### **HOUSE BILL No. 1394**

#### DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 8-1-40.

**Synopsis:** Net metering for electricity generation. Amends the statute concerning distributed electricity generation as follows: (1) Defines a "public use customer" of an electricity supplier as a customer that is: (A) a school corporation; or (B) a local unit. (2) Provides that an electricity supplier's net metering tariff must be made and remain available to customers until the earlier of: (A) January 1 of the first calendar year after the calendar year in which the aggregate amount of net metering facility nameplate capacity under the electricity supplier's net metering tariff equals at least 3% (versus 1.5% under current law) of the electricity supplier's most recent summer peak load; or (B) July 1, 2024 (versus July 1, 2022, under current law). (3) Provides that before July 1, 2021, an electricity supplier shall amend its net metering tariff, or file a new net metering tariff with the utility regulatory commission (IURC), to do the following: (A) Establish as the allowed limit on the aggregate amount of net metering facility nameplate capacity under the tariff an amount equal to at least three percent (3%) of the electricity supplier's most recent summer peak load. (B) Allow a public use customer that: (i) operates a net metering facility on a premises that the public use customer owns or controls before the installation of the net metering facility; and (ii) is billed by the electricity supplier for electricity measured at more than one meter; to choose to be billed or credited for the difference between the kilowatt hours delivered by the electricity supplier as measured by any one or more of those meters, not to exceed three, and the kilowatt hours generated and delivered to the electricity supplier by the net metering facility. (4) Provides that before July 1, 2021, the IURC shall make (Continued next page)

Effective: Upon passage.

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similar amendments to its net metering rules. (5) Specifies that any repairs, updates, or upgrades to portions of a net metering facility that do not increase the nameplate capacity of the net metering facility are not considered a replacement of the net metering facility for purposes of certain provisions providing for the extended availability of an electricity supplier's net metering tariff for customers that install a net metering facility before certain specified deadlines. (6) Specifies that net metering customers must comply with certain safety, performance, and reliability standards with which customers that produce distributed generation must comply. (7) Specifies that a net metering customer has certain rights regarding the installation and ownership of a net metering facility that a customer that produces distributed generation has with respect to the installation and ownership of distributed generation equipment. (8) Adds a noncode provision staying the implementation of a rate for the procurement of excess distributed generation for which an electricity supplier has applied or received approval from the IURC under current law, until such time as the conditions for the expiration of the electricity supplier's net metering tariff, as set forth in the bill, apply to the electricity supplier.



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## **HOUSE BILL No. 1394**

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning utilities.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. IC 8-1-40-5.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 5.5. As used in this chapter, "install", with
respect to a net metering facility (as defined in 170 IAC 4-4.2-1(k))
of a customer, means to set up so that the net metering facility (as
defined in 170 IAC 4-4.2-1(k)) can be safely energized,
notwithstanding any metering or inspection requirements that the
customer's electricity supplier has not yet performed.
SECTION 2. IC 8-1-40-6.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 6.5. As used in this chapter, "nameplate
capacity" means the following:
(1) The full-load continuous rating of a generator under
specified conditions, as designated by the manufacturer.
(2) For an inverter-based net metering facility, the aggregate



1	output rating of all inverters in the facility, measured in
2	kilowatts.
3	SECTION 3. IC 8-1-40-7, AS ADDED BY P.L.264-2017,
4	SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
5	UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 7. As used in this chapter, "net metering
6	tariff" means a tariff that
7	(1) an electricity supplier offers for net metering under 170
8	IAC 4-4.2. and
9	(2) is in effect on January 1, 2017.
0	SECTION 4. IC 8-1-40-8, AS ADDED BY P.L.264-2017,
1	SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
2	UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 8. As used in this chapter, "premises" means
3	a single tract of land on which a customer consumes electricity for
4	residential, business, or other <b>private or public</b> purposes.
5	SECTION 5. IC 8-1-40-8.2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
6	AS A <b>NEW</b> SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
7	UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 8.2. As used in this chapter, "public use
8	customer" means a customer that is:
9	(1) a school corporation (as defined in IC 36-1-2-17); or
20	(2) a unit (as defined in IC 36-1-2-23).
21	SECTION 6. IC 8-1-40-9.3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
22	AS A <b>NEW</b> SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
	UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 9.3. As used in this chapter, "successor in
23 24	interest" means a person or entity that follows another person or
25	entity in the ownership or control of property.
26	SECTION 7. IC 8-1-40-10, AS ADDED BY P.L.264-2017,
27	SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
28	UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 10. (a) Subject to sections 13 and 14 of this
.9	chapter, a net metering tariff of an electricity supplier must be made
0	and remain available to the electricity supplier's customers until the
1	earlier of the following:
2	(1) January 1 of the first calendar year after the calendar year in
3	which the aggregate amount of net metering facility nameplate
4	capacity under the electricity supplier's net metering tariff equals
5	at least one and one-half three percent (1.5%) (3%) of the most
6	recent summer peak load of the electricity supplier.
7	(2) July 1, <del>2022.</del> <b>2024.</b>
8	(b) Before July 1, 2021, each electricity supplier shall petition
9	the commission for approval of an amended or a new net metering
0	tariff that:
-1	(1) complies with this section and section 12(b) of this chapter;
-2	and



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1	(2) does not include any other substantive changes to the
2	terms and conditions of the existing net metering tariff being
2 3	amended or replaced.
4	Not later than thirty (30) days after receipt of a petition under this
5	subsection, the commission shall review the petition and, if the
6	petition complies with subdivisions (1) and (2), shall approve the
7	electricity supplier's new or amended net metering tariff. If the
8	commission determines that the petition does not comply with
9	subdivisions (1) and (2), the commission shall notify the electricity
10	supplier of the defect and shall require the electricity supplier to
11	remedy the defect not later than a date set forth by the commission
12	in its notice to the electricity supplier under this subsection.
13	(c) Before July 1, <del>2022,</del> <b>2024,</b> if an electricity supplier reasonably
14	anticipates, at any point in a calendar year, that the aggregate amount
15	of net metering facility nameplate capacity under the electricity
16	supplier's net metering tariff will equal at least one and one-half three
17	percent (1.5%) (3%) of the most recent summer peak load of the
18	electricity supplier, the electricity supplier shall, in accordance with
19	section 16 of this chapter, petition the commission for approval of a
20	rate for the procurement of excess distributed generation.
21	SECTION 8. IC 8-1-40-11, AS ADDED BY P.L.264-2017,
22	SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
23	UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 11. (a) Except as provided in sections 10(b),
24	12, and 21(b) of this chapter, before July 1, <del>2047:</del> <b>2049:</b>
25	(1) an electricity supplier may not seek to change the terms and

- (1) an electricity supplier may not seek to change the terms and conditions of the electricity supplier's net metering tariff; and
- (2) the commission may not approve changes to an electricity supplier's net metering tariff.
- (b) Except as provided in sections 13 and 14 of this chapter, after June 30, <del>2022:</del> **2024:** 
  - (1) an electricity supplier may not make a net metering tariff available to customers; and
  - (2) the terms and conditions of a net metering tariff offered by an electricity supplier before July 1, <del>2022,</del> **2024,** expire and are unenforceable.

SECTION 9. IC 8-1-40-12, AS ADDED BY P.L.264-2017, SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 12. (a) Before January 1, 2018, the commission shall amend 170 IAC 4-4.2-4, and an electricity supplier shall amend the electricity supplier's net metering tariff, to do the following:

(1) Increase the allowed limit on the aggregate amount of net



1	metering facility nameplate capacity under the net metering tariff
2	to one and one-half percent (1.5%) of the most recent summer
3	peak load of the electricity supplier.
4	(2) Modify the required reservation of capacity under the limit
5	described in subdivision (1) to require the reservation of:
6	(A) forty percent (40%) of the capacity for participation by
7	residential customers; and
8	(B) fifteen percent (15%) of the capacity for participation by
9	customers that install a net metering facility that uses a
10	renewable energy resource described in IC 8-1-37-4(a)(5).
11	(b) Before July 1, 2021, an electricity supplier shall amend, in
12	accordance with section 10(b) of this chapter, the electricity
13	supplier's net metering tariff, or shall file a new net metering tariff,
14	to do the following:
15	(1) Establish as the allowed limit on the aggregate amount of
16	net metering facility nameplate capacity under the net
17	metering tariff an amount equal to at least three percent $(3\%)$
18	of the most recent summer peak load of the electricity
19	supplier.
20	(2) Allow a public use customer that:
21	(A) operates a net metering facility (as defined in 170
22	IAC 4-4.2-1(k)) on a premises that is:
23	(i) owned or controlled by the public use customer before
24	the installation of the net metering facility; and
25	(ii) within the electricity supplier's service area; and
26	(B) is billed by the electricity supplier for electricity
27	measured at more than one (1) meter;
28	to choose to be billed or credited under 170 IAC 4-4.2-7 for
29	the difference between the kilowatt hours delivered by the
30	electricity supplier as measured by any one (1) or more of the
31	customer's meters, not to exceed three (3), as specified by the
32	customer, and the kilowatt hours generated and delivered to
33	the electricity supplier by the net metering facility (as defined
34	in 170 IAC 4-4.2-1(k)).
35	(c) Before July 1, 2021, the commission shall amend 170
36	IAC 4-4.2 to do the following:
37	(1) Establish as the allowed limit on the aggregate amount of
38	net metering facility nameplate capacity that an electricity
39	supplier may establish under the electricity supplier's net
40	metering tariff an amount equal to at least three percent $(3\%)$
41	of the most recent summer peak load of the electricity
42	supplier.



1	(2) Provide that an electricity supplier must allow a public use
2	customer that:
3	(A) operates a net metering facility (as defined in 170
4	IAC 4-4.2-1(k)) on a premises that is:
5	(i) owned or controlled by the public use customer before
6	the installation of the net metering facility; and
7	(ii) within the electricity supplier's service area; and
8	(B) is billed by the electricity supplier for electricity
9	measured at more than one (1) meter;
10	to choose to be billed or credited under 170 IAC 4-4.2-7 for
1	the difference between the kilowatt hours delivered by the
12	electricity supplier as measured by any one (1) or more of the
13	customer's meters, not to exceed three (3), as specified by the
14	customer, and the kilowatt hours generated and delivered to
15	the electricity supplier by the net metering facility (as defined
16	in 170 IAC 4-4.2-1(k)).
17	(b) (d) In amending 170 IAC 4-4.2-4, as required by subsection
18	subsections (a) and (c), the commission may adopt emergency rules
19	in the manner provided by IC 4-22-2-37.1. Notwithstanding
20	IC 4-22-2-37.1(g), an emergency rule adopted by the commission under
21	this section and in the manner provided by IC 4-22-2-37.1 expires or
22	the date on which a rule that supersedes the emergency rule is adopted
23	by the commission under IC 4-22-2-24 through IC 4-22-2-36.
24	SECTION 10. IC 8-1-40-13, AS ADDED BY P.L.264-2017
25	SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
26	UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 13. (a) This section applies to a customer that
27	installs a net metering facility (as defined in 170 IAC 4-4.2-1(k)) on the
28	customer's premises:
29	(1) after December 31, 2017; and
30	(2) before the date on which the net metering tariff of the
31	customer's electricity supplier terminates under section 10(1)
32	$10(a)(1)$ or $\frac{10(2)}{10(a)(2)}$ of this chapter.
33	(b) A customer that is participating in an electricity supplier's ne
34	metering tariff on the date on which the electricity supplier's ne
35	metering tariff terminates under section $\frac{10(1)}{10(a)(1)}$ or $\frac{10(2)}{10(a)(1)}$
36	10(a)(2) of this chapter shall continue to be served under the terms and
37	conditions of the net metering tariff until:
38	(1) the customer removes from the customer's premises of
39	replaces the net metering facility (as defined in 170
10	IAC 4-4.2-1(k)); or
11	(2) July 1, <del>2032;</del> <b>2034;</b>
12	whichever occurs earlier.



(c) A successor in interest to a customer's premises on which a net

2	metering facility (as defined in 1/0 IAC 4-4.2-1(k)) that was installed
3	during the period described in subsection (a) is located may, if the
4	successor in interest chooses, be served under the terms and conditions
5	of the net metering tariff of the electricity supplier that provides retail
6	electric service at the premises until:
7	(1) the net metering facility (as defined in 170 IAC 4-4.2-1(k)) is
8	removed from the premises or is replaced; or
9	(2) July 1, <del>2032;</del> <b>2034;</b>
10	whichever occurs earlier.
11	(d) The amount of nameplate capacity of a net metering facility
12	(as defined in 170 IAC 4-4.2-1(k)) installed on a customer's
13	premises during the time frame set forth in subsection (a) is the
14	amount of the customer's net metering facility (as defined in 170
15	IAC 4-4.2-1(k)) nameplate capacity considered to be participating
16	in the net metering tariff of the customer's electricity supplier as
17	of the end of the time frame set forth in subsection (a). Any repairs,
18	updates, or upgrades to portions of the net metering facility (as
19	defined in 170 IAC 4-4.2-1(k)) that:
20	(1) are made after the time frame set forth in subsection (a);
21	and
22	(2) do not increase the nameplate capacity of the net metering
23	facility;
24	are not considered a replacement of the net metering facility for
25	purposes of subsections (b)(1) and (c)(1).
26	SECTION 11. IC 8-1-40-14, AS ADDED BY P.L.264-2017,
27	SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
28	UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 14. (a) This section applies to a customer that
29	installs a net metering facility (as defined in 170 IAC 4-4.2-1(k)) on the
30	customer's premises before January 1, 2018.
31	(b) A customer that is participating in an electricity supplier's net
32	metering tariff on December 31, 2017, shall continue to be served
33	under the terms and conditions of the net metering tariff until:
34	(1) the customer removes from the customer's premises or
35	replaces the net metering facility (as defined in 170
36	IAC 4-4.2-1(k)); or
37	(2) July 1, <del>2047;</del> <b>2049</b> ;
38	whichever occurs earlier.
39	(c) A successor in interest to a customer's premises on which is
40	located a net metering facility (as defined in 170 IAC 4-4.2-1(k)) that
41	was installed before January 1, 2018, may, if the successor in interest
42	chooses, be served under the terms and conditions of the net metering



1	tariff of the electricity supplier that provides retail electric service at
2	the premises until:
3	(1) the net metering facility (as defined in 170 IAC 4-4.2-1(k)) is
4	removed from the premises or is replaced; or
5	(2) July 1, <del>2047;</del> <b>2049;</b>

whichever occurs earlier.

- (d) The amount of nameplate capacity of a net metering facility (as defined in 170 IAC 4-4.2-1(k)) installed on a customer's premises before January 1, 2018, is the amount of the customer's net metering facility (as defined in 170 IAC 4-4.2-1(k)) nameplate capacity considered to be participating in the net metering tariff of the customer's electricity supplier as of December 31, 2017. Any repairs, updates, or upgrades to portions of the net metering facility (as defined in 170 IAC 4-4.2-1(k)) that:
  - (1) are made after December 31, 2017; and
  - (2) do not increase the nameplate capacity of the net metering facility;

are not considered a replacement of the net metering facility for purposes of subsections (b)(1) and (c)(1).

SECTION 12. IC 8-1-40-16, AS ADDED BY P.L.264-2017, SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 16. Not later than March 1, 2021, 2023, an electricity supplier shall file with the commission a petition requesting a rate for the procurement of excess distributed generation by the electricity supplier. After an electricity supplier's initial rate for excess distributed generation is approved by the commission under section 17 of this chapter, the electricity supplier shall submit on an annual basis, not later than March 1 of each year, an updated rate for excess distributed generation in accordance with the methodology set forth in section 17 of this chapter.

SECTION 13. IC 8-1-40-21, AS ADDED BY P.L.264-2017, SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 21. (a) Subject to subsection (b) and sections 10 and 11 of this chapter, after June 30, 2017, the commission's rules and standards set forth in:

- (1) 170 IAC 4-4.2 (concerning net metering); and
- (2) 170 IAC 4-4.3 (concerning interconnection); remain in effect and apply to net metering under an electricity supplier's net metering tariff and to distributed generation under this chapter.
- (b) Except as provided in section 12 of this chapter, after June 30, 2017, the commission may adopt changes under IC 4-22-2, including



1	emergency rules in the manner provided by IC 4-22-2-37.1, to the rules
2	and standards described in subsection (a) only as necessary to:
3	(1) update fees or charges;
4	(2) adopt revisions necessitated by new technologies; or

(3) reflect changes in safety, performance, or reliability standards. Notwithstanding IC 4-22-2-37.1(g), an emergency rule adopted by the commission under this subsection and in the manner provided by IC 4-22-2-37.1 expires on the date on which a rule that supersedes the emergency rule is adopted by the commission under IC 4-22-2-24 through IC 4-22-2-36.

SECTION 14. IC 8-1-40-22, AS ADDED BY P.L.264-2017, SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 22. A **net metering customer (as defined in 170 IAC 4-4.2-1(j)) or a** customer that produces distributed generation shall comply with applicable safety, performance, and reliability standards established by the following:

(1) The commission.

- (2) An electricity supplier, subject to approval by the commission.
- (3) The National Electric Code.
- (4) The National Electrical Safety Code.
- (5) The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers.
- (6) Underwriters Laboratories.
- (7) The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.
- (8) Local regulatory authorities.

SECTION 15. IC 8-1-40-23, AS ADDED BY P.L.264-2017, SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 23. (a) A net metering customer (as defined in 170 IAC 4-4.2-1(j)) or a customer that produces distributed generation has the following rights regarding the installation and ownership of a net metering facility (as defined in 170 IAC 4-4.2-1(k)) or distributed generation equipment, as applicable:

- (1) The right to know that the attorney general is authorized to enforce this section, including by receiving complaints concerning the installation and ownership of a net metering facility (as defined in 170 IAC 4-4.2-1(k)) or distributed generation equipment.
- (2) The right to know the expected amount of electricity that will be produced by the **net metering facility (as defined in 170 IAC 4-4.2-1(k)) or the** distributed generation equipment that the customer is purchasing.
- (3) The right to know all costs associated with installing a net metering facility (as defined in 170 IAC 4-4.2-1(k)) or



- 1 distributed generation equipment, including any taxes for which 2 the customer is liable.
  - (4) The right to know the value of all federal, state, or local tax credits or other incentives or rebates that the customer may receive.
  - (5) The right to know the rate at which the customer will be credited for electricity produced by the customer's **net metering** facility (as defined in 170 IAC 4-4.2-1(k)) or distributed generation equipment and delivered to a public utility (as defined in IC 8-1-2-1).
  - (6) The right to know if a provider of a net metering facility (as defined in 170 IAC 4-4.2-1(k)) or distributed generation equipment insures the net metering facility (as defined in 170 IAC 4-4.2-1(k)) or distributed generation equipment against damage or loss and, if applicable, any circumstances under which the provider does not insure against or otherwise cover damage to or loss of the net metering facility (as defined in 170 IAC 4-4.2-1(k)) or distributed generation equipment.
  - (7) The right to know the responsibilities of a provider of a net metering facility (as defined in 170 IAC 4-4.2-1(k)) or distributed generation equipment with respect to installing or removing the net metering facility (as defined in 170 IAC 4-4.2-1(k)) or distributed generation equipment.
  - (b) The attorney general, in consultation with the commission, shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 that the attorney general considers necessary to implement and enforce this section, including a rule requiring written disclosure of the rights set forth in subsection (a) by a provider of a **net metering facility** (as defined in 170 IAC 4-4.2-1(k)) or distributed generation equipment to a customer. In adopting the rules required by this subsection, the attorney general may adopt emergency rules in the manner provided by IC 4-22-2-37.1. Notwithstanding IC 4-22-2-37.1(g), an emergency rule adopted by the attorney general under this subsection and in the manner provided by IC 4-22-2-37.1 expires on the date on which a rule that supersedes the emergency rule is adopted by the attorney general under IC 4-22-2-24 through IC 4-22-2-36.

SECTION 16. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) The definitions in IC 8-1-40, as amended by this act, apply throughout this SECTION.

(b) Notwithstanding IC 8-1-40, before its amendment by this act, an electricity supplier shall make a net metering tariff available to the electricity supplier's customers under IC 8-1-40, as amended by



1	this act, regardless of whether, as of the effective date of this act:
2	(1) the aggregate amount of net metering facility nameplate
3	capacity under the electricity supplier's net metering tariff
4	equals at least one and one-half percent (1.5%) of the most
5	recent summer peak load of the electricity supplier;
6	(2) the electricity supplier has filed a petition with the
7	commission under IC 8-1-40-16, before its amendment by this
8	act; or
9	(3) the commission has approved a rate for the electricity
10	supplier under IC 8-1-40-17.
11	(c) If, before the effective date of this act, an electricity supplier
12	has filed a petition with the commission under IC 8-1-40-16, before
13	its amendment by this act, and the commission, as of the effective
14	date of this act, has not approved a rate for the electricity supplier
15	under IC 8-1-40-17, the commission:
16	(1) shall stay review of the petition until the conditions under
17	IC 8-1-40-10, as amended by this act, apply to the electricity
18	supplier; and
19	(2) may allow or require the electricity supplier to file an
20	amended petition under IC 8-1-40-16, as amended by this act,
21	when the conditions under IC 8-1-40-10, as amended by this
22	act, apply to the electricity supplier.
23	(d) If, before the effective date of this act, the commission
24	approved a rate for an electricity supplier under IC 8-1-40-17, the
25	electricity supplier may not procure excess distributed generation
26	produced by a customer at the rate unless:
27	(1) the conditions under IC 8-1-40-10, as amended by this act,
28	apply to the electricity supplier;
29	(2) the electricity supplier files a petition with the commission
30	requesting approval for the electricity supplier to procure
31	excess distributed generation produced by a customer at the
32	rate; and
33	(3) the commission approves the electricity supplier's petition
34	filed under subdivision (2).
35	(e) This SECTION expires January 1, 2025.
36	SECTION 17. An emergency is declared for this act.

