

ORDINANCE NO. 2018.038

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF BLANCHESTER, AUTHORIZING THE DEVELOPMENT OF CUSTOMER-OWNED RENEWABLE GENERATION WITHIN THE VILLAGE'S ELECTRIC SERVICE TERRITORY, AND OTHER MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH

WHEREAS, the Village of Blanchester (the "Village") is a municipality owning and operating an electric utility (the "Utility") which furnishes electric service to the public; and

WHEREAS, the Village desires to encourage the development of renewable energy resources, such as solar or wind, and to promote the wise use of Ohio's natural energy resources to meet growing electricity demand; and

WHEREAS, to promote development of renewable energy resources, the Village has determined that it would be beneficial to allow customers of the Utility to own or lease renewable electric generation systems to help offset the customer's electric load; and

WHEREAS, the safety of utility workers and the general public requires inspection and testing of renewable electric generation systems that are owned and operated by residential, commercial or industrial customers of the Utility and connected to the Utility's distribution system; and

WHEREAS, energy produced by customers owning or leasing renewable electric generation systems in excess of the customer's electric load at that meter ("Excess Energy") shall be purchased by the Indiana Municipal Power Agency ("IMPA") subject to a Power Purchase Agreement between IMPA and the customer.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE:

Section 1. The findings and determinations set forth in the preambles to this Ordinance are hereby made findings and determinations of the Village.

Section 2. Customers of the Utility shall be allowed to own or lease a renewable electric generating facility that is electrically connected behind the customer's meter to be used for the purpose of offsetting that customer's electric load at that meter, provided that each facility shall be owned or leased by the Customer, shall be located on the Customer's premises and shall serve

only the Customer's premises and no other customers.

Section 3. If a customer owning or leasing a renewable generating facility produces more energy from such facility than the customer's electric load at that meter, then the Excess Energy shall be purchased from the customer by IMPA pursuant to the terms of a separate power purchase agreement between the customer and IMPA.

Section 4. Before a customer's renewable generating facility may be interconnected with the Utility's distribution system, the Utility shall enter into an interconnection agreement with the customer in a form acceptable to the Utility that incorporates technical interconnection requirements.

Section 5. At the Utility's sole discretion, the Utility may also require that a distribution study (the "Study") be performed prior to allowing interconnection with the Utility's system. The costs of such Study shall be charged to the customer desiring interconnection. If the Study determines that upgrades or other changes to the Utility's distribution system are required for the customer to interconnect to the Utility's distribution system or that the interconnection would cause an undue burden on other Utility customers, then the customer desiring interconnection shall be required to pay for such upgrades or changes and mitigate any such burden prior to interconnection.

Section 6. It shall be unlawful for any person or entity to connect or maintain the connection of a renewable generating facility to the Utility's distribution system without first executing an interconnection agreement with the Utility. At the Utility's sole discretion, property where a renewable generating facility is unlawfully connected to the Utility's distribution system may be disconnected from the Utility's distribution system until an interconnection agreement is executed between the owner of such property and the Utility. In addition, any person or entity found to be in violation of this section shall be fined not less than \$500, nor more than \$2,500 for each such violation, plus costs. Every day that a violation of this section occurs shall constitute a separate offense.

Section 7. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 8. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Council of the Village of Blanchester, Ohio, this 8th day of November, 2018.



John Carman, Mayor




Attest: Jewelie Casteel, Fiscal Officer

Fiscal Officer's Certificate:

The State of Ohio, County of Clinton, ss:

I, Jewelie Casteel, Fiscal Officer of the Village of Blanchester, Clinton County, and in whose custody the Files, Journals, and Records are required by the laws of the State of Ohio to be kept, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance is taken and copied from the original Ordinance now on file with said Village, that the foregoing Ordinance has been compared by me with the said original and that the same is a true and correct copy thereof, and has been posted as required by law. This Ordinance has been duly published by posting in the following places: Blanchester Municipal Building, 318 E. Main St.; First National Bank, 121 E. Main St.; Blanchester Post Office, 115 S. Wright St.; Save-A-Lot, 121 S. Broadway St.; and at the Blanchester Public Library, 110 N. Broadway St., each for a period of fifteen (15) days commencing on the 3rd day of November, 2018.

Witness my signature this 8th day of November, 2018.



Fiscal Officer of the Village of Blanchester, Clinton County, Ohio

