

## Simple Renewable Program Overview

Available for enrollment on or after 1/1/2025

### Program Overview

- The Simple Renewable Program (SRP) allows residential and commercial customers to receive compensation for the excess energy that is sent onto the grid. The renewable system, namely wind and solar, can either be tied in directly into the grid or provide energy to a site which leads to a decrease in energy supplied to the utility. Generation is compensated in the form of credits and based on a competitive bidding solicitation procedure as approved by the Commission order dated June 23, 2022 in Case No. U-21090. New full avoided costs rates stemming from competitive solicitations will be filed with the Commission for review and approval at least every five years or whenever a competitive solicitation identifies a rate change of at least 15% in either direction. The current outflow credit rate is \$0.046/kWh. Excess credits are accumulated and carried over month to month and can only be applied to energy charge, distribution and PSCR Line Items. SRP is only eligible for generators up to 150 kW AC.

### Customer Eligibility

- This program is only available to Full Service customers generating a portion or all of their own retail electricity requirements, which may be separately metered, with a Qualifying Facility, as defined in C11.4.A., Program Definitions, with a generator maximum capacity of 150 kW AC.
- The Simple Renewable Program is only available to customers meeting one of the following criteria:
  - (1) Experimental Advanced Renewable Program (“EARP”) participants whose contracts are ending and whose EARP-eligible facilities do not qualify for the Company’s Distributed Generation Program.
  - (2) EARP participants whose contracts are ending and who do not wish to participate in the Company’s Distributed Generation Program; and
  - (3) Non-EARP customers whose systems permanently or temporarily exceed the consumption-based size limits applicable to the Distributed Generation Program.

### Customer Billing

#### 1. Inflow

- The customer will be billed according to their retail rate schedule, plus surcharges, and Power Supply Cost Recovery (PSCR) Factor on metered inflow for the billing period or time-based pricing period.

## 2. Outflow Credit

- The customer will be credited on Outflow for the billing period or time-based pricing period.
- The credit shall be applied to the current billing month and shall be used to offset charges on that bill. Any excess credit not used will be carried forward to subsequent billing periods.
- Unused Outflow Credit from previous months will be applied to charges in the current billing month, if applicable. Outflow Credit is non-transferable.
- The Company will review annually any excess accrued credits on the customer's account and will issue a payment. If the credit balance is less than \$20.00, the credit will carry over on the account until the next annual review.
- Inflow/outflow billing for QFs that have onsite load customer will be credited \$0.046/kWh for excess power generated. Subject to change based on a competitive bidding solicitation.
- No additional program agreement (other than GIOA) to participate (similar to LNM/DG)

## 3. Term

- Five-year term length. The term will auto renew for subsequent five-year periods at the end of each five-year term. No less than three months prior to the end of a customer's five-year term, the Company shall offer the customer to opt out of renewal with no penalty. Elsewise, participation can be terminated early with \$150 fee.

## Existing EARP transferring to SRP

- No re-wiring necessary to participate in this program.
- Customer will not need to apply for transfer. However, a maintenance test will be performed and if any changes are discovered, customer will then have to apply for the program.
- If the customer elects to rewire the system, they will need to apply to the program.

## How to Apply

- To participate in the Simple Renewable Program, a customer shall submit completed application via PowerClerk, including the application fee of \$150.
- Application fees are non-refundable.
- The application fee is waived if the customer is transitioning from the Legacy Net Metering Program or the Distributed Generation Program to the Simple Renewable Program, without a system modification.

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q:** What if I am already enrolled in another program and wish to transfer to the Simple Renewable Program?

- **A:** Contact the Interconnection Team at [customer.generation@cmsenergy.com](mailto:customer.generation@cmsenergy.com) or 517-788-1432 to transfer program participation.

**Q:** Can I switch from Simple Renewable Program to Distributed Generation Program?

- **A:** A new application must be submitted in PowerClerk to be reviewed for eligibility in the Distributed Generation Program.

**Q:** Is there program cap for Simple Renewable Program?

- **A:** 100 MW total participation limit

**Q:** If my system is larger than 150 kW AC, what are my options?

- **A:** You can apply for Interconnection Only which would not receive any compensation, or you can pursue a Power Purchase Agreement by emailing [energypurchase@cmsenergy.com](mailto:energypurchase@cmsenergy.com)