

# ANNOUNCEMENT

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## Netmetering Connections

NamPower is the national power utility of Namibia and specialises in the generation, trading and transmission of electricity. As the engine that drives progress, our main objectives are the availability, affordability and accessibility of electricity to as many Namibians as possible within the shortest possible time.

There has recently been much debate about “Netmetering” connections, including an initiative by the Electricity Control Board (ECB) to regulate such connections. Netmetering is defined as “**owner produced excess energy, offset against imported energy from the grid**”.

(Visit [http://www.ecb.org.na/pdf/NET\\_METERING\\_Draft\\_RULES\\_V5.pdf](http://www.ecb.org.na/pdf/NET_METERING_Draft_RULES_V5.pdf) for further information).

NamPower eagerly awaits the rules to be issued by the ECB and for them to be seamless and equitable across Namibia. NamPower’s view is towards uniformity in the industry.

As an interim measure, NamPower will allow customers to connect a Photovoltaic (Solar PV) roof-top system on a first-come, first-served basis until 15% of the Maximum Demand of the main feeder line serving a specific group of customers is reached. On the Customer side, the connected system must not be greater than 80% of their contracted breaker size.

Primarily for the safety of our staff and network, all NamPower customers must notify **NamPower in writing** of their intention to connect such a system to allow NamPower an opportunity to inspect the existing grid connection prior to the addition of the PV system. NamPower will then advise the customer in writing of the next steps to be followed including any costs and meter changes.

Once effected, the ECB’s Net-metering Policy will take precedence over these interim arrangements and customers will have to pay for any modifications required by the ECB.

**Please note that these measures will only be considered for “roof-top solar PV” systems and until the ECB has established and promulgated a net-metering policy for Namibia. NamPower will therefore not compensate customers for any energy exported (fed-back) to the NamPower network at this point in time.**

Should you require further information or clarification, please feel free to contact NamPower at:  
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