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35. Remote Crediting ("RC") Program

A. Eligibility

1. A non-residential customer and farm residential, who owns or operates electric generating equipment ("Facility"), and as defined in Public Service Law ("PSL") §66-j or PSL§66-l, limited in size as set forth in the table below will be permitted to participate as a Remote Crediting Host in this program:

Generator Type	Size Limit on System	
	Residential	Non-Residential
Solar		Up to 5 MW
Micro-hydroelectric		Up to 5 MW
Fuel Cell		Up to 5 MW
Farm Waste		Up to 5 MW
Wind		Up to 5 MW
Farm Wind		Up to 5 MW

2. A customer participating in Remote Net Metering ("RNM") pursuant to Rule 28 and is compensated for excess generation based on Rule 26.B, Value Stack shall be transitioned to Remote Crediting pursuant to this Rule effective with the Host's first full billing cycle after September 1, 2021.
3. A project that is participating in Remote Net Metering and is compensated based on volumetric or monetary crediting may make a one-time irrevocable election to opt-in to the Remote Crediting Program as set forth below:
 - a. A non-Value Stack RNM project may opt into the Value Stack and shall adhere to the rules and requirements of Remote Crediting.
 - b. A Host of a RNM project that transitions to Remote Crediting will retain any Value Stack Eligibility Date lock-in rates, as described in Rule 40.B, as well as the project's originally-established term limit.
 - c. A Host of a RNM project that is compensated based on volumetric crediting and opts into Remote Crediting shall forfeit any banked credits on the existing project before commencing with Remote Crediting, and such project's Value Stack Eligibility Date shall be the date in which the project opts into Remote Crediting.
 - d. A Host of a RNM project that is compensated based on monetary crediting and has banked credits that opts into Remote Crediting, before commencing with Remote Crediting, such banked credits shall be transitioned to the Host Bank as its starting balance.
4. A customer account that is participating in the Remote Crediting program as a Host or a Satellite Account may not also participate in Community Distributed Generation ("CDG"), Rule 23 or Remote Net Metering, Rule 28.
5. Interconnected CDG projects, including Net Crediting, shall have the option to switch to Remote Crediting through a one-time irrevocable election as detailed in Rule 35.H.
6. A customer that takes service pursuant to Service Classification No. 14 is not eligible to participate in the Remote Crediting program.
7. Remote Crediting Host and Satellite Accounts must be located in the Company's service territory.

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B. Remote Crediting Host Requirements

1. The Remote Crediting Host that meets the Eligibility requirements set forth above shall submit an application to the Company and designate up to ten (10) autonomous customers, including the Host Account, to participate in Remote Crediting.
2. The Remote Crediting Host must certify in writing to the Company, both prior to commencing service under Remote Crediting and annually thereafter, that it has met all program criteria set forth in the Commission's Orders, including but not limited to certifying that they can satisfy all obligations assumed with respect to Satellite Account members and other requirements established by the Commission.
3. A Remote Crediting Host Account may not participate in other Remote Crediting projects as a Remote Crediting Satellite Account.
4. Monthly Allocation File
 - a. If no allocation form is provided to the Company within thirty (30) days of interconnection to the Company's distribution system, all Value Stack compensation will be applied to the electric charges of the Host Account and any excess credits will be allocated to the Host bank until such time a completed allocation form is received by the Company. The excess credit shall continue to be banked and available for future host bank allocation.
 - b. The initial valid allocation request shall be effective with the first full Remote Crediting Host Account billing period from the later of 60 days after receipt of such request or effective date of interconnection.
 - c. The Remote Crediting Host shall allocate, on a percentage basis (at up to three decimal places of accuracy), its monthly Value Stack credits to each of the project's Satellite Accounts, as well as the Host Account, such that the allocation totals 100 percent. The Remote Crediting Host may allocate 0.000% to their Host Account. Allocations that total more than 100 percent shall be rejected.
 - i. Subsequent valid allocation files shall be effective the with next full Remote Crediting Host Account billing period 30 days after receipt of such request.
 - ii. The Remote Crediting Host may not modify the allocation file more than once in a 30-day period.
 - iii. If the allocation file does not include instructions for disbursements from the Host Bank, no disbursement will be made from the Host Bank.

C. Satellite Requirements

1. A Remote Crediting project may have up to ten (10) autonomous customers, including the Host Account
 - a. A Satellite customer may have multiple accounts identified on the monthly allocation file.
2. A Remote Crediting Satellite account may participate as a satellite in more than one Remote Crediting project. The aggregated rated capacity of generating equipment of Remote Crediting Host Account(s) designated to serve a Remote Crediting Satellite Account plus the rated capacity of net-metered generating equipment on the Remote Crediting Satellite Account, if any, cannot exceed 5,000 kW.
 - a. If it's determined that the Satellite customer is receiving more than the aggregated capacity of 5,000 kW, the Company shall suspend any application of credits to the Satellite and those credits will remain with the appropriate Host. Application of credits to the Satellite will commence once the sum of the Host allocations does not exceed 5,000 kW.

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D. Calculation and Application of Credits

1. The Company shall calculate credits in accordance with Rule 26.B. Value of Distributed Energy Resources, Value Stack for the Facility and allocate credits in accordance with the percent allocations provided by the Remote Crediting Host.
2. The credit applied to each account (*i.e.*, Host Account and Satellite Account) shall not exceed the current electric charges. Any remaining unused credits for that account will be banked and carried over on the account for its next billing period.
3. Banked credits remaining on the Remote Crediting Host account at the end of the billing period will be available to offset the Remote Crediting Host’s electric charges on its next bill, or for future host bank disbursement to participating satellite accounts according to instructions provided to the Company in Rule 35.B.4.c.iv.
4. Satellite Account
 - a. If a Remote Crediting Satellite participates in multiple Remote Crediting projects, the Value Stack credit applied to the Satellite account’s current electric charges will be determined on a prorata basis based on each Remote Crediting Host’s total allocation to the Satellite in the month, inclusive of Host bank allocation, applied to the Satellite’s current electric charges.
 - b. If a Remote Crediting Satellite is a customer-generator, any on-site generation credits will be applied to the satellite’s bill before applying any credits from the Remote Crediting project.

E. Metering Requirements

See Rule 13.C, Distributed Energy Resources, for applicable metering requirements.

F. Discontinuance of Participation in Remote Crediting Project

1. If a Remote Crediting Satellite discontinues participation in a Remote Crediting project:
 - a. The Company shall rely on the Remote Crediting Host’s monthly allocation form to verify the Remote Crediting Satellite Account’s participation in the Remote Crediting Host’s project. When the Company processes the Remote Crediting allocation form, that no longer includes the Remote Crediting Satellite Account, the Company shall transfer any banked credits of the Remote Crediting Satellite Account to the Remote Crediting Host Account.
 - b. Once remaining credits have been transferred to the Remote Crediting Host of a project, the Company shall not be responsible for any additional refunds or credits owed to the Remote Crediting Satellite Account for that Remote Crediting project.
 - c. A Remote Crediting Satellite Account that has been removed from a Remote Crediting Host project, but continues to maintain an active utility account, may not subscribe to a new Remote Crediting Host or Remote Crediting Net Crediting project until the billing period after which all banked credits are returned to the original Remote Crediting Host’s Account.

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G. Account Closure

1. Host Account

- a. The Company shall require an actual meter reading to close an Account pursuant to this Rule.
- b. The Company shall close an account on the earlier of: (a) the first cycle date on which a reading is taken following the requested turn off date, or (b) the date of a special reading, which a Customer may request at the charge specified in General Information Rule 11.7.C.(c).
- c. After the Host Account's final bill is rendered, or at the end of the term of service, the Remote Crediting Host will forfeit any remaining credit in the host bank and shall not be cashed out or transferred.

2. Satellite Account

- a. The Company shall require an actual meter reading to close an account pursuant to this Rule.
- b. The Company shall close an account on the earlier of:
 - i. the first cycle date on which a reading is taken following the requested turn off date, or
 - ii. the date of a special reading, which a Customer may request at the charge specified in General Information Section 11.7.C.(c).
- c. Once the Remote Crediting Satellite has closed their account and the final bill rendered, the banked credits that were remaining on the Remote Crediting Satellite's account shall be transferred back to the Remote Crediting Host Account.
- d. If the Remote Crediting Satellite was participating in multiple Remote Crediting projects, the credits shall be returned to each host in the proportioned percent of installed capacity allocated to that account in each project.
- e. Once remaining credits have been transferred to the Remote Crediting Host of a project, the Company shall not be responsible for any additional refunds or credits owed to the Remote Crediting Satellite Account for that Remote Crediting project.

H. One-Time Voluntary Switch:

A customer shall have the option to make a one-time voluntary switch from Remote Crediting to Community Distributed Generation (Rule 23). The procedure to switch is detailed in the CDG VDER Procedural Requirements manual posted on the Company's website.

- a. A customer shall provide the Company with notice of their intent to switch and submit a switching certification and a CDG/Remote Crediting allocation form within 60 days of the new project's first account billing date or within 45 days of the existing project's last host account billing date.
 - (i) The project shall remain under the Value Stack compensation mechanism as described in Rule 26.B.10.
 - (ii) This switch shall be irrevocable.
- b. If a customer chooses to make a one-time voluntary switch, the component rates that were established on the customers eligibility date shall not change and all project elections shall carry forward.
- c. The compensation term shall be that of the program that a customer is switching into and begins on the project's original interconnection date.

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H. One-Time Voluntary Switch (Cont'd):

- d. The customer shall retain any monetary credits banked on the host account; this shall be the starting balance of the new host bank.
- e. For projects switching to Remote Crediting and choose to receive compensation under the Environmental Component, the project owner shall contact the NYGATS administrator to initiate a transfer of the generator in NYGATS to the Company. Projects not already authorized in NYGATS must authorize the Company to register and report data through NYGATS.

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