Applying Net Metering Credit:

1. Minimum Charge for this billing period = 27 days @ $.53 per day = $14.31
2. Current Energy Charge $45.81 (443 kWh purchased from PUD multiplied by the current rate $.10341 per kWh) – Minimum Charge ($14.31) = $31.50. Energy Charges that can be offset with Net Metering Credit and/or with Net Metering Reserve balance, see line 3.
3. $31.50 (Energy charges eligible to be offset by Net Metering Credit/Reserve) = $27.82 CR (Net Metering Credit generated during this billing period 269 kWh net) + $3.68 (35.59 kWh taken from Net Metering Reserve).

Other charges such as municipal taxes, water, Project Pride contributions, or energy consumption on a separate meter are not shown on the sample bill but could add to your total utility charges.

If your KWH minus your Net Metering Credit would offset your electric charges below the minimum charge, the excess Net Metering Credit will be applied to the Net Metering Reserve. This credit will be available to offset future invoices until March 31st. It will appear on your invoices as:

   Net Metering Credit from Reserve applied to this invoice $XX.XX CR

This would be subtracted from the energy charges to contribute to your Total Utility Charges on this bill.
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How can I calculate my total energy use?
Your total energy use is made up of energy generated by your renewable energy system, plus energy you buy from the grid, minus energy you send back to the grid. On the sample bill, the home’s total use this bill period is 319 KWH REN + 462 KWH – 269 KWH NET = KWH.

If I produced more energy than I used, why do I still have to pay PUD energy charges?
Even though you produced more energy than you consumed during the billing period, the PUD did incur costs on your behalf. We work to maintain grid infrastructure so that power is there for you any time you need more than what your system is producing. All customers pay a minimum energy charge to help pay for this service, and Net Metering cannot offset this. Please note that this Minimum Energy Charge of $.53 begins the day your meter is set.

How long will I carry a balance in the Net Metering Reserve?
During each billing period, we will apply as much of the Net Metering Credit as possible to energy charges on your account. Any remaining unused credit will be held in the reserve for the future, carried over from one bill period to the next until it is fully used or until March 31 of each year, when any remaining unused Net Metering Credit expires according to state law. Customers are not compensated for Net Metering Credit that expires.

When and how do I receive my Renewable Energy Production Incentive (from the WSU Renewable Energy System Incentive Program)?
To be eligible for the Production Incentive, you must be certified by the Washington State University Energy Program. (Please note that the program is currently not accepting new applications. To learn more, visit [www.energy.wsu.edu/RenewableEnergySystemIncentiveProgram.](http://www.energy.wsu.edu/RenewableEnergySystemIncentiveProgram))

For those that are enrolled in the program, PUD meters your renewable energy production and shows this on statements as KWH REN. After June 30 of each year, PUD will let WSU know how much energy was produced and metered during the fiscal year. When WSU reports your incentive totals back to us, we will issue you a check, typically by mid-December.