

Interconnection, Distributed Generation and Legacy Net Metering, and Legally Enforceable Obligation

Stakeholder Rulemaking Process U-20344

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Electric Interconnection Rules

- The last update to the interconnection rules was 10 years ago.
- Since then there have been significant changes to Michigan's energy landscape:
 - Michigan's utilities have experience working with renewable energy
 - Increased interest in distributed generation
 - Changes in national technical standards
 - Potential need to address energy storage and microgrids
- The Staff stakeholder rulemaking process will be led by Julie Baldwin, Renewable Energy Section, and Nicholas Evans, Electric Operations Section.

Distributed Generation Program Rules

- The 2016 energy laws (Public Acts 341 and 342) include a new distributed generation program.
 - The new program will be available to future participants and customers who have been participating in the legacy net metering program for at least 10 years.
- The Staff stakeholder rulemaking process will be led by Jesse Harlow, Renewable Energy Section.

Legally Enforceable Obligation

- PURPA, a federal law, gives the Commission authority to determine the criteria for establishing a legally enforceable obligation.
- In Case No. U-20095, the Commission received public comments on this matter.
- The Staff stakeholder rulemaking process will be led by Merideth Hadala, Renewable Energy Section.

Staff Stakeholder & Commission Rulemaking Process

- The combined stakeholder & rulemaking process is planned to conclude in 18 months.
 - The stakeholder process will take place during first 9 months:
 - The interconnection stakeholder process will begin in early December with monthly meetings.
 - The distributed generation program & legacy net metering program, and legally enforceable obligation stakeholder processes will begin in early 2019.

How to Follow the Stakeholder Process

- Commission website information for stakeholder processes:
 - www.Michigan.gov/renewables
 - Sign up for the email listservs, or
 - Monitor Case No. U-20344 for meeting notifications
 - Meetings will include call-in and webinar access

Thank you!

