

MidAmerican Energy

Cogeneration and Small Power Production Facilities

Frequently Asked Questions

Qualifying Facilities

Q. What is a Qualifying Facility?

- A. A qualifying facility (QF) is an electrical generating facility which meets certain energy efficiency or renewable energy requirements and has either submitted a self-certification of QF status to or obtained certification of QF status from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). The QF must be either cogeneration or its primary energy source must be renewable (hydro, solar, wind, etc.). Please [click here](#) for more information regarding qualifying facilities.

Q. What is Rate QF - Cogeneration and Small Power Production Facilities?

- A. The Rate QF - Cogeneration and Small Power Production Facilities tariff (Rate QF) is a purchase rate that MidAmerican Energy will buy excess energy generated from a QF as certified by FERC.

Q. Will MidAmerican Energy assist a customer in obtaining QF status from FERC?

- A. No. The customer is solely responsible for obtaining QF status. [Click here](#) for more information regarding obtaining QF status.

Q. What if I am not a customer of MidAmerican Energy. Would I be eligible for payment under MidAmerican Energy's Rate QF?

- A. No. MidAmerican Energy would not be required to purchase generation from QFs outside of MidAmerican Energy's service territory.

Q. How much will MidAmerican Energy pay me for my generation?

- A. Purchase rates under Rate QF generally range from 1.0 to 3.0 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh) of energy generated onto MidAmerican Energy's electric distribution system. However, this purchase rate is not guaranteed and is subject to change periodically, usually annually, and may vary for each individual generator and by state.

Q. If my facility is not a QF, will MidAmerican purchase my energy?

- A. No. However, MidAmerican Energy does offer a purchase rate in our Illinois service territory for Qualified Solid Waste Energy Facilities as defined in Section 8-403.1(b) of the Illinois Public Utilities Act. [Click here](#) for more information.

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Q. Is special metering required?

A. Yes. A meter that is capable of measuring energy in both directions must be installed by MidAmerican Energy.

Q. How do I get paid for generation sold to MidAmerican Energy?

A. Meter readings will be taken each month to determine the energy sold by the QF to MidAmerican Energy and the energy purchased by the QF or customer. The energy sold will be paid by MidAmerican to the QF at the prices in the Rate QF tariff. Energy purchased by the QF or customer will be billed by MidAmerican Energy at the tariff rate under which the facility is served by MidAmerican.