

Frequently Asked Questions

Excess Energy Credit Transfers

Can I transfer excess generation between service agreements?

As a net metering customer, you may be eligible to transfer excess generation if you have excess energy credits at your net metering service agreement and wish to transfer those credits to another eligible service agreement. Service agreements are eligible to receive credit transfers if they meet the criteria listed in Idaho Power's Schedule 84. These criteria include:

- Excess energy credits must be available.
- Service agreements must be held by the customer and be for the customer's use.
- Service agreements must be on the same contiguous property and be served by the same primary feeder as the net metering service agreements.
- Transfers can only occur between Schedules 1 (Residential) and 7 (Small General) or between Schedules 9 (Large General), 19 (Large Power), and 24 (Irrigation).

What is the process for requesting a transfer?

Fill out an Excess Energy Credit Transfer Request form. To complete the form you will need a copy of your December 2016 bill. **Requests must be received by Idaho Power no later than midnight, Mountain Standard Time, on Jan. 31, 2017, to be eligible for transfer in 2017.**

Why did I receive a letter about transferring excess generation? I don't have excess energy credits or additional service agreements.

Idaho Power is notifying all net metering customers of this opportunity. Although you may not currently have a credit or other eligible service agreement, your service needs may change. We want to ensure that all customers who may be eligible receive this information annually. If you do not meet the eligibility requirements, or do not wish to transfer any kilowatt-hour (kWh) credits from your net metering service agreement, you do not need to submit this form.

Why am I asked to specify a percent of credit to transfer rather than an actual kWh amount?

Excess Energy Credit Transfer Request forms must be received by Idaho Power by midnight, Mountain Standard Time, Jan. 31, 2017. After reviewing the eligibility of each request, Idaho Power will execute approved transfers no later than each customer's March billing cycle. Between the time forms are submitted (January) and the transfers are executed (March), generation and consumption will continue to occur at the net metering service agreement, impacting the available balance of excess energy credits. Because it is difficult to predict exact generation and energy use, Idaho Power cannot predict the exact credit balance that will be available at the time of transfer. Therefore, we ask for the percent of the available balance you would like transferred rather than a specific kWh amount.

Where can I find the meter number, service agreement and other information requested on the form?

The back of the Excess Energy Credit Transfer form shows an illustration of a bill and where this information can be found.

What if I want to keep some excess energy credits at my net metering service agreement?

When you complete the Excess Energy Credit Transfer Request form, you have the opportunity to indicate the percentage of your credit you would like transferred to each eligible service agreement. If you would only like to transfer a portion of your credit, the percentage requested for transfer can total less than 100%. Excess energy credits that are not transferred will remain with the net metering service agreement.

How will I know if my transfer request has been approved?

If approved, you will see the transfer and transfer fees appear on your March bill statement. Transfer fees will be applied to your net metering service agreement. If Idaho Power determines one or more of the criteria identified in Schedule 84 has not been met, you will receive notification by mail that the request for transfer was denied.

How will I know how many kWh are transferred?

The actual excess energy credit transfer will be stated on your March bill for both the net metering service agreement and the service agreement receiving the transfer.

If I don't want to transfer excess energy credits in March, can I transfer credits later?

No. The rules for net metering only allow transfers one time per year and specify the January 31 request deadline and transfer by March 31.

I would like to transfer my excess generation to multiple service agreements. What are the rules?

- Receiving service agreements must be on the same primary feeder and contiguous property as the net metering service agreement. Idaho Power will determine if service agreements meet these criteria once a transfer request is received.
- Customer must be the customer of record for both service agreements and use must be for the customer's requirements.
- For customers taking service under Schedule 1 or Schedule 7, credits may only be transferred to service agreements taking service under Schedule 1 or Schedule 7. For customers taking service under Schedule 9, Schedule 19, or Schedule 24, credits may only be transferred to service agreements taking service under Schedule 9, Schedule 19, or Schedule 24.
- If multiple service agreements are eligible for aggregation, excess energy credits must first be applied to eligible service agreements on the same rate schedule as the net metering service agreement. Remaining excess energy credits may then be applied to offset consumption at eligible service agreements on differing rate schedules in accordance with the criteria detailed above. For example, if the transfer is occurring from a Schedule 1 service agreement to two eligible service agreements, one Schedule 1 and the other Schedule 7, you must transfer some portion of your credit to the Schedule 1 service agreement to be eligible to transfer a portion to the Schedule 7 service agreement.