

An Equitable Net Metering Program

Clearly, growth of renewable energy sources is vital to the long-term health of the planet. One of the key incentives to develop renewable sources of electricity is the program of net metering, whereby a non-utility entity that is generating electricity by means of solar, wind, or other renewable sources can receive credit for the power fed back to the electrical grid. This can result in significantly reduced costs for the generating entity. In most programs, the credit for the generated power applies not only to the generating costs but also transmission and distribution costs. On the surface, this is of great benefit for those that are generating the power, but it comes with a significant potential to increase costs for persons not doing their own generation and a negative incentive for utilities. Already, utilities are trying to take measures to reduce net metering, and in some cases restrict individual generation of power.

The intent of this resolution is to ensure that an electric utility's costs for building and maintaining infrastructure for transmission and distribution of electricity is equitable distributed among all customers.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Izaak Walton League of America, assembled in Convention in Lincoln, Nebraska, July 29, 2023, requests that the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners and state regulatory authorities develop a comprehensive program applicable to all electrical utility companies to foster the concept of bidirectional charges for the transmission and distribution charges to utility customers while maintaining net usage for generation charges.