

**NOTICE OF PURPA CONSIDERATION AND IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS  
TO  
ALL INTERESTED PERSONS**

Issued: May 8, 2007

Central Electric Cooperative, Inc., (CEC) hereby gives public notice regarding the process to be followed by it in implementing the statutory directives in the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAAct 2005), which amended the Public Utilities Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA). The EPAAct 2005 established new federal standards under Section 111(d) of PURPA, which each non-regulated electric utility (such as CEC) is required to consider and to “make a determination whether or not it is appropriate to implement such standard[s]” within certain defined timelines based on evidence collected from interested persons after public notice and hearing.

The five new PURPA standards defined by EPAAct 2005 which CEC must consider are set forth below. A copy of the complete legislative language relevant to these standards is posted on CEC’s website at [www.cec.coop](http://www.cec.coop). Any active member of CEC (referred to hereinafter as “Eligible Participants”) is eligible to participate in the subject process. Eligible Participants not able to access the CEC website who desire a copy of the legislative language should contact CEC by one of the following methods:

- Phone at (541) 548-2144;
- U.S. mail to:     CEC  
                          Attn: PURPA Compliance  
                          PO Box 846 Redmond, Oregon 97756;
- Fax at (541) 548-0366; or
- E-mail to [purpa@cec.coop](mailto:purpa@cec.coop);

and a copy will be provided.

**A. Smart Metering**

**Time-Based Metering and Communications**— Each electric utility shall offer each of its customer classes, and provide individual customers upon customer request, a time-based rate schedule under which the rate charged by the electric utility varies during different time periods and reflects the variance, if any, in the utility’s costs of generating

and purchasing electricity at the wholesale level. The time-based rate schedule shall enable the electric consumer to manage energy use and cost through advanced metering and communications technology.

Each electric utility shall provide each customer requesting a time-based rate with a time-based meter capable of enabling the utility and customer to offer and receive such rate, respectively.

## **B. Interconnection**

Each electric utility shall make available, upon request, interconnection service to any electric consumer that the electric utility serves. For purposes of this paragraph, the term ‘interconnection service’ means service to an electric consumer under which an on-site generating facility on the consumer’s premises shall be connected to the local distribution facilities. Interconnection services shall be offered based upon the standards developed by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers: IEEE Standard 1547-2003 for Interconnecting Distributed Resources with Electric Power Systems, as they may be amended from time to time. In addition, agreements and procedures shall be established whereby the services are offered shall promote current best practices of interconnection for distributed generation, including but not limited to practices stipulated in model codes adopted by associations of state regulatory agencies. All such agreements and procedures shall be just and reasonable, and not unduly discriminatory or preferential.

## **C. Net Metering**

Each electric utility shall make available upon request net metering service to any electric consumer that the electric utility serves. For purposes of this paragraph, the term ‘net metering service’ means service to an electric consumer under which electric energy generated by that electric consumer from an eligible on-site generating facility and delivered to the local distribution facilities may be used to offset electric energy provided by the electric utility to the electric consumer during the applicable billing period.

## **D. Fuel Sources**

Each electric utility shall develop a plan to minimize dependence on one fuel source and to ensure that the electric energy it sells to consumers is generated using a diverse range of fuels and technologies, including renewable technologies.

## **E. Fossil Fuel Generation Efficiency Standard**

Each electric utility shall develop and implement a 10-year plan to increase the efficiency of its fossil fuel generation.

In order for CEC to fully consider the views of the Eligible Participants regarding the standards so that it may determine whether or not it is appropriate to implement such standards, CEC will follow the procedural schedule set forth below:

- Notice – to be posted on May 8, 2007.
- Hearing – Comments to be submitted in writing by June 30, 2007.
- Determination – to be rendered on or before August 1, 2007.

**Notice** – This Notice is being posted on CEC’s website, and an abbreviated notice is being sent to all CEC members along with the monthly bill. Any Eligible Participant may obtain a copy of the relevant portions of EAct 2005 at the CEC main office following the procedures explained above.

**Hearing** - The purpose of the hearing is to collect written comments. Any comments should (if possible) be typed with appropriate headings so that the reader will know with specificity which of the five standards is being addressed. The comments should identify the name of the commenting party along with the address, telephone number, and (if available) the e-mail address of the commenting party. CEC requests that comments be filed at its office at 2098 N Highway 97, Redmond, Oregon 97756, or alternatively, may be electronically filed via the PURPA link at [www.cec.coop](http://www.cec.coop). CEC will post all comments submitted by Eligible Participants on its website and will make copies of comments available to any Eligible Participant who requests a copy.

**Determination** – The Determination to be made by CEC as to whether or not it is appropriate to implement any of the five standards will be in writing, will be based on findings supported by the evidence of record, will be posted on the CEC website and will be made available for any Eligible Participant.

CEC encourages parties interested in this matter to contact CEC with any questions regarding any of the items above.