

CENTRAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
Public Utilities Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA) and
Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (EISA)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What does “PURPA” mean?

“PURPA” is an acronym that refers to the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act. Originally enacted in 1978, the Act was intended to address national energy issues with programs that encourage conservation and efficiency while maintaining equitable rates. Since 1978, Congress has amended PURPA several times, most recently through the Energy Independence and Security Act (EISA) of 2007.

What is the purpose of PURPA?

Congress enacted PURPA to encourage (a) conservation of the electric energy supplied by utilities; (b) efficient use of electric utility facilities and resources; and, (c) equitable rates for electric consumers.

What does “EISA” mean?

“EISA” is an acronym that refers to the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007. This Act added four new standards to PURPA . Both regulated and certain sized non-regulated electric utilities are required to consider and make a determination whether or not it is appropriate to implement these new standards.

What new standards must electric utilities consider?

- (1) Integrated Resource Planning
- (2) Rate Design Modification to Promote Energy Efficiency Investments
- (3) Smart Grid Investments
- (4) Smart Grid Information

Why did I receive a notice of PURPA and EISA in my monthly billing statement?

Federal law requires regulated and certain size non-regulated electric utilities to give public notice regarding the process to be followed when considering the four new standards.

Am I required to respond to the notice?

No. Participation is optional. You may choose to participate if you have information or comments that you would like submit.

Explain “Integrated Resource Planning to Promote Energy Efficiency.”

“Integrated Resource Planning” o(IRP), refers to a comprehensive planning process for systematically considering what supply and demand resources under our control are appropriate for meeting our members’ current and future electric load requirements. The

term “energy efficiency” generally refers to efforts that allow consumers to use less energy without altering their behavior through, for example, increasing the use of new technologies or replacing old energy-consuming devices with newer, more efficient versions.

Explain “Rate Design Modification to Promote Energy Efficiency Investments.”

This standard directs utilities to look at incentives that influence adoption of, or investment in, energy efficiency.

What does “Smart Grid Investments” refer to? “Smart Grid Investments are advanced metering technologies deployed in the electric system. They include Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) and distribution automation.

What does “Smart Grid Information” refer to?

“Smart Grid information” refers to data made available to a utility that has invested in advanced technologies such as AMI and distribution automation. This standard provides direct access to information concerning pricing, usage, intervals, and sources of power, including the type of electric power generation and its greenhouse gas emissions, either in writing or in electronic form.

What process will CEC use to make its determination?

The Board of Directors will consider and make a determination on or before December 19, 2009 whether it is appropriate to implement the four standards based on input collected and in accordance with EISA. CEC will use a written hearing process in which members interested in the proceeding will submit written comments on the standards.

Who may participate in the proceeding?

All members of Central Electric have a right to participate.

If I want to participate and submit comments, what should I do? The submission must include at a minimum, the following information: (i) your name and address; (ii) whether you are filing initial comments, or submitting a reply to another person’s previously-submitted comments; and (iii) your testimony. Comments should be submitted in type-script (preferably not handwritten), with appropriate headings so that CEC will know which of the four standards you are commenting on. Email responses should be submitted in a PDF format. In addition to your name and address, participants are requested to provide telephone numbers and email addresses, if available.

Using any of the methods below, submit your comments via:

Personal delivery:	2098 North Highway 97 Redmond, Oregon, 97756
Mail:	CEC PURPA COMPLIANCE P.O. Box 846 Redmond, Oregon 97756
FAX:	(541) 548-0366

E-mail: PURPA@cec.coop

Will my comments be made public?

Yes. CEC will post comments submitted by members on its website and will make copies of comments available, to any member who requests a copy.

When will I know the final determination?

The Board of Directors will make its final determination on or before December 19, 2009. The final determination will be available on the company website at www.cec.coop. Copies will be made available to any member upon request.