

Clarification and reminders on the definitions and limitations of net metering, net metering of multiple systems, and net metering aggregation

The point of common coupling, or interconnection, is important in how we define a net metered system. When a generating system connects behind a customer's load, the service meter is the point of common coupling. ALL generation behind that service meter is a single system regardless the number of arrays, inverters, rooftops, subpanels, or production meters involved. Likewise, any generation connected behind a separate PSE service meter is a separate system, regardless if the separate service meters share an address or are billed on the same PSE account. For every one interconnected system, we have one application in PowerClerk. **Through net metering, an interconnected solar system offsets the energy consumed at that meter.**

A customer with multiple electric service meters on a property may:

1. Install multiple separate solar systems each up to 100 kW and interconnected behind a separate meter, to offset part or all of the annual consumption of just that meter. The customer would need a separate interconnection application for each generating system.

OR

2. Interconnect a solar system and net meter at one service and **IF ELIGIBLE** aggregate excess net metering credit from that service to one additional electric service meter. Net metering aggregation is a program run in our billing system, it is not a physical connection of the meters. The net metering credit offsets consumption at the net meter first and then offsets consumption for the same bill period at the aggregated service, before any excess credit is banked. To be eligible for net metering aggregation:
 - i. **The net meter and aggregated meter must be on the same or contiguous parcel.** This requirement was added in 2019, previous aggregation agreements will be honored.
 - ii. **Both services must be in the same customer name.**
 - iii. **The aggregated meter cannot ALSO be a net meter.** In other words, PSE cannot aggregate the consumption or net metering credit between multiple net metered services.
 - iv. **The customer must agree to a one-time administrative fee of \$85.**

When a PSE customer applies for interconnection, our approval is for interconnection under the terms of Schedules 152 (interconnection requirements) and Schedule 150 (net metering). While our application includes a place for customers to *request* net metering aggregation, our approval to interconnect does not guarantee that the customer is eligible for aggregation. It is the customer's responsibility to understand and maintain their eligibility for net metering aggregation.

On the flip side, the right of a customer to request aggregation is not limited to when they apply to interconnect. Aggregation can be added any time an eligible customer requests it by emailing the Net Metering Team or calling a PSE Energy Advisor. Aggregation will also be ended if an interconnected customer becomes ineligible- this could be because they no longer have the aggregated service in their name, or because they add a separate net metered system at the previously aggregated service.

When electric service changes hands at a net-metered property, the benefits of net metering are automatically applied to the new PSE account holder. Net Metering aggregation, however is not automatically applied, even if both the net metered and aggregated services are put into the same new account holder's name.