

Distributed Generation (DG) Grid Access Charge

2017 Rate	Rate
Distributed Generation Grid Cost Recovery Charge Per kW Per Month	\$3.54
Monthly Cap	\$43.00

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As of July 1st, 2015, [Minnesota Statute 216B.164](#) allows electric cooperatives and municipal utilities to charge a charge to recover the fixed costs to serve a distributed generation qualifying facility.

REA will began charging a DG Grid Access Charge* to DG qualifying facilities having a nameplate rating over 3.5 kW that interconnect after April 1, 2016**. The charge is calculated, based on the MREA Working Group recommendations and uses a cost of service approach based on the true cost of serving a member, the kWh rate, and the current fixed charge. Because the cost shift is different based on the size of the distributed generation facility, the charge is applied per kW of installed distributed generation that exceeds 3.5 kW. In addition to a 3.5 kW allowance there is also a not-to-exceed or capped dollar amount associated with the charge. Please contact REA for more details on the 2016 DG Grid Access Charge.

* The Uniform Statewide Contract required to interconnect a distributed generation qualifying facility provides notice to the member owner that rates may change over the time of the contract due to action of the Cooperative or the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission. Rates as defined by Minnesota Statute 216B.02 include every charge, fare, fee and classification collected by the utility in providing the service. The recovery of fixed costs for DG qualifying facilities through a fee or other charges to recover the Cooperative's cost of providing service is part of the rate structure of the Cooperative that may change over time.

**DG qualifying facilities interconnected with Runestone Electric prior to April 1, 2016 will be grandfathered in and not be subject to the DG Grid Access Charge.

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DG Size (kW)	Charge Per Month
2	None
3	None
4	\$ 1.77
5	\$ 5.32
6	\$ 8.86
7	\$ 12.40
8	\$ 15.95
9	\$ 19.49
10	\$ 23.03
11	\$ 26.58
12	\$ 30.12
13	\$ 33.66
14	\$ 37.21
15	\$ 40.75
16	\$ 43.00
17	\$ 43.00
18	\$ 43.00
19	\$ 43.00
20	\$ 43.00

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