

SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE*

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** Note that the Summary and Fiscal Note describes the version of the bill or resolution as introduced; final legislation including amendments may not be fully described.*

1. BILL SUMMARY

Legislation Title: AN ORDINANCE relating to the City Light Department; establishing updated eligibility requirements for net metering and customer-requested net metering aggregation billing arrangements; and amending Section 21.49.082 of Seattle Municipal Code.

Summary and background of the Legislation: This proposed legislation modifies Seattle Municipal Code (SMC) Section 21.49.082 that is associated with the existing Net Metering Program. This program follows the authority set forth in the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 80.60 and allows Seattle City Light customer-generators to send excess energy generation back to their City Light account for credit against future billable consumption. The program also allows customer-generators to request net meter aggregation, a billing arrangement that shares their excess energy generation with up to one additional City Light account of the same customer.

In 2019, the Washington State legislature amended RCW 80.60 and this ordinance is being brought forward to align the SMC with the newer language in the RCW. This legislation is seeking three amendments to Section 21.49.082:

1. In subsection 21.49.082.C.2, replace the date “April 30” with “March 31”.
2. In subsection 21.49.082.D, remove the sentences “KWh credits earned by a net metering system, during the same billing period, shall be credited by the Department to remaining meters located on all premises of a customer-generator at the designated rate of each meter. Not more than a total of 100 KW shall be aggregated among all customer-generators participating in a generating facility under this subsection 21.49.082.D.” This language was struck in the recent RCW.
3. Add new language to SMC 21.49.082.D seeking the authority that would allow the Department the potential to charge customer-generators a one-time administrative set-up fee for those customers that are seeking net meter aggregation billing arrangements. RCW 80.60.020 acknowledges the utility should be allowed to recoup certain costs associated with interconnecting or administering net metering systems.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Does this legislation create, fund, or amend a CIP Project? ___ Yes X No

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Does this legislation amend the Adopted Budget? ___ Yes X No

Does the legislation have other financial impacts to the City of Seattle that are not reflected in the above, including direct or indirect, short-term or long-term costs?

The proposed legislation will allow for City Light to recoup interconnection or administrative costs associated with the Net metering program.

Is there financial cost or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation?

This legislation is needed to bring City Light's Net metering program in-line with the current RCW. By not implementing the legislation, the Department would be operating its Net metering program in conflict with the RCW. Additionally, if this legislation is not implemented, the Department would forgo some revenue associated with the ability to recoup interconnection or administrative costs.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

a. Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?

No.

b. Is a public hearing required for this legislation?

No

c. Does this legislation require landlords or sellers of real property to provide information regarding the property to a buyer or tenant?

No

d. Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?

No

e. Does this legislation affect a piece of property?

No.

f. Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities? What is the Language Access plan for any communications to the public?

This legislation has little or no implications associated with the City's Race and Social Justice Initiative. The legislation is designed to bring the current Net metering program in-line with the current RCW and it is perceived that the legislation does not impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities.

g. If this legislation includes a new initiative or a major programmatic expansion: What are the specific long-term and measurable goal(s) of the program? How will this legislation help achieve the program's desired goal(s).

N/A

List attachments/exhibits below:
None