

HB 869 -- Electric Energy

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This bill establishes the Easy Connection Act which requires all electric utilities including municipal utilities, electric cooperatives, and utilities regulated by the Missouri Public Service Commission to provide net metering services to their customers. The utilities will pay for a single, bi-directional meter to allow them to purchase renewable energy from customer generators. Net metering will be available based on a first-come, first-served basis until a net metering system with 5% of the peak load capacity of an electric utility is achieved.

A system for creating customer credits based on renewable energy sales is established, and rules for the operation of the system are specified. The commission is authorized to enforce the provisions of the bill, and retail electric suppliers are required to provide annual net metering reports to the commission.