

February 24, 2023

Name

Address

Lewes, De 19958

Dear Resident,

As you may be aware, Senate Bill 298 regarding Net-Energy Metering, was signed into law in July of 2022. The amended provisions provided by Bill 298 to Title 26 of the Delaware State Code, Section 1014 will impact the Lewes Board of Public Works (BPW), as well as all of Delaware, current and future solar customers.

Some of the amendments of Senate Bill 298 are as follows:

- The net-metering cap was increased to 8%.
- The utility **shall not** reimburse or credit net-metering customers for “excess kWh credits”, at the end of the annualized billing period. The “excess kWh credits” shall revert to the utility at the end of the annualized billing period.
- Considerations were granted to utilities when reviewing applications. Utilities can consider the reliability, safety, and capacity of the distribution system when reviewing interconnection applications and net-metering requests.
- Residential customers are responsible for paying no more than \$200 toward the cost of any new, replacement, or modified meter(s).

The Lewes BPW’s annual billing period will remain the same, April 1 through March 31, which coincides with our fiscal year. At the end of the annual billing period, any excess kWh credits will revert to the Lewes BPW and will not be carried over into the next billing period. In an effort not to penalize customers due to the approval of Bill 298 mid billing cycle, Lewes BPW will apply a one-time credit to accounts with any excess kWh’s on or about March 31, 2023. This credit will be automatically applied to those accounts. If you would prefer to receive a refund, please call the office so we can discuss payment arrangements.

Effective April 1, 2023, customers may use credits throughout the year, which will reduce the number of credits at the end of the annual billing period. New solar accounts and transfers of ownership must adhere to the annual billing period. Any excess credit left at the end of the annual billing period will revert to Lewes BPW. If there is a change in property ownership in the middle of the annual billing period, any excess credit will be applied to the current account holder’s final bill. The new property owner account will be reset at zero. There will be a \$200 fee for all new solar applications.

If you have any questions, please contact the Lewes BPW at (302)645-6228 Monday through Friday 8:00am to 4:00pm.

Thank you,

Lewes Board of Public Works