

Your questions answered

Understand Alliant Energy's inflow outflow rate schedule

Eligibility

Will my solar energy system be on the inflow outflow rate schedule?

- Yes. Interconnection applications received after December 30, 2020, are subject to the inflow outflow tariff. (Interconnection applications completed before December 30, 2020, are subject to the previous net metering pilot.)

Am I eligible for the tariff?

- All of Alliant Energy's Iowa electric customers – residential, commercial and industrial (general service and large general service) – are eligible for the tariff on up to 110% of the customer's annual electricity usage, not to exceed 1 megawatt (MW) AC nameplate capacity.

Specifics with inflow outflow

What if my system is larger than 1 MW or 110% of my annual electricity usage?

- We'll prorate your credit for energy produced based on the designed nameplate rating and how much your system exceeds 110% or 1 MW of your annual electricity usage.
- If your system is oversized based on your usage history, your percentage at full inflow outflow could be under 100%. This means a portion of what you send to the grid each billing cycle cashes out at the avoided cost rate, which you can find in the current Cogeneration and Small Power Production (Rate Code CSPP) rate sheet. The avoided cost rate updates annually.

Example:

100,000 = annual usage in kilowatt-hours (kWh)

110,000 = 110% of kWh annual usage

150,000 = projected annual kWh production

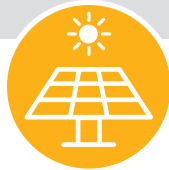
$110,000 / 150,000 = 73\%$ at full inflow outflow and 27% at avoided cost

What happens if my percentage at full inflow outflow is less than 100% and my load changes?

- We will evaluate the information at the time of the interconnection application based on requirements of the inflow outflow rate schedule. You may request to have us review your percentage at full inflow outflow after at least 12 months from your permission to operate date. To submit this request, call our Renewable Energy Hotline at 800-972-5325 or send the request to sellmypower@alliantenergy.com.
- We will only review usage changes once an annual period and not before the initial annual period concludes.

How does the monthly transaction work?

- You pay the retail volumetric rate (including riders) for all power we deliver to your meter during each 15-minute interval of the billing period (**inflow**).
- We credit you the kWh retail volumetric rate (including riders) for all net power your system delivers to the grid during each 15-minute interval of the billing period (**outflow**).



Do my excess energy credits carry forward?

- Yes, potentially until the end of the annual period (either January or April). Overproduction kWhs the grid receives (outflow) can offset the kWhs we deliver to your home or business (inflow). Assuming the system is the proper size based on your usage history, we credit all energy outflow at the same retail volumetric rate for the current billing cycle. If in a billing cycle your outflow credit exceeds your monthly kWh charges (inflow), the excess outflow energy credits carry forward to your following statement or statements.
- Outflow energy credits cannot convert to cash. You forfeit any banked outflow energy credits at the end of the annual period. Forfeited credits serve to reduce purchased power expenses for all customers.

System size

How big can I build my solar energy system?

- You can build as large a system as you want, within safety or operational constraints. We do not restrict the size of your distributed generation (DG) facility. However, only a certain amount of the energy the system produces may be eligible for us to purchase under the inflow outflow rate schedule (see specifics above).

How will I calculate my average usage?

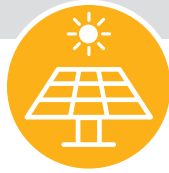
- Use your most recent three-year annual average usage before DG installation to calculate your annual electricity usage.
- If you have had service for less than three years but more than one year, calculate based on the most recent 12 months.
- If you do not have at least 12 months of usage, your installer may use comparable properties to determine your projected annual usage. Find average energy use for an address at alliantenergy.com/account-and-billing/average-energy-use.

What if my property is a recent construction and I don't have 12 months of usage?

- We'll use any documentation you have that estimates your annual usage. We recommend you provide documentation from your electrician or homebuilder to estimate the electrical load for your new home or building.

Who should I contact to request usage history?

- You can access your usage history on My Account at alliantenergy.com/myaccount or through your Alliant Energy app. You can also contact Alliant Energy Customer Service at 1-800-255-4268 or customercare@alliantenergy.com to request your cost and usage history.



How will I calculate my annual energy usage if I'm an existing customer who already has solar or wind and I want to expand my system?

- Calculate your usage history based on your annual usage prior to installation of your current DG system as described in the tariff. If you do not have a usage history prior to installation, your installer may use comparable properties to determine your projected annual usage.

When combined with solar or wind, how do you treat energy storage on the inflow outflow rate schedule?

- Energy storage (e.g. batteries) will not impact the estimated energy output of your renewable energy DG facility. Standalone energy storage is not eligible for any of our renewable rate schedules. Please note 100% of battery charging must occur from on-site generation to qualify for our renewable rate schedule.

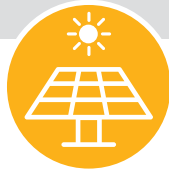
What if I expand my existing system?

- You must submit a new interconnection application. If you increase the AC nameplate of your DG facility, such as AC-coupled energy storage, we'll place you on the inflow outflow rate schedule. If you add DC-coupled energy storage, you must still submit a new interconnection application, however since your AC nameplate rating remains the same, you will be eligible to remain on your current rate schedule.

Other questions

If I'm currently on the net metering pilot tariff, do I have to switch to the inflow outflow rate schedule?

- No. All customers on the net metering pilot may remain on that rate schedule until the end of their system's life, not to exceed 25 years. You may choose to switch to the inflow outflow rate schedule, but you cannot switch back.
- You may need to switch to the inflow outflow rate schedule if you expand or modify your existing system. Per regulatory rules as of October 1, 2024, any newly started service is ineligible for the Alternative Energy and Small Hydro Production rate and must be on the inflow outflow tariff.



Can I use the outflow from one meter to offset the inflow from another meter (or meters) on the same or different locations? Will the 110% eligibility be based on combined usage?

- No. You may only utilize the inflow outflow rate schedule for the meter at which the DG facility is located and interconnected.

Can I remove meters and combine services on my property? Will the 110% eligibility be based on the combined usage?

- You may combine services on the same property, and the eligibility will be based on the combined usage. You will need to communicate this in the interconnection application.
- Please note, you should notify our Customer Service team, which will inform our Field Operations team, of any intention to remove or combine services. This information is not automatically communicated to these groups through the interconnection process. Please contact Customer Service at 1-800-255-4268 or customercare@alliantenergy.com before you make any changes.

I received an app from my installer or manufacturer. Why does this app show I produced more than what's shown on my statement?

- The solar production you may track with a third-party app will differ from the “received” section of your bill. Since your home directly uses the energy you produce first, the meter cannot calculate your total solar production.
- Our metering only registers the energy that exceeds what you use on-site, which flows out to the electricity grid. The excess energy you send to the grid appears as the “received” section of your bill. You can use the production data from your app/software to determine how much energy your home would have used if you did not have solar power. See the calculation below:
- kWhs of production shown in third-party app throughout the billing cycle + kWhs “delivered” (shown on statement) - kWhs “received” (shown on statement) = kWhs home would have consumed without solar