

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

- Q. Is there a fee associated with interconnecting to the Chugach system?**
A. Yes. Effective June 1, 2024 a \$225 non-refundable application fee is required to be submitted with the application.
- Q. Will I need to get a new meter once my PV system is active?**
A. No. Chugach uses an AMI (Advanced Metering Infrastructure) smart-meter system, so your current meter can read the net (positive or negative) power flow at your service.
- Q. How do I know how much power my system is producing?**
A. Your meter is only tracking the net (consumption minus production) power at your service, so there is no direct way to see what your system is producing with your Chugach meter. To get an estimate, you can: a) compare your monthly bill to the bill from previous years, or b) install metering equipment as part of your PV system to directly track the production.
- Q. I just bought a house with existing solar panels. Do I need to do anything to continue net-metering service?**
A. Yes. Chugach requires a current signed Interconnection Agreement on file for the current owner / operator of all PV systems. If you purchased a house with existing PV panels, please contact the Chugach Planning Department at CEA_Web_CustomerGeneration@chugachelectric.com to update the paperwork for your service.
- Q. I want to modify (expand / remove) my existing PV system. Do I need to contact Chugach?**
A. Yes. Chugach keeps a database of all active PV systems for safety reasons and for state and federal reporting, so we need to be updated about any changes to your equipment. If you're **removing** your system, please inform the Chugach Planning Department through the Chugach Engineering Request form (outlined on the website: <https://www.chugachelectric.com/energy-solutions/renewable-generation>). If you are **expanding** your system, please submit a new Interconnection Application with the proposed details of the expansion before you begin work. Chugach needs to approve all additional equipment to make sure the grid in your neighborhood can safely support the additional power.
- Q. Will Chugach buy the excess electricity from my PV system (if I produce more than I consume)? What is the buyback rate?**
A. Yes. Chugach will credit your account based on the amount of excess energy (kWh) produced at the non-firm buyback power rate. These credits will be used to reduce your bill in subsequent monthly billing periods. You can find specific details on Sheet No. 89.3 "Net Metering Service" and Sheet No. 97 "Purchase & Sales Rates for Qualified Cogeneration and Small Power Production" of Chugach's Operating Tariff which can be found on the Chugach website at <https://www.chugachelectric.com/your-cooperative/regulatory-affairs>