

Technical Advisory Committee on Distributed Generation and Storage
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Reinstate retail rate net metering (NEM1) with an added minimum bill and decoupling for all customers. Minimum bills as defined by the Regulatory Assistance Project (RAP) are charges that set a billing threshold under which a customer's monthly bill cannot be further reduced through the application of net metering credits or consumption reductions.

Under this proposal, solar DG customers are restored to their prior rate classes, and will not be subject to different customer, minimum or demand charges than non-solar customers. Vote Solar proposes a \$20 minimum bill for Sierra Pacific (current basic service charge is \$15.25) and \$15 minimum bill for Nevada Power (current basic service charge is \$12.75).

<u>NV Energy Subsidiary</u>	<u>Basic Service Charge</u>	<u>Proposed Minimum bill</u>
Sierra Pacific	\$15.25	\$20
Nevada Power	\$12.75	\$15

A number of other investor owned utilities, municipal utilities, and states have either implemented or are actively exploring implementing minimum bill mechanisms. Policies that have been implemented range from \$10 per month for California's largest investor-owned utilities (PG&E, SCE, and SDG&E) up to \$25 per month in Hawaii. These states have some of the most robust solar markets in the United States, suggesting that minimum bills, as implemented, are not fundamentally incompatible with solar market development.