

Department of Public Utilities

Ordinance No. 587-2026 and 588-2026 _____

This request to amend Sections 523.25 and 523.26 of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, relating to Cleveland Public Power Net Metering terminology and billing methods.

Background/Purpose:

As Cleveland Public Power (CPP) customers install more distributed energy resources on their properties, CPP needs to address billing and reliability issues that arise from distributed energy resources connected to the power grid.

Scope of Work:

Codified Ordinances 523.25 and 523.26 will address customers who request and receive approval or denial for distributed energy resources to be installed on their property.

The Codified Ordinance update removes the maximum project size and clarifies the required approval process to preserve the safety and integrity of CPP's electric distribution system. It will define key terms that are specific to customers with distributed generation resources on their properties. Related billing terms, processes, and requirements will be updated.

Changes to the Codified Ordinances will ensure CPP continues to receive equitable funding for the electric distribution system while also maximizing the benefit and capacity for customers to install approved distributed energy resources.

The changes address current customers, future customers requesting distributed energy resources, and customers who leave CPP while having credits on their account.

The ordinance changes describe the method where power generated by the Customer will reduce the Power Supply Recovery (PSR) portion of their bill, up to the full amount of PSR. Any additional power generated by the Customer will then be credited to the customer's account based on the Customer Owned Generation Credit. The Customer Owned Generation Credit is calculated based on CPP's purchased power cost at the time of the original billing.

Justification/Urgency:

CPP customers continue to request interconnection of distributed energy resources to CPP's electric distribution system in larger numbers and in larger sizes. CPP would like to accommodate these requests and installations while ensuring the safety, reliability, and integrity of operations and the distribution system. Updated processes and requirements are also essential to provide support and accurate information for customers planning and developing distributed energy projects.

Anticipated Costs and Funding Source:

N/A