

# RENEWABLE ENERGY BILL OF RIGHTS

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The rights of Nevada's electric customers regarding self-generation and storage of renewable energy are codified in **Assembly Bill 405 ("AB 405") of the 79th (2017) Session of the Nevada Legislature at Sections 23 - 25**. These provisions are referred to as the Renewable Energy Bill of Rights.

## THE LEGISLATURE HEREBY DECLARES THAT EACH NATURAL PERSON WHO IS A RESIDENT OF THIS STATE HAS THE RIGHT TO:

1. Generate, consume and export renewable energy and reduce his or her use of electricity that is obtained from the grid.
2. Use technology to store energy at his or her residence.
3. If the person generates renewable energy pursuant to subsection 1 above, or stores energy pursuant to subsection 2 above, or any combination thereof, be allowed to connect his or her system that generates renewable energy or stores energy, or any combination thereof, with the electricity meter on the customer's side that is provided by an electric utility or any other person named and defined in chapters 704, 704A and 704B of NRS:
  - (a) In a timely manner;
  - (b) In accordance with requirements established by the electric utility to ensure the safety of utility workers; and
  - (c) After providing written notice to the electric utility providing service in the service territory and installing a nomenclature plate on the electrical meter panel indicating that a system that generates renewable energy or stores energy, or any combination thereof, is present if the system:
    - (1) Is not used for exporting renewable energy past the electric utility meter on the customer's side; and
    - (2) Meets all applicable state and local safety and electrical code requirements.
4. Fair credit for any energy exported to the grid.
5. Consumer protections in contracts for renewable energy pursuant to Sections 2 to 20, inclusive, of AB405.
6. Have his or her generation of renewable energy given priority in planning and acquisition of energy resources by an electric utility.
7. Except as otherwise provided in section 27 or 28.3 of AB 405, remain within the existing broad rate class to which the resident would belong in the absence of a net metering system or a system that generates renewable energy or stores energy, or any combination thereof, without any fees or charges that are different than the fees and charges assessed to customers of the same rate class, regardless of the technologies on the customer's side of the electricity meter, including, without limitation, energy production, energy savings, energy consumption, energy storage or energy shifting technologies, provided that such technologies do not compromise the safety and reliability of the utility grid.

## MORE INFORMATION

If you believe that you are being denied a right covered by the Renewable Energy Bill of Rights, contact the PUCN's Consumer Complaint Resolution Division at (775) 684-6100 (Northern Nevada), (702) 486-2600 (Southern Nevada), or [puc.nv.gov](http://puc.nv.gov).



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