



Importance of Preserving Ability to Self-Generate Power - Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act (PURPA)

An Exploration of Standby Rates

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Agenda

- PURPA treatment of standby rates
- Standby rates as a barrier
- Best practices
- 5 Lakes Energy analysis
- Next steps for manufacturers



PURPA and Standby Rates

- Rates for sales shall
 - Be **just** and **reasonable** ... and
 - **Not discriminate**
- [E]ach electric utility shall provide:
 - Supplementary, back-up, maintenance & interruptible power
- The rate for ... back-up power or maintenance power
 - **Shall not be based upon an assumption** ... that **forced outages** ... by all QFs [in a service territory] will occur **simultaneously**, or during the **system peak**



Issues Regarding Standby Rates

- ◆ Rates are not transparent
- ◆ Rates are inconsistent
- ◆ “Captive” ratepayers
- ◆ Erodes economic benefits
- ◆ Rates assume systems are unreliable



CHP Is Reliable

System Availability

Reciprocating Engine	Steam Turbine	Gas Turbine	Microturbine	Fuel Cell
96-98%	72-99%	93-96%	98-99%	>95%



Source: EPA, 2015

Best Practices

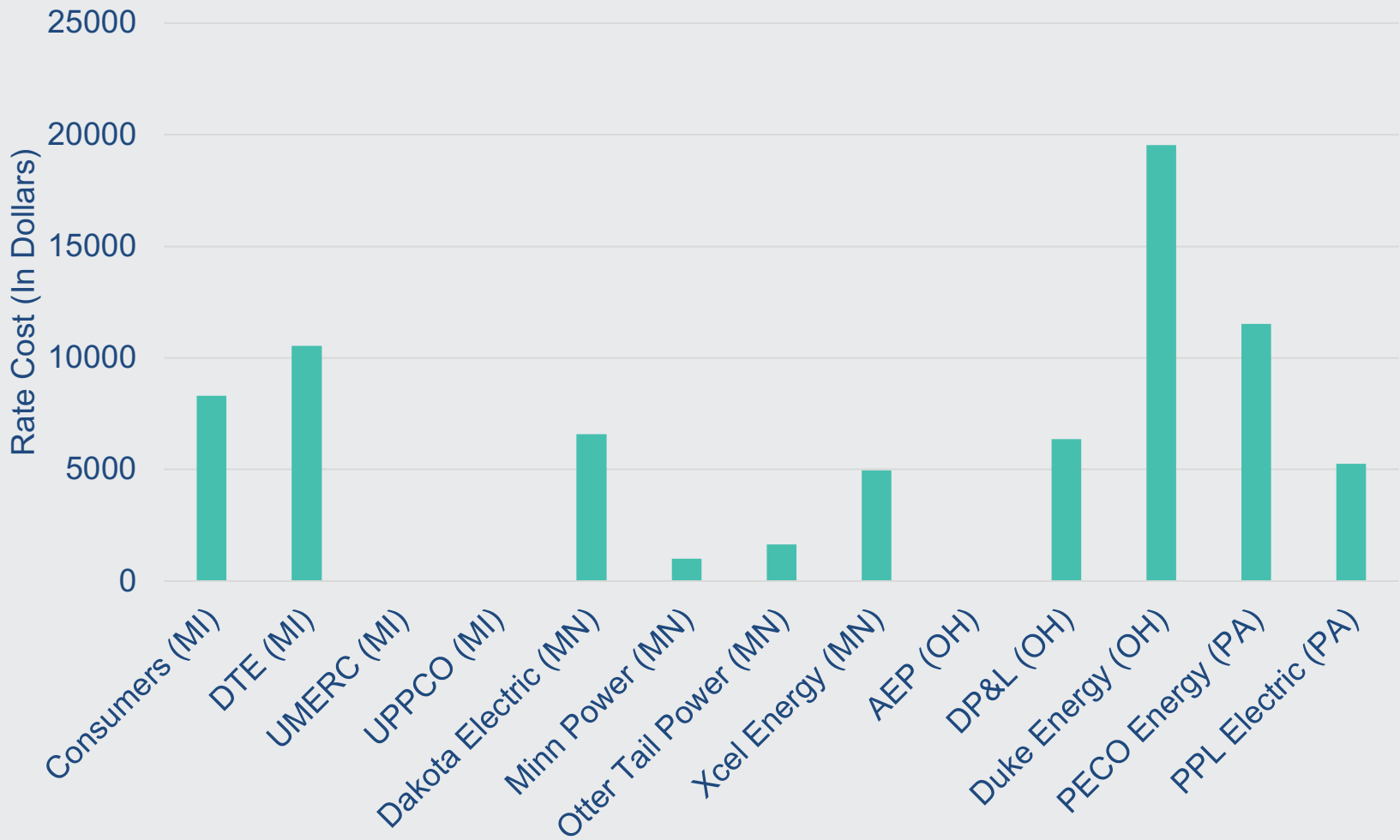
- ◆ Transparency
- ◆ Reflect actual costs
- ◆ Eliminate “demand ratchets”
- ◆ Customer choice



Standby Rates in Practice: *“Apples-to-Apples Comparison”*



SBR (2 MW system) During a “No Outage” Scenario



SOURCE: 5 Lakes Energy, Apples to Apples Analysis



Options for Engagement

- Conduct analysis for your utilities
- Stakeholder meeting with PUC
 - Weigh in with other manufacturers
- Encourage PUC to open a SBR docket
- Intervene in a rate case





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APPENDIX

SBR (2 MW system) During an “Unscheduled” Outage

8 hours on/8 hours off-peak



SOURCE: 5 Lakes Energy, Apples to Apples Analysis

Total Charges (Ohio)

	No Outage	Sched. 16-Hr Outage (Off-Peak)	Sched. 16-Hr Outage (On-Peak)	Sched. 8 Hrs peak/ 8 Hrs Off-Peak	Sched. 32-Hr. (On-Peak)	Unsched. 8 Hrs Peak/ 8 Hrs Off-Peak
Duke Energy	\$19,096	\$21,058	\$21,058	\$21,058	\$22,171	\$21,549
AEP	\$0	\$13,028	\$24,528	\$24,528	\$26,468	\$24,528
DP&L	\$3,594	\$5,403	\$11,392	\$11,392	\$13,201	\$11,392



Demand Charges (Ohio)

	Duke	AEP	DP&L
Scheduled 16 hrs off-peak	\$19,021	\$11,088	\$3,594
Scheduled 16 hrs on-peak	\$19,021	\$22,588	\$9,583
Unscheduled 8 on 8 off	\$19,021	\$22,588	\$9,583



Dayton Power & Light Progress

	No Outage	Sched – 16- hr Outage (off-peak)	Sched – 16- hr Outage (on-peak)	Sched – 8 hrs on- peak, 8 hrs off- peak	Sched – 32 hours (on- peak)	Unsched – (8 hrs on- peak, 8 hrs on-peak)
Previous	\$6,357	\$7,952	\$18,547	\$18,547	\$20,143	\$18,547
Revised	\$3,594	\$5,403	\$11,392	\$11,392	\$13,201	\$11,392

