

**Energy Production Definitions
Commercial Vs. Net-Metering/Non-Commercial
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**Planning Department Recommendation with Commercial & Non-Commercial
Advisory Group Amendments**

Net Metering Facility - A facility for the production of **electrical energy power** that:

- A. Generates **electricity energy** using means listed in ORS or OAR such as solar power, wind power, fuel cells, hydroelectric power, landfill gas, digester gas, waste, dedicated energy crops available on a renewable basis or low-emission, nontoxic biomass based on solid organic fuels from wood, forest or field residues;
- B. Is intended to offset part or all of the customer-generator's requirements for **electricity energy**;
- C. Will operate in parallel with an **electric** utility's existing transmission and distribution facilities;
- D. Is consistent with generating capacity as specified in ORS 757.300 and/or OAR 860-039-0010 **as well as any other applicable regulations**;
- E. Is located on the same tract as the use(s) to which it is accessory and the power generating facility, tract, and use(s) are all under common ownership and management.

See "Non-Commercial/Stand Alone Power Generating Facility" and "Commercial Power Generating Facility" for additional definitions related to energy production.

Non-Commercial/Stand Alone Power Generating Facility

- A. Generates **electricity energy** using means listed in ORS or OAR such as solar power, wind power, fuel cells, hydroelectric power, landfill gas, digester gas, waste, dedicated energy crops available on a renewable basis or low-emission, nontoxic biomass based on solid organic fuels from wood, forest or field residues;
- B. Is intended to provide all of the generator's requirements for **electricity energy** for the tract or the specific lawful accessory use that it is connected to;
- C. Operates as a standalone power generator not connected to an **electric** utility grid; and
- D. Is located on the same tract as the use(s) to which it is accessory and the power generating facility, tract, and use(s) are all under common ownership and management.

See "Net Metering Facility" and "Commercial Power Generating Facility" for additional definitions related to energy production.

Commercial Power Generating Facility (Utility facility for the purpose of Generating Power – A facility for the production of electrical energy and its related components that

- A. Generates **electricity energy** using means listed in ORS or OAR such as solar power, wind power, fuel cells, hydroelectric power, thermal power, geothermal

power, landfill gas, digester gas, waste, dedicated energy crops available on a renewable basis or low-emission, nontoxic biomass based on solid organic fuels from wood, forest or field residues; and

B. Is intended to provide electricity energy for sale

See “Net Metering Facility” and “Non-Commercial/Stand Alone Power Generating Facility” for additional definitions related to energy production.