

SOLAR FOR SCHOOLS RATE SCHEDULE “SFS”



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APPLICABILITY

This rate schedule is applicable to public K-12 school districts (School District) and persons or entities that develop, own or operate electric generating facilities producing renewable energy (Generators) that have executed a Solar For Schools Agreement with a School District for their retail customer service points with Mississippi Power. A list of public K-12 school districts is curated by the Mississippi Department of Education. The electric generating facility must produce electric energy solely from solar technologies. Generally, unless otherwise specified herein, capitalized terms used throughout this document are as defined in the Mississippi Public Service Commission’s (Commission) Mississippi Distributed Generation Rule and Mississippi Distributed Generator Interconnection Rule or the Standard PPA attached hereto as Exhibit A.

AVAILABILITY AND KIND OF SERVICE

Application to sell power to Mississippi Power under this rate schedule is available on a uniform basis throughout the service territory of the Company on a first-come, first-served basis for a maximum contract term of twenty-five (25) years. This rate schedule is closed for new participants at the conclusion of five (5) years following the Effective Date. Capacity under this tariff shall be reserved upon: (i) submittal of a fully executed Solar for Schools Agreement with a qualifying School District; (ii) receipt of an accepted interconnection request; and (iii) execution by Generator and Mississippi Power of a Standard PPA. Capacity reservations shall apply to only one facility per School District. An Application for an Interconnection Request must be submitted in compliance with Mississippi Power’s Distribution Generator Interconnection Procedures. Total capacity under this rate schedule shall be based on the direct current capacity measured in kW. Once the aggregate cap imposed by the Mississippi Distributed Generation Rule on the combined total capacity to be installed under this rate schedule and RENM is reached, this rate schedule is closed for additional participants, unless expressly extended by the Company in its sole discretion. Capacity held in reserve for a Facility shall be released upon the earliest occurrence of one of the following: (i) termination by any party of the Solar for Schools Agreement or Standard PPA; or (ii) withdrawal or rejection, for any reason, of the Generator’s interconnection request. Any capacity reserved for a Facility that is later released shall be made available to other Generators that have submitted interconnection requests after the aggregate cap was exceeded based on interconnection queue position. The aggregate cap is calculated to be 3% of the Company’s retail peak demand, expressed in kW, as recorded during the calendar year of 2022. MPC shall calculate the cap by using the Retail 12 Coincident Peak demand allocator used in the Company’s biennial Cost-of-Service study on file with the Commission. Service under this Rate Schedule disqualifies a School District for service under the Company’s RENM, CSPP and CPE rate schedules for any electric generating facilities installed after the effective date of this rate schedule; provided, however, electric generating facilities owned and operated by a School District and in operation as of the effective date of this rate schedule may be converted for use as a Solar for School facility upon approval by the Company in its sole discretion.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

The Facility of Generator must be: (i) wholly located within the county of the School District, (ii) wholly located within the certificated service area of the Company, unless otherwise agreed to by the Company in its sole discretion, and (iii) physically interconnected to the Company’s distribution system in accordance with the MPC Distribution Generator Interconnection Procedures.



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All Generators that seek to make sales to the Company under this rate schedule shall be responsible for all costs of interconnection and the delivery of the energy from the Generator to the Company and the Company's electrical system, including any costs related to or incurred as a result of the distribution of energy across the Company's electrical system.

All Generators will pay the actual costs to install or reconfigure, as applicable, the metering equipment and any system upgrades needed to accommodate the purchase of Generator's energy.

Generators that seek to make sales to the Company under this rate shall provide proof of compliance to Mississippi Power of the following requirements from the Commission's MDGR:

1. File with the Commission proof that the Developer or its contractor has obtained appropriate and necessary licensures, including but not limited to, a Solar and Wind Construction Licensure, offered by the Mississippi State Board of Contractors;
2. File with the Commission a point of contact to whom the Commission may direct customer complaints for resolution;
3. File with the Commission proof of Generator's registration with the Mississippi Secretary of State to do business in Mississippi and list a registered agent for service of process; and
4. File annually with the Commission and provide a copy to the Consumer Protection Division of the Office of the Mississippi Attorney General, any marketing material with attestation of its accuracy.

Prior to commercial operation of the Facility, every Generator must complete and execute: (1) the Standard Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) set out as Attachment A; (2) the Solar for Schools Agreement set out as Attachment B with a qualifying School District; and (3) a generator interconnection agreement. The following conditions must be met by the Generator before the Company will execute a Standard PPA for a Facility: (1) a copy of a fully executed Solar for Schools Agreement; and (2) either: (i) a copy of a certificate of public convenience issued by the Commission or (ii) a written statement satisfactory to the Company that a certificate of public convenience is not required by law. The Company will not execute a PPA for any Facility submitted after the 3% cap has been exceeded or any time following five years after the effective date of this rate schedule.

All Generators planning to construct a new Facility in Mississippi to make sales to the Company under this rate shall be required to obtain from the Commission a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing construction of such Facility in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. §§ 77-3-11 and 77-3-14.

CAPACITY LIMITATIONS

The total nameplate direct current capacity of any and all solar for school Facilities associated with any single School District shall not exceed the lesser of: (1) 10% of the highest aggregate annual peak demand (average kW during the fifteen-minute period of greatest use) measured from all of the School District's meters served by Mississippi Power in the calendar year preceding the year of submittal of the interconnection request; or (2) 3 MW. At Mississippi Power's discretion and on a case-by-case basis, a Solar for Schools facility may serve more than one qualifying School District in the same county, but in no case may the Facility's nameplate direct current capacity exceed 5 MW in size. Mississippi Power shall modify the Form Solar for Schools Agreement and Standard PPA as necessary to accommodate any exercise of discretion to allow one Facility to serve more than one School District.

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RATE FOR PURCHASE FROM SOLAR FOR SCHOOL PRODUCERS

Pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Standard PPA, the Generator must sell 100% of the output to the Company and the Company shall pay Generator and School District a Monthly Energy Payment (MEP). The split of the Monthly Energy Payment between the Generator and School District shall be calculated pursuant to the terms of the fully executed Solar for Schools Agreement. The School District shall have access to their share of the MEP for as long as the Solar for School Agreement remains in effect. So long as a Solar for Schools Agreement remains in effect, the MEP shall be calculated as follows for both on and off-peak seasons:

$$\text{MEP} = (\text{On-Peak Energy} * (\text{On-Peak Price} + 4.5 \text{ ¢/kWh})) + (\text{Off-Peak Energy} * (\text{Off-Peak Price} + 4.5 \text{ ¢/kWh}))$$

If the Solar for Schools Agreement for any Facility expires or terminates for any reason, the MEP applicable to the Facility's output from the date of termination shall be calculated as follows for both on and off-peak seasons:

$$\text{MEP} = (\text{On-Peak Energy} * \text{On-Peak Price}) + (\text{Off-Peak Energy} * \text{Off-Peak Price})$$

Energy prices are provided in the Company's Basic Avoided Energy Cost Bulletin.

CHANGE IN RATE REGULATION

In the event that the Commission or another Governmental Authority takes any action, including imposition of a rule, regulation, order or other requirement, which limits, in any way, Mississippi Power's right to full cost recovery of the MEP under the Standard PPA, then without further action, the pricing under the Standard PPA shall be modified to reflect Mississippi Power's Basic Avoided Energy Cost.

PAYMENT

Billing and Payment for each Facility under this rate schedule shall be governed by the terms of the executed Solar For Schools Agreement and Standard PPA associated with each Facility. The MEP will be paid during the subsequent monthly billing period (i.e. MEP will lag the electric service billing period by approximately 1 month).

RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDITS

Upon acceptance of this rate schedule and the associated compensation within by the Generator and School District, the Generator and School District jointly and voluntarily transfer their Renewable Energy Credits to the Company.

ELECTRIC SERVICE TO GENERATOR

As applicable, any Generator requiring Electric Service from the Company must obtain such service in accordance with applicable rates, rules and regulations on file with the Commission and/or FERC, including, but not limited to, the Rules Governing Electric Service, Mississippi Distributed Generator Interconnection Rule and Mississippi Power's Distribution Generator Interconnection Procedures.



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Supplementary, Back-up, and Maintenance power shall be provided as required under provisions of rate schedules LPSS or SPSS, as applicable.

GENERAL

Service under this rate schedule is subject to the Rules and Regulations approved or prescribed by the Commission, particularly those Special Rules and Regulations governing the application of this rate.