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1 AN ACT Relating to the definition of net metering system; and  
2 amending RCW 80.60.010.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 80.60.010 and 1998 c 318 s 2 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter  
7 unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

8 (1) "Commission" means the utilities and transportation commission.

9 (2) "Customer-generator" means a user of a net metering system.

10 (3) "Electrical company" means a company owned by investors that  
11 meets the definition of RCW 80.04.010.

12 (4) "Electric cooperative" means a cooperative or association  
13 organized under chapter 23.86 or 24.06 RCW.

14 (5) "Electric utility" means any electrical company, public utility  
15 district, irrigation district, port district, electric cooperative, or  
16 municipal electric utility that is engaged in the business of  
17 distributing electricity to retail electric customers in the state.

18 (6) "Irrigation district" means an irrigation district under  
19 chapter 87.03 RCW.

1 (7) "Municipal electric utility" means a city or town that owns or  
2 operates an electric utility authorized by chapter 35.92 RCW.

3 (8) "Net metering" means measuring the difference between the  
4 electricity supplied by an electric utility and the electricity  
5 generated by a customer-generator that is fed back to the electric  
6 utility over the applicable billing period.

7 (9) "Net metering system" means a fuel cell or a facility for the  
8 production of electrical energy that(~~(+~~

9 ~~(a))~~ uses as its fuel either solar, wind, or hydropower(~~(+~~

10 ~~(b))~~), and that:

11 (a) Has a generating capacity of not more than twenty-five  
12 kilowatts;

13 ~~((e))~~ (b) Is located on the customer-generator's premises;

14 ~~((d))~~ (c) Operates in parallel with the electric utility's  
15 transmission and distribution facilities; and

16 ~~((e))~~ (d) Is intended primarily to offset part or all of the  
17 customer-generator's requirements for electricity.

18 (10) "Port district" means a port district within which an  
19 industrial development district has been established as authorized by  
20 Title 53 RCW.

21 (11) "Public utility district" means a district authorized by  
22 chapter 54.04 RCW.

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