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## **INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION PROPOSES RULE FOR NET METERING**

Today, the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) approved a proposed rule, which opens the public process of adopting a rule for net metering. This is a continuation of the Commission's commitment to establish policies related to distributed generation.

The proposed rulemaking is designed to make it easier for residential customers and schools that own and operate a solar, wind or hydro electrical generating facilities to operate in parallel with their electric company. As proposed, the rule establishes a 1 for 1 credit for self generated power, sets limitations on the size of the net metering facility, and standardizes the interconnection agreements between the entities.

This rule covers small net metering projects. The IURC will begin taking a look at a rule for larger distributed generation projects this summer.

The next step in the rulemaking process is a public hearing which will be held on Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 10a.m., in the Indiana Government Center-South, 302 W. Washington Street, Room E 306, and Indianapolis, Indiana.

Copies of the proposed rule are available for public inspection at the IURC's office, on the IURC Website at [WWW.IN.GOV/IURC](http://WWW.IN.GOV/IURC), and will be published in the April 1, 2004 Indiana Register.

The steps for the remainder of the rulemaking process include: a public comment period, Commission approval of the final rule, the Attorney General's approval of the rule, and the approval of the Governor. The rule is then filed with the Secretary of State before taking effect.

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