

**Block Island Utility District**  
**July 28, 2021**  
**4:00 PM**

THIS MEETING WAS HELD IN PERSON AT THE BIUD PLANT

**Minutes**

Participating BOD Members Present: Barbara MacMullan, Everett Shorey, Bill Penn, Mary Jane Balsler and Elliot Taubman.

Also Present: President Jeffery Wright, Tom Risom and Dave Lewis.

Board Chair Barbara MacMullan called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

**1. Public Input**

- There was no public input.

**2. Commissioner's Report**

- Board Chair Barbara MacMullan reported that the net metering amendment had been passed and signed into law. Additionally, she explained the work that had gone into the net metering tariff that was being presented in this meeting. She explained that we had done financial analysis on several different interconnection and metering methods and that she felt like we were proposing a tariff that was fair to all members. She then asked President Jeffery Wright to present the tariff as part of the next, and only, agenda item.

**3. Review and Act Upon Proposed Net Metering Tariff**

- President Jeffery Wright presented the net metering tariff – which was included in the BOD materials and provided to all present.
- Jeffery detailed the current net metering penetration in the system and stressed the importance of the second meter for means of disconnecting the generation during times of light loads when BIUD was running their generators. The purpose for this is to disconnect the intermittent solar to ensure system stability. He explained that he had conversations with a Kauai Electric Cooperative peer in Hawaii who has stressed the importance of having the capability of shutting off the solar during times of emergency.
- Member David Lewis asked if the pricing structure was fair to those members who did not net meter and Jeffery responded that the solar credit was as close to an avoided cost as possible. He stressed that the credit would be equal to what he could buy solar on the mainland and transport it to the island for.
- Jeffery Wright presented various bill examples to compare the old tariff to the new tariff.
- Commissioner Elliot Taubman asked that we look at the technical specifications

for wind again to make sure it was correct.

- Commissioner Everett Shorey explained that he had helped do the financial analysis of the various options and felt that this was the fairest structure of all options.
- A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the maximum size of a system and it was decided that the max size of the system would be equal to 10% of the remaining cap. As an example, if there was 200 kW of capacity left in our cap, then the max size anyone could install would be 20%. The administrative challenges of this was discussed but eventually all agreed this was the fairest way to allocate capacity.
- Everett Shorey moved that we approve the tariff with two stipulations; that the language regarding the maximum size be included in the final draft and that Jeffery was to verify the technical specifications were correct. Bill Penn seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- The BIDU Board of Commissioners was thanked by member David Lewis for their hard work in developing this tariff and applauded everyone's efforts.

Barbara MacMullan moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 PM, seconded by Elliot Taubman. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned.

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