

ORDINANCE NO. 664

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES, PROVIDING THAT THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES, BE AMENDED BY ADDING THE FOLLOWING SECTION 14-48 PERTAINING TO CUSTOMER GENERATED RENEWABLE ENERGY:

Sec. 14-48. Customer generated renewable energy

(a) Renewable Energy Generation Customer Program

(1) Overview

- a. The City of Truth or Consequences (City) Renewable Energy Customer Program is available to any City customer, residential or commercial, that installs a qualified renewable energy system sized for the most recent twelve month average usage and has it interconnected to the City's power grid. Application is to be made to the Electrical Department Manager, blank application copies can be obtained from the electrical department or on the City website.
- b. The City reserves the right to deny interconnection for over-sized systems and in no case may the renewable energy generation system be sized such that its inverters rated capacity exceeds 90% of the most recent 12 month average of customers' usage. Denial of a customer's interconnection application may be appealed in writing once and must be done within 30 days from the notice of denial. The appeal is to be sent to; City of T or C City Commission. All supporting technical, design and support documentation for the appeal and interconnection application must be submitted in writing via hard copy or electronic format. Review and approval of system design and size will be per the T or C Electrical Department, building permit and inspection department and must conform to:
 - i. The standards and procedures described in rule 17.9.568 NMAC and the manual (<http://www.nmprc.state.nm.us/utilities/docs/NMInterconnectionManual2008.pdf>) to the interconnection of generating facilities with a rated capacity up to and including 10 MW.
 - ii. The standards and procedures described in 17.9.569 NMAC and the manual (<http://www.nmprc.state.nm.us/utilities/docs/NMInterconnectionManual2008.pdf>) apply to the interconnection of generating facilities with a rated capacity greater than 10 MW.
 - iii. Provisions of Sec. 14-33, tampering with meters of the City of Truth or Consequences existing municipal code.

(2) Metering

- a. Systems will be billed monthly from a bi-directional or net main meter at the specific facility or residence. The monthly bill will reflect a net reading which will show customer usage in excess of customer generation as positive kWh, or customer generation in excess of customer usage as negative kWh. The customer will be billed per existing City of Truth or Consequences municipal code Sec.

14-43 for installation of the net meter by the City and those costs will be billed to the customer on the first billing cycle post net meter installation.

(3) Rates

- a. Customers will be billed for service in accordance with the rate structure and monthly service charges that the customer would be assigned if the customer had not interconnected a qualifying facility.
- b. Customer kilowatt hour generation will be used to displace a customer's own kilowatt hour consumption.
- c. If electricity supplied by the City exceeds the electricity generated by the customer during a billing period, the customer will be billed for the net energy supplied by the City under the applicable rate.
- d. If electricity generated by the customer exceeds the electricity supplied by the City during a billing period, the City will credit the customer on the next billing cycle for the excess kWh generated.
- e. In the event a customer disconnects from the City's system with unused kWh in the bank, the City will pay the customer for all unused kWh credits at the Sierra Electric Cooperative Rate to be determined at the time of disconnect. (This amount will be first deducted from the customers final utility bill and then from any additional fees or fines that the customer owes to the City. Any remaining balance will be reimbursed to the customer by check.)

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS. CITY COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES:

Section 1. All Ordinances or Resolutions, or parts thereof, inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent only of such inconsistency. This Repealer shall not be construed to revive any Ordinance or Resolution, or part thereof, heretofore repealed.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect on the 15th day of "2015.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of Nov., 2015.

CITY OF TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES, NEW MEXICO

BY: 
SANDRA WHITEHEAD - Mayor

ATTEST: 
RENEE CANTIN - City Clerk