

#### **4. METERING AND BILLING**

##### **4.1 BILLING**

###### **4.11 Billing Determinants**

The Company will supply unmetered service at the applicable Service Classification rates and charges.

###### **4.12 Determination of Energy Use**

The energy use in kilowatthours will be determined by multiplying the Billing kW, as listed in each Service Classification, by the number of burning hours for the billing period.

Average Monthly Burning Hours

Month	Dusk-to-Dawn Service	Dusk-to-1:00 a.m. Service	24-Hour Service	Traffic Signal Service
January	448	169	730	730
February	383	169	730	730
March	364	169	730	730
April	306	169	730	730
May	275	169	730	730
June	246	169	730	730
July	264	169	730	730
August	300	169	730	730
September	335	169	730	730
October	395	169	730	730
November	424	169	730	730
December	460	169	730	730

##### **4.2 LATE PAYMENT CHARGES**

All bills are due when rendered and may be paid without imposition of a charge for late payment if paid in full on or before the "last day to pay" date specified on the bill which shall be at least 20 days after the date on which the bill is rendered.

A monthly late payment charge will be assessed at a rate of one and one-half percent (1 1/2%) per month on a customer's unpaid balance, including service billing arrears and unpaid late payment charges. Remittance mailed on the "last day to pay" date will be accepted without the late payment charge, the postmark to be conclusive evidence of the date of mailing. The failure on the part of the customer to receive the bill shall not entitle him to pay without the late payment charge after the "last day to pay" date.

Service to state agencies will be rendered in accordance with the provisions of Article XIA of the State Finance Law (Chapter 153 of the Laws of 1984, effective July 1, 1984).

##### **4.3 CHARGES FOR SPECIAL SERVICES**

When the Company performs special services at the request of the customer in addition to supplying service under the applicable Service Classification, the customer shall pay the Company's costs and expenses of providing such special services.

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#### 4.4 SURCHARGES

##### POR Administrative Charge:

- a. The POR Administrative Charge will be applicable to all customers in Service Classification Nos. 1, 2, and 3 whose ESCO participates in the Company's Purchase of ESCO Accounts Receivable Program (POR) pursuant to the Commission's Order in Case No. 09-E-0717, dated September 21, 2010.
- b. The POR Administration Charge collects an allocated portion of credit and collection and call center costs related to the POR program.
- c. The surcharge will be effective 8/31/11. A reconciliation of the amount recovered through the surcharge and the actual amount owed will be reflected in the update of the Purchase of ESCO Accounts Receivable Discount rate effective 9/1/11.
- d. The POR Administration Charge will be set forth on the POR Administration Charge (POR) Statement filed in compliance with Commission Order in Case No. 09-E-0717.

##### System Benefits Charge (SBC):

Each customer bill for service under the applicable Service Classifications will be increased by multiplying all kilowatt-hours delivered by a surcharge rate (as shown in the System Benefit Charge (SBC) Statement). This surcharge is composed of two components:

- a. pursuant to Commission *Order Continuing the System Benefits Charge (SBC) and the SBC-funded Public Benefit Programs*, issued and effective December 21, 2005, in Case 05-M-0090;
- b. pursuant to Commission *Order Establishing Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard and Approving Programs*, issued and effective June 23, 2008, in Case 07-M-0548.

The surcharge will be calculated on an annual basis to collect the Corporation's allocated fund amounts set forth in the Orders identified above based on year-by-year projections of the following year's electric sales. Any over- or under-collections will be trued up on an annual basis. A System Benefits Charge (SBC) Statement setting forth the annual rate will be filed with the Public Service Commission on not less than three (3) days' notice. Such statement can be found at the end of this Tariff (PSC 18 - Electricity).

##### Renewable Portfolio Standard Charge (RPS):

Each customer bill for service under the applicable Service Classifications will be increased by multiplying all kilowatthours delivered by the RPS, as mandated by Public Service Commission order issued and effective September 24, 2004, in Case 03-E-0188 – Proceeding on Motion of the Commission Regarding a Retail Renewable Portfolio Standard. The RPS charge is contained in the Renewable Portfolio Standard Charge Statement to this Tariff, and is subject to annual reconciliation and will be amended each October 1<sup>st</sup>, through the term of the program.

##### Temporary State Assessment Surcharge ("TSAS"):

Each customer bill for service under Service Classification Nos. 1, 2, and 3 will be increased to collect a Temporary State Energy and Utility Service Conservation Assessment pursuant to the Commission's *Order Implementing Temporary State Assessment*, issued June 19, 2009.

Unless prohibited by contract, the surcharge rate will be multiplied by all kWh or kW delivered, as applicable, on the customer bill, including usage subject to Economic Incentives and kWh's supplied by NYPA.

Each year a reconciliation of the amounts to be recovered through the surcharge and the actual amounts collected will be reflected in the establishment of the TSAS for the following year.

A Temporary States Assessment Surcharge (TSAS) Statement setting forth the surcharges by service classification will be filed with the Public Service Commission on not less than fifteen (15) days' notice. Such statement can be found at the end of this Schedule (PSC 18 – Electricity).

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#### 4.5 INCREASE IN RATES APPLICABLE IN MUNICIPALITY WHERE SERVICE IS SUPPLIED

The rates and charges for service under all service classifications, including any adjustments and minimum charge, shall be increased by the effective aggregate percentage rate based on the aggregate percentage rate of the taxes imposed on the Company's electric revenues pursuant to Sections 210 and 186-a of the Tax Law; Section 20-b of the General City Law; and Section 5-530 of the Village Law. These surcharges are subdivided into rates applicable to revenues from (1) transportation, (2) commodity and (3) net income.

The applicable aggregate percentage rate and surcharge factor shall be set forth on statements filed with the Public Service Commission. Whenever a city or village levies a new tax on the Company's gross revenue, repeals such a tax or changes the rate of such a tax, the Company will file a new statement. Every such statement shall be filed not less than fifteen business days before the date on which it is proposed to be effective, and no sooner than the date of the tax enactment to which the statement responds; shall become effective no sooner than the date when the tax enactment is filed with the Secretary of State; shall be applicable to bills subject to the tax enactments that are rendered on or after the effective date of the statement; and shall be canceled not more than five business days after the tax enactment either ceases to be effective or is modified so as to reduce the tax rate. Such statements will be duly filed with the Public Service Commission, apart from this rate schedule, and will be available to the public at Company offices at which applications for service may be made.

The effective aggregate percentage rate is computed as follows:

$$\frac{\text{tax imposed (\%)}}{1 - \text{taxes imposed (\%)}}$$

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#### **4.5 INCREASE IN RATES APPLICABLE IN MUNICIPALITY WHERE SERVICE IS SUPPLIED**

##### 1. Temporary Section 188 Tax Surcharge 1993

- a. For the period July 1, 1993 through December 31, 1993, a surcharge on all applicable rates and charges shall consist of two parts:
  - (i) A percentage designed to recover the expense of the Section 188 15% surcharge on current gross revenues, and
  - (ii) A percentage designed to recover (a) the forecast expense of the difference between the Section 188 10% rate actually reflected in the surcharge in effect and the new 15% rate for the period January 1, 1993 through June 30, 1993 and (b) the forecast expense of the Section 188 surcharge on excess dividends for the 12 months ending December 31, 1993.

After December 31, 1993, the amount of the surcharge collected for the period January 1, 1993 through December 31, 1993 would be reconciled with the amount of Section 188 surcharge actually paid by the Company. In the event the revenues produced by the percentage increase in rates and charges are substantially higher or lower (equal to or greater than plus or minus 0.5%) than the amount paid by the Company, the Company will make a one-time adjustment to the percentage increase in rates and charges in effect for the month of March 1994.

- b. For the 12 months ending December 31, 1994, a surcharge on all applicable rates and charges shall consist of two parts:
  - (i) A percentage designed to recover the expense of the Section 188 10% surcharge on current gross revenue taxes, and
  - (ii) A percentage designed to recover the forecast expense of the Section 188 surcharge on excess dividends for the 12 months ending December 31, 1994.

After December 31, 1994, the amount of surcharge collected for the expense of the Section 188 surcharge on excess dividends for the 12 months ending December 31, 1994 would be reconciled with the amount of the Section 188 surcharge on excess dividends actually paid by the Company. In the event the revenues produced by the percentage increase in rates and charges are substantially higher or lower (equal to or greater than plus or minus 0.5%) than the amount paid by the Company, the Company will make a one-time surcharge or credit in the month of March 1995.

The Temporary Tax Surcharge shall be included in the above mentioned Effective Aggregate Percentage Rate.

#### **4.6 Service Guarantee**

The Company guarantees to keep service appointments made at the customer's request. If the Company does not keep an appointment within the timeframe agreed upon, a credit will be applied to the customer's next bill. The credit will be \$20.00.

Service guarantees do not apply to appointments made for the same day the customer requests service or if events beyond the Company's control, such as severe weather, prevent the Company from performing as planned.