

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

AR 527

In the Matter of Housekeeping Changes to)
OAR 860-039-0015(2)(a).)

ORDER

DISPOSITION: RULE AMENDED

On July 31, 2008, the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) filed a Notice of Rulemaking and Statement of Need and Fiscal Impact with the Secretary of State. Notice was also provided to certain legislators specified in ORS 183.335(1)(d) on July 31, 2008, and to all interested persons on the service lists maintained pursuant to OAR 860-011-0001. Notice of the rulemaking was published in the September 2008 *Oregon Bulletin*. Interested persons were given until September 25, 2008, to file written comments or request a hearing. No comments were filed, and no hearing was requested.

The amendment to OAR 860-039-0015 makes a housekeeping change to subsection (2)(a) of the rule by taking information previously formatted as a table and placing it in paragraph format. Making this formatting change facilitates the publishing of the information in the official version of the rule on the Secretary of State's website and, as a result, makes it easier for the public to find the information.

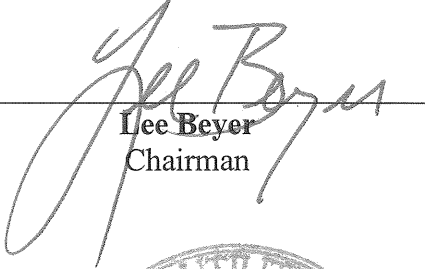
ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The modifications to Oregon Administrative Rule 860-039-0015, as set forth in Appendix A, are adopted.

2. The amended rule shall become effective upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Made, entered, and effective OCT 06 2008



Lee Beyer
Chairman



John Savage
Commissioner



Ray Baum
Commissioner



A person may petition the Commission for the amendment or repeal of a rule pursuant to ORS 183.390. A person may petition the Court of Appeals to determine the validity of a rule pursuant to ORS 183.400.

860-039-0015**Installation, Operation, Maintenance, and Testing of Net Metering Facilities**

(1) Except for customer-generators established as net metering customers prior to the effective date of this rule, a customer-generator of a public utility must install, operate and maintain a net metering facility in compliance with the IEEE standards.

(2) Except for customer-generators established as net metering customers prior to the effective date of this rule, a customer-generator of a public utility must install and maintain a manual disconnect switch that will disconnect the net metering facility from the public utility's system. The disconnect switch must be a lockable, load-break switch that plainly indicates whether it is in the open or closed position. The disconnect switch must be readily accessible to the public utility at all times and located within 10 feet of the public utility's meter.

(a) For customer services of 600 volts or less, a public utility may not require a disconnect switch for a net metering facility that is inverter-based with a maximum rating as shown below.

Service Type—Maximum Net Metering Facility Size (kW)

(A) Service type: 240 Volts, Single-phase, 3 Wire—**Maximum size 7.2 kW**

(B) Service type: 120/208 Volts, 3-Phase, 4 Wire—**Maximum size 10.5 kW**

(C) Service type: 120/240 Volts, 3-Phase 4 Wire—**Maximum size 12.5 kW**

(D) Service type: 277/480, 3-Phase, 4 Wire—**Maximum size 25.0 kW**

(E) For other service types, the net metering facility must not impact the customer-generator's service conductors by more than 30 amperes.

(b) The disconnect switch may be located more than 10 feet from the public utility meter if permanent instructions are posted at the meter indicating the precise location of the disconnect switch. The public utility must approve the location of the disconnect switch prior to the installation of the net metering facility.

(3) The customer-generator's electric service may be disconnected by the public utility entirely if the net metering facility must be physically disconnected for any reason.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 183, 756 & 757

Stats. Implemented: ORS 756.040, 757.300

Hist: PUC 8-2007, f. & ef. 7-27-07 (Order No. 07-319)