In 2012, the Antigua Public Utilities Authority introduced the Interconnection Policy which governs the use of renewable energy systems connected to the electricity grid. The Authority is pleased with the response from consumers thus far and will be streamlining the application and billing process to further enhance the customer experience. The detailed application process can be found at www.apua.ag/interconnection-policy/

APUA would also like to announce that all new applicants will be billed on a Net Billing basis. The Net Billing system is a system that is used throughout Islands in the region to regulate the use of renewable energy. Customers will be classed into two categories. Consumers who have renewable energy systems up to 5KW will have a bidirectional meter installed onto their property. The meter will measure the power coming into the property from APUA and also, the excess power sent to the APUA grid by the renewable energy system. The customer is billed, in accordance with published tariff schedule in effect, for the power consumed from APUA. The customer is also credited for the energy exported to APUA based on the avoided fuel cost. The avoided fuel cost, accounts for the cost of fuel that APUA would have used to produce the equivalent amount of energy.

Customers who have systems in excess of 5KW will be governed under the 'Buy all, sell all' net billing system. The Customer pays the Utility, at the published tariff rate, for all of the power consumed. The energy produced by the renewable energy system is then credited to the customer at the avoided fuel cost.

APUA would like to thank all the customers who have installed renewable energy systems thus far and invites more customers to consider using renewable energy.

The Net Billing system takes effect as of March 16th, 2015. For further queries please call the Electricity Business Unit or visit www.apua.ag/interconnection-policy/

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