

Raymond P. Ward proposes the following substitute bill:

Solar Power Utility Amendments

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Raymond P. Ward

Senate Sponsor:

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill enacts new provisions related to net metering of electricity.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- defines terms;
- authorizes the Public Service Commission to establish an optional time-of-use export pricing tariff for net metering customers;
- requires differential pricing for customer-generated electricity based on time of day or real-time market conditions;
- establishes a minimum floor for export credits; and
- provides customer protections including voluntary participation and retention of existing options.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

54-15-109, Utah Code Annotated 1953

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **54-15-109** is enacted to read:

54-15-109 . Optional time-of-use export pricing tariff.

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Real-time pricing" means pricing for excess customer-generated electricity that

reflects the value of customer-generated electricity at the hour it is delivered to the electrical corporation.

(b) "Seasonal time-of-use pricing" means pricing for excess customer-generated electricity that establishes predetermined export credit rates for defined periods, generally corresponding to climatic seasons, that reflect the value of customer-generated electricity for the period.

(c) "Time-of-use export pricing tariff" means a tariff approved by the commission that provides differential pricing for excess customer-generated electricity using either seasonal time-of-use pricing or real-time pricing.

(2) The commission shall require each electrical corporation with a net metering program or other program to compensate customers for their excess customer-generated electricity to make available to customers enrolling in or participating in such programs a time-of-use export pricing tariff.

(3) The commission may approve one or more time-of-use export pricing tariffs.

(4) Each time-of-use export pricing tariff shall:

(a) use one of the following pricing methods:

(i) seasonal time-of-use pricing; or

(ii) real-time pricing;

(b) allow a customer participating in a time-of-use export pricing tariff to determine when the customer exports excess customer-generated electricity to the electrical corporation; and

(c) provide differential rates for crediting excess customer-generated electricity.

(5) A customer participating in a net metering or a net billing program:

(a) may elect to participate in a time-of-use export pricing tariff on a voluntary basis;

(b) is not required to participate in a time-of-use export pricing tariff; and

(c) may change between tariff options in accordance with the terms and conditions established by the commission.

(6) An electrical corporation shall:

(a) provide clear written disclosure to a customer before the customer elects to participate in a time-of-use export pricing tariff that explains:

(i) how the time-of-use export pricing tariff differs from alternative tariffs available to the customer;

(ii) the time periods and corresponding credit rates under the time-of-use export pricing tariff; and

- (iii) the customer's ability to return to the customer's previous tariff; and
(b) allow a customer participating in a time-of-use export pricing tariff to return to the
customer's previous tariff in accordance with terms and conditions established by the
commission.

(7) A time-of-use export pricing tariff:

- (a) shall be compatible with metering equipment approved under Section 54-15-103; and
(b) may include provisions for coordination with battery storage systems or other energy
storage technologies.

(8) The commission shall establish a time-of-use export pricing tariff as required by this
section no later than one year after the effective date of this section.

(9) Nothing in this section:

- (a) modifies or impairs the rights of a customer participating in a net metering or net
billing program under an existing tariff or rate schedule;
(b) requires a customer to change from an existing tariff or rate schedule; or
(c) affects the authority of the commission to determine costs and benefits under Section
54-15-105.1 or to establish charges, credits, or ratemaking structures under this
chapter.

Section 2. Effective Date.

This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.