

199—15.1(476) Definitions. Terms defined in the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA), 16 U.S.C. 2601, et seq., shall have the same meaning for purposes of these rules as they have under PURPA, unless further defined in this chapter.

“*AEP facility*” means any of the following: (1) an electric production facility which derives 75 percent or more of its energy input from solar energy, wind, waste management, resource recovery, refuse-derived fuel, agricultural crops or residues, or wood burning; (2) a hydroelectric facility at a dam; (3) land, systems, buildings, or improvements that are located at the project site and are necessary or convenient to the construction, completion, or operation of the facility; or (4) transmission or distribution facilities necessary to conduct the energy produced by the facility to the purchasing utility.

“*Alternate energy purchase (AEP) program*” means a utility program that allows customers to contribute voluntarily to the development of alternate energy in Iowa.

“*Avoided costs*” means the incremental costs to an electric utility of electric energy or capacity or both which, but for the purchase from the qualifying facility or qualifying facilities, such utility would generate itself or purchase from another source.

“*Backup power*” means electric energy or capacity supplied by an electric utility to qualifying facilities and AEP facilities to replace energy ordinarily generated by a facility’s own generation equipment during an unscheduled outage of the facility.

“*Commission*” means the Iowa utilities commission.

“*Disconnection device*” means a lockable visual disconnect or other disconnection device capable of isolating, disconnecting, and de-energizing the residual voltage in a distributed generation facility.

“*Distributed generation facility*” means a qualifying facility, an AEP facility, or an energy storage facility.

“*Electric meter*” means a device used by an electric utility that measures and registers the integral of an electrical quantity with respect to time.

“*Interconnection costs*” means the reasonable costs of connection, switching, metering, transmission, distribution, safety provisions and administrative costs incurred by the electric utility directly related to the installation and maintenance of the physical facilities necessary to permit interconnected operations with qualifying facilities and AEP facilities, to the extent the costs are in excess of the corresponding costs which the electric utility would have incurred if it had not engaged in interconnected operations, but instead generated an equivalent amount of electric energy itself or purchased an equivalent amount of electric energy or capacity from other sources. Interconnection costs do not include any costs included in the calculation of avoided costs.

“*Interruption power*” means electric energy or capacity supplied by an electric utility subject to interruption by the electric utility under specified conditions.

“*Maintenance power*” means electric energy or capacity supplied by an electric utility during scheduled outages of qualifying facilities and AEP facilities.

“*Purchase*” means the purchase of electric energy or capacity or both from qualifying facilities and AEP facilities by an electric utility.

“*Qualifying facility*” means a cogeneration facility or a small power production facility which is a qualifying facility under 18 CFR Part 292, Subpart B.

“*Rate*” means any price, rate, charge, or classification made, demanded, observed or received with respect to the sale or purchase of electric energy or capacity, or any rule, regulation, or practice respecting any rate, charge, or classification, and any contract pertaining to the sale or purchase of electric energy or capacity.

“*Sale*” means the sale of electric energy or capacity or both by an electric utility to qualifying facilities and AEP facilities.

“*Supplementary power*” means electric energy or capacity supplied by an electric utility, regularly used by qualifying facilities and AEP facilities in addition to that which the facility generates itself.

“*System emergency*” means a condition on a utility’s system which is likely to result in imminent significant disruption of service to customers or is imminently likely to endanger life or property.

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