservation.

Renewable Co-generation Net Metering through Barron Electric

Energy re-purchased by Barron Electric with less than 40 kW of installed capacity shall be metered at a single meter point. Typical examples would be wind, solar or other renewable resources of distributed generation. The co-op will credit the member the current rate per kWh for the first 1,000 kWhs and the stepped rate per kWh for over 1,000 kWhs. The co-op will bill the member a \$41.70 per month fixed charge.

Connectivity Requirements for Renewable Co-generation

- 40 kW or less capacity energy collection system. Systems larger than 40 kW capacity must be approved by Dairyland Power
- Signed Distributed Generation Application Form
- Signed Interconnection Agreement
- One meter socket required
- \$300,000 liability insurance coverage
- Install an IEEE approved interconnect safety switch to monitor the phases and prevent the power from back-feeding onto the grid
- Provide a lockable disconnect at the meter site
- Provide an energy conversion system to convert the DC battery current to 120 volt AC house current
- Subject to yearly inspection

Members on this rate are not eligible for off-peak programs or capital credits.

Contractors Installing Solar or Wind Energy Systems:

Please visit the Midwest Renewable Energy Association's website for a listing of contractors installing renewable energy systems. Their site is www.the-mrea.org, click on resources and links and business directory. The site includes a list of homes throughout Wisconsin that have installed renewable energy systems. Tours can be scheduled of these homes. Conferences and workshops are also listed on the site.

Mission

The Midwest Renewable Energy Association promotes renewable energy, energy efficiency, and sustainable living through education and demonstration.

Sources for Renewable Energy

WindFarm Software. www.resoft.co.uk or e-mail info@resoft.co.uk
American Wind Energy Association www.awea.org
Dairyland Power Cooperative www.dairynet.com
Energy Information Administration www.eia.doe.gov
Wind Powering America www.eere.energy.gov
National Renewable Energy Lab www.nrel.gov
Interstate Renewable Energy Council www.millionsolarroofs.org
Iowa Energy Center www.energy.iastate.edu
Windustry www.windustry.org
Danish web-site www.windpower.org
www.renewableenergyworld.com
www.epa.gov/cleanrgy/renew.htm

State Programs

WI Consortium on Biobased Industry www.bioeconomy.wi.gov
Wisconsin-Tax incentives www.ecw.org/wisconsin
Renew Wisconsin www.renewwisconsin.org
State of WI – Dept. of Administration www.doa.state.wi.us
DSIRE www.dsireusa.org

Federal Programs

USDA Renewable Energy Systems and Energy Efficiency Improvements:
www.rurdev.usda.gov/wi/programs/rbs/energy.htm

USDA Value Added Producer Grant Program:
www.rurev.usda.gov/wi/programs/rbs/valueadd.htm

Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program:
www.rurdev.usda.gov/wi/programs/rbs/economic.htm

Call Barron Electric's Member Services
at 800-322-1008 for more information

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Distributed Generation Program



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Weekday Hours: 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Barron Electric Cooperative is committed to improving the quality of the environment and contributing to the overall economic and social health of its service territory. The cooperative is dedicated to continued stewardship, as well as investing in technology that protects the environment, adheres to sound management practices, and ensures the health and safety of its employees and members.