



# Electric Rule 21

## What is Electric Rule 21?

Electric Rule 21 is a tariff (or set of regulations) that describes the interconnection, operation and metering requirements for distributed generators that will be connected to a utility's electric system. The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has jurisdiction over the Electric Rule 21 tariff. [PG&E version of Electric Rule 21 tariff](#)



## Electric Rule 21 applies to generators under various tariffs:

- **Standard and Expanded Net Energy Metering (NEM)**  
Customers who generate power for their own use *and* for export to the electric grid for credit on their PG&E bills
- **Electric Rule 21 Export**  
Customers who operate as qualifying facilities (QFs)—as defined by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) Public Utility Regulatory Policy Act (PURPA)—that sell (or export) all of their energy to the grid to PG&E through a PURPA Power Purchase Agreement
- **Electric Rule 21 Non-export**  
Customers who generate power for their own use only and do not export power to the electric grid (non-export)

For information regarding the above programs, view [Self Generation Options under Electric Rule 21](#)