

GENERAL INFORMATION

3. EXTENSION AND MAINTENANCE OF COMPANY FACILITIES TO SERVE CUSTOMER

A. DISTRIBUTION LINE EXTENSIONS

(1) Facilities within Highway or Private Right-of-way

Subject to the provisions of 16NYCRR Parts 98, 99 and 100, the Company shall furnish, place, construct, operate, maintain and when necessary replace at its own cost and expense all electric distribution lines, service connections and other facilities within the territorial limits of any street, avenue, road or way that is for any highway purpose under the jurisdiction of the legislative body of any city, town, village, county or the State of New York, or on a private right-of-way when the Company elects to use such a route in lieu of construction within such limits, used by the Company for supplying electricity to its customers. In the case where facilities are damaged, destroyed, caused to be replaced or reconstructed by an act or omission of any customer, person, corporation or other entity, the Company may recover its costs and expenses for such replacement or reconstruction from the party responsible for such act or omission.

(2) Company Obligations

When a written request for electric service is made to the Company by an applicant whose property abuts on or has access to any public right-of-way (other than a controlled access highway) in which the governmental authority having jurisdiction will permit the utility to install and maintain facilities, the Company shall:

- (a) Render the service requested in accordance with the provisions of 16 NYCRR Parts 98, 99 and 100;
- (b) Furnish, place, construct, operate, maintain and (when determined to be necessary by the utility or the Commission) reconstruct, or replace all electric facilities within a public right-of-way or other right-of-way when the Company elects to use such right-of-way in lieu of constructing facilities within the public right-of-way, at its own cost and expense, subject to the provisions of 16 NYCRR Parts 98, 99 and 100, which cost and expense shall include the amounts paid to governmental authorities for permits to do the work required and any additional amounts paid for the right(s) to make such elective use of other right-of-ways; and
- (c) Grant the appropriate footage allowance(s) under Rule 3.B.

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(3) Obligations of all Applicants

Whenever an applicant whose property abuts on any street, avenue, road or way as herein before defined, upon which there is no electric line appropriate to the service requested for said property, makes a written application to the Company for service, the Company shall furnish, place and construct such lines to serve said property provided that the applicant shall first have:

- (a) Assured the Company that the service requested will be of a reasonably permanent nature;
- (b) Either:
 - (i) Delivered to the Company, free from cost, any necessary easements or rights-of-ways; or
 - (ii) Paid or agreed to pay in writing any charge relating to the Company's acquisition of the necessary easements or rights-of-way. The applicant must indicate to the Company in writing that he or she has been unable to obtain such easements or rights-of-way.
- (c) Paid or agreed to pay in writing the material and installation costs relating to any portion of the distribution line, service line and appurtenant facilities, other than Account 368 (transformers) or Account 370 (meters), that exceed the portion that the Company will provide without a contribution from the applicant; and
- (d) Furnished reasonable financial security as to the performance of the agreement, if so required by the Company.

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(4) Additional Obligations of Residing Applicants

Before service is provided to a residing applicant, that applicant shall first have:

- (a) Assured the Company that he or she shall be a reasonably permanent customer;
- (b) Agreed to pay the Company the rates charged like customers; and
- (c) Paid or agreed to pay the Company for the installation costs and expenses of any distribution lines, service lines, right-of-way and appurtenant facilities in excess of any allowances under this Rule, prior to the commencement of construction. The costs and expenses for each applicant shall be determined as follows:
 - (i) Service Lines -the costs and expenses for all facilities in excess of any allowances provided under Rule 3.B.
 - (ii) Distribution Lines- the costs and expenses for all facilities in excess of any allowances provided under Rule 3.B. for any distribution line required exclusively to provide service to the applicant's property and a pro rata portion of the costs and expenses for all facilities in excess of any allowances provided under Rule 3.B. for any portion of the distribution line that provides service to more than one applicant's or customer's property. The pro rata portion shall be calculated as follows: each applicant shall be provided a distribution footage allowance of up to the distribution footage allowance under Rule 3.B as required for each customer property to be served. Each individual applicant's distribution allowances will then be totaled to determine the aggregate footage allowance for the distribution line. If an applicant is taking service within this aggregate footage allowance section of distribution provided without cost, then the applicant will not be required to pay for distribution costs. For any sections of distribution beyond the aggregate distribution footage allowances, each applicant of the section beyond the aggregate footage allowances shall pay for that portion of the costs and expenses for that distribution section divided by the number of customers served by that distribution section. If, within 10 years from the date that the extension went into service, any new customer is added to the extension any allowances provided to such an applicant shall be first applied to the existing extension and, if the extension branches or diverges from the existing extension, then and thereafter to the new or additional distribution extension.
- (d) A residing applicant may elect to either:
 - (i) Pay a lump sum payment for the costs and expenses of such facilities. If, within 10 years from the date that the extension went into service, either (1) any new customer is added to the extension the payment amounts shall be recalculated and the applicant that paid a lump sum payment shall receive a prorata refund, without interest, for the cost of that additional portion of distribution lines that the applicant would have received without contribution or (2) the total revenue from all customers served by the distribution extension exceeds 1.5 times the Company's costs and expenses in each of any two consecutive calendar years, the applicant shall receive a prorated refund, without interest, of the lump sum payment based upon the number of years which elapsed before the revenue test was met; or

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(4) Additional Obligations of Residing Applicants (Cont'd)

- ii) Pay a surcharge for such facilities. The surcharge shall be applicable for ten (10) years, and billed in monthly installments by the Company as set forth below. When any new customer is added to the extension, the surcharge shall be recalculated and the payment amount adjusted for the remaining years. However, the interest factor shall remain constant for the life of the surcharge.

The surcharge shall be calculated as follows:

(Cost of excess facilities X interest factor) = monthly payment.

The interest factor shall be calculated as follows: $I = (C/12)/(1 - (1 + (C/12))^{-120})$.

Where C is the Company's weighted pre-tax cost of capital as allowed in the prior rate proceeding.

At any time, the applicant may make a lump sum payment for the outstanding balance of the surcharge. Such lump sum payment shall be subject to refund for the remaining term under Rule 3.A.(4)(d). The surcharge shall terminate if at any time the number of customers added to the extension equal or exceed the applicable footage allowances of the total extension.

The surcharge shall cease if the total revenue from the extension exceeds 1.5 times the total cost of the total distribution extension.

The remainder of any surcharge shall be collectible from any subsequent owner of the premises served. The applicant shall inform any prospective owner of the premises of the surcharge obligation prior to the transfer of any interest in the premises served. However such notification or lack thereof shall have no bearing on the Company's right to collect the surcharge from any subsequent owner, provided that the notice required under 16NYCRR Part 98(f) is included in the original surcharge agreement.

Customers currently paying a surcharge may at their option convert to either a lump sum or ten-year surcharge with prior payments credited.

If the initial amount to be surcharged is less than \$1,000, the applicant must make a lump sum payment under Rule 3.A.(4)(d)(i).

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A. DISTRIBUTION LINE EXTENSIONS (Cont'd)

(5) Additional Obligations Of Non-residing Applicants

Before service is provided to a non-residing applicant, the applicant shall first have:

- (a) Cleared any right-of-way conveyed to the utility of tree stumps, brush and other obstructions and graded such right-of-way to within six inches of final grade at no charge to the Company where electric distribution lines, service lines, or appurtenant facilities are required to be installed underground by the Commission or another governmental authority having jurisdiction to do so or will be placed underground at the request of the applicant;
- (b) Provided a survey map certified by a licensed professional engineer or land surveyor and certified to as final by the applicant, showing the location of each dwelling (if known), lot, sidewalk and roadway, if requested to do so by the utility;
- (c) Placed and agreed to continue to maintain survey stakes indicating grade and property lines;
- (d) Furnished to the utility or agreed to furnish a map showing the location of all existing and proposed underground facilities, as soon as the location of such facilities is known;
- (e) Paid the lump sum charge for the installation of any facilities in excess of any footage allowances; and
- (f) Paid a deposit, if so required by the Company.

B. ALLOWANCES FOR THE PROVISION OF ELECTRIC SERVICE

The Company shall provide the applicant(s) with up to the appropriate required footage allowances for each customer property served in compliance with 16 NYCRR Parts 98, 99, and 100 as detailed below. The applicant shall pay for any costs and expenses required to provide service that are in addition to the allowances provided in this section. The costs and expenses are detailed in the Company's Statement of Common Charges for Construction, Maintenance & Repair or for, underground residential subdivisions, as detailed under Rule 3.J.2.a.

- (1) Allowance for Required Residential Underground Service. Where the Company is required, by the Commission or another governmental authority having jurisdiction to do so, to provide residential underground service, the costs and expenses which the Company must bear, except as otherwise provided in 16 NYCRR Parts 98, 99, and 100, shall include the material and installation costs for up to a total of 100 feet underground distribution line (including supply line) and/or underground service line per dwelling unit served. The line is measured from the existing distribution line (from the connection point on the bottom of the riser pole for overhead to underground connections) to each applicant's meter or point of attachment with respect to each residential building. For multiple dwellings the footage allowance for each building shall be up to 100 feet for the average number of dwelling units per floor of each building, calculated as follows: total number of units/number of floors = number of allowances.

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B. ALLOWANCE FOR THE PROVISION OF ELECTRIC SERVICE (Cont'd)

- (2) Allowance for Non-mandatory Residential Underground Service. Where an applicant requests a residential underground service line in situations other than those described in (1), the cost and expense which the Company must bear shall be equal to the material and installation costs for which the Company would have been responsible if the applicant had received overhead service under Rule 3.B.(3). measured from the Company's existing electric system (from the connection point on the bottom of the riser pole for overhead to underground connections) to each applicant's meter or point of attachment with respect to each residential building.
- (3) Allowance for Residential Overhead Service. Where the Company is permitted to provide residential overhead service, the costs and expenses which the Company must bear shall be equal to the material and installation costs for up to 500 feet of single phase overhead distribution line and up to 100 feet of service line.
- (4) Allowance for Elective Residential and Non-residential Underground Service. Where the Company chooses to provide residential or non-residential underground service, the costs and expenses which the Company must bear shall be equal to the material and installation costs relating to the necessary utility facilities that exceed the amount which the applicant would be required to pay if such facilities were installed overhead.
- (5) Provision of Mandatory or Non-mandatory Non-residential Underground Service. Where the Company is requested to provide a non-residential underground service line by an applicant, or where a governmental authority having jurisdiction to do so requires undergrounding, the costs and expenses which the Company must bear shall be equal to the material and installation costs equivalent to those contained in Rule 3.B.(6) in connection with the provision of non-residential overhead service.
- (6) Allowance for Non-residential Overhead Service. Where the Company chooses to provide non-residential overhead service, the costs and expenses which the Company must bear shall be equal to the material and installation costs for up to 500 or 300 feet of overhead distribution line, for single-phase and three-phase service, respectively.
- (7) Allowance for a Combination of Overhead and Underground Service. The costs and expenses the Company must bear shall be equal to the material and installation costs equivalent to those allowances contained in Rule 3.B.(3) for residential applicants and Rule 3.B.(6) for non-residential applicants.
- (8) Facilities in Excess of Those Allowed in Rule 3.B.(1)-(7). When an applicant requires facilities in addition to the allowances provided in Rule 3.B.(1) - (7), such costs and expenses shall be paid for by the applicant.

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C. PERMANENT SERVICE LATERALS

An overhead service lateral for a residential applicant or customer shall be installed, owned, operated and maintained by the Company.

An overhead service lateral for a non-residential applicant or customer may be installed by the Company, or by the applicant or customer, or the Company and the applicant or customer may each install a portion of the lateral.

An underground service lateral may be installed by an applicant or customer or by the Company.

The applicant or customer and the Company are each responsible for the ownership, operation, and maintenance of the portion of the service lateral, if any, on its side of the service point.

Normal maintenance of a service lateral by the Company shall not be considered an increase in service capacity. Increases in service capacity shall be made in accordance with Rule 3.C.(7), except where the customer requires an increase in voltage or number of phases, in which case such increase shall be considered a new service installation. Replacement of a Company owned service lateral shall also be considered a new service application. In both cases, the customer will be entitled to the appropriate allowances.

The installation of a service lateral by an applicant or customer shall be approved by the New York Board of Fire Underwriters, Middle Department Inspection Agency or any legally constituted authority having jurisdiction in that municipality prior to the energization of such lateral by the Company. If the premises served by the service lateral has been vacant or its account inactive for 6 months or more (except for seasonal accounts), or if the service lateral or service entrance has been damaged, the Company reserves the right to require that the service lateral be inspected prior to being re-energized.

The Company reserves the right to designate the service connection point of the service lateral to the applicant's or customer's wiring, the connection point to the distribution system, the location of any appurtenant facilities, and the path of any portion of the service lateral installed by the Company.

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C. PERMANENT SERVICE LATERALS (Cont'd)

All service to an applicant's or customer's premises, location or building shall be rendered through a single service lateral, except:

- (i) When two or more service connections are necessary to provide service at the least expense to the Company or in order to render proper and reliable service without undue interruptions.
- (ii) When an applicant requests or requires the installation of two or more services to a single premise, location or building, the customer shall bear the costs and expenses for the additional services.

If a residential applicant, because of the length of the service line or other conditions, requires that a service line or portion of the service line be installed at a primary voltage or with a transformer located on the applicant's property, the Company shall install and maintain the primary portion of the service line. The applicant shall bear the costs and expenses for the primary portion of the service line, transformer pad installation, and secondary voltage service line less a dollar allowance equivalent to the allowance for residential service lines under Rule 3.B.(1) for underground service or 3.B.(3) for overhead service. For underground service lines, the applicant may provide for any trenching, provided however that the trench must meet the Company's specifications. If there is any delay or rework occasioned by incomplete or inadequate applicant trenching, the Company may charge the customer any costs and expenses incurred as a result.

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C. PERMANENT SERVICE LATERALS (Cont'd)

The applicant or Customer shall pay for a Company-installed service lateral (excluding transformers, accessories and switching equipment) as follows:

(1) **Overhead Service Lateral**

- (a) At voltages not exceeding 12.5 kilovolts when either an overhead service lateral requires installation of a pole (not including a pole installed for distribution purposes) or the route of the service lateral requires installation of facilities in excess of any allowance provided for under Rule 3.B, the applicant or Customer shall be charged for the costs and expenses of those excess facilities determined by the Company to be required as listed in the Company's Statement of Common Construction Charges.

Special Construction Charges

Whenever special requirements of the applicant or Customer or the physical properties of the installation site necessitate construction methods or installations other than standard, the applicant or Customer shall be responsible for any costs and expenses associated with such non-standard construction.

- (b) When voltage exceeds 12.5 kilovolts, the applicant or Customer shall be charged for the Company's costs and expenses for that portion of the service lateral on the applicant's or Customer's property which is in excess of any allowance provided for under Rule 3.B.

(2) **Underground Service Lateral Supplied from an Existing Residential Subdivision Underground Distribution System**

The applicant or Customer shall be responsible for all Company costs and expenses for that portion of the service lateral on the applicant's or Customer's property in excess of the service line allowance under Rule 3.B.(1).

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C. PERMANENT SERVICE LATERALS (Cont'd)

- (3) **Underground Service Lateral Supplied from an Overhead Distribution System**
The applicant or customer shall be responsible for all Company costs and expenses for the service lateral from the connection point on the distribution line to the service entrance, less an allowance as specified in Rule 3.B.(1) for residential installations or Rule 3.B.(5) for non-residential.
- (4) **Combination Overhead and Underground Service Lateral**
The applicant or customer shall be responsible for all Company costs and expenses for the service lateral, less an allowance for an overhead service line.
- (5) **Relocation of a Service Lateral**
The applicant or customer shall be responsible for all Company costs and expenses unless the relocation requires only a reconnection or is for Company convenience.
- (6) **Replacement of an Overhead Service Lateral with an Underground Service Lateral**
The applicant or customer shall be responsible for all Company costs and expenses for the service lateral from connection point on the distribution line to service entrance, if requested by the customer or mandated by governmental authority. See Rule 3.C.(7) when replacement of overhead facilities with underground facilities is required due to increased service capacity.

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C. PERMANENT SERVICE LATERALS (Cont'd)

(7) **Increase in Service Capacity**

- (a) The Company will, at its own expense, increase the capacity of an existing, permanent, Company-owned underground Service Lateral in the same location provided the increased capacity does not require the installation of pad mounted transformer(s) on the customer's property. When pad mounted transformer(s) are installed on the customer's property, the Company will be responsible for the installation and maintenance of the transformer(s) and related services plus that portion of the service lateral between the transformer(s) and the Company's distribution facilities. The customer will be responsible for the costs of installation and maintenance of foundation(s) for the transformer(s) and related devices, plus that portion of the service lateral between the pad mounted transformer(s) and the service entrance.
- (b) The Company will, at its own expense, increase the capacity of an existing, permanent, Company-owned overhead service lateral in the same location provided the transformer capacity does not exceed 500 kilovolt-amperes. Transformer capacity in excess of 500 kilovolt-amperes will require the installation of pad mounted transformer(s) and the replacement of all or a portion of the overhead service lateral with an underground service lateral.

The Company will be responsible for the overhead portion of the service lateral, the installation and maintenance of the transformer(s) and related devices, plus that portion of the underground service lateral between the pad mounted transformer(s) and the connection point on the overhead line at a terminal pole to be located adjacent to the transformer installation. The customer will be responsible for the costs of installation and maintenance of the foundation(s) for the transformer(s) and related devices, plus that portion of underground service lateral between the pad mounted transformer(s) and the service entrance.

- (c) A customer requesting a temporary increase in service capacity will pay for the enlarged facilities in accordance with Rule 3.H.
- (d) Where the customer's equipment and/or method of operation requires the installation of service facilities (transformers, etc.) in excess of that considered by the Company as required for normal utilization of service ("excess facilities"), such excess facilities shall be installed and the customer shall pay the Company its costs and expenses for such excess facilities.

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D. PLURALITY OF SERVICES

(1) General Rule

All service to a customer's premises shall be rendered through a single service lateral and meter.

The conditions and circumstances enumerated in Rules 3.D.(2) and 3.D.(3) provide for the exceptions to the General Rule.

(2) Separate Meters - Separate Billing

At the Company's option, the Company will install as many meters as a customer shall reasonably require because of unique physical or load conditions, provided that the circuit or circuits connected to each meter are kept separate from all other circuits. The service rendered through each of such meters shall be computed separately and billed on the applicable filed Rate Schedule. The installation of an additional meter at a building under this provision shall not entitle an applicant or customer to an additional allowance under Rule 3.B.

When a residential customer requests that more than one meter be installed, each additional meter must supply an individual dwelling unit, building or premises.

Additional meters will not be installed for the purpose of qualifying the customer's load for service under a different service classification than that otherwise applicable under Rule 3.D.(1).

When one service is used for both residential and non-residential purposes, the customer may elect to have the residential portion of his use separately metered and billed on the applicable residential service classification.

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D. PLURALITY OF SERVICES (Cont'd)

(3) **Multiple Meters - Combined Billing**

The readings of two or more meters measuring the service to a single customer at a single location may be combined:

- (a) When a single meter cannot correctly measure the total service rendered.
- (b) When two or more service connections are necessary to provide service at the least expense to the Company.
- (c) When, in order to render proper and reliable service without undue interruptions, more than one service connection is necessary and a meter or meters are connected with each service connection

When the Company elects to supply the customer's premises through more than one service connection of a single type of current, the energy (kWh) and the noncoincident monthly maximum demands (kW) for each service connection will be added for billing, unless the expense for wiring and additional meter equipment necessary for the measurement of coincident demands is borne by the customer.

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E. METER

(1) General

The Company or a competitive Meter Service Provider (MSP) will furnish and install the meter or meters to measure the electricity used by the Customer in accordance with the provisions of the Service Classification applicable to the service. Such meter or meters shall be installed on the Customer's side of the point of supply. Meters installed by the Company shall remain the property of the Company except as provided for in Rule 3.E(2). The Customer shall protect the meter and furnish sufficient and proper space for its installation. The Customer shall continually maintain a safe and clear approach to any Company owned meter or, if such an approach cannot be maintained, shall bear the expense of the relocation of the meter and relocation of the service lateral, or any portion thereof, to a more suitable location to be mutually agreed upon by the Company and the Customer. Such relocation will be performed by the Company. A service panel in accordance with the specifications of the Company is required.

Meters shall be installed outside, whenever feasible, for all new one-, two- and three-family houses. A remote meter reading device shall be installed for all new one-, two- and three-family houses where an outside meter installation is not feasible. The Customer shall pay to the Company its costs and expenses, for the remote meter reading device and its installation.

The costs and expenses of the meter enclosure and socket shall be borne by the Customer and/or applicant. All meter enclosures and sockets must be approved by the Company. For metering installations which require instrument transformers be included as part of the meter enclosure, the meter enclosure must be approved by and purchased from the Company.

At the request of a Customer, a remote meter reading device may be installed for an existing inside meter. The Customer shall pay to the Company the cost of the remote meter reading device and its installation.

If a meter or service entrance equipment has been found to be tampered with, or a theft of service has occurred, the Company may charge the Customer its costs and expenses for investigating, repairing and replacing the meters and associated service equipment and the Company's costs and expenses for removing the meter and installing it in a secure location.

(2) Meter Ownership

Eligible large commercial and industrial time-of-use Customers, with a basic demand of not less than 300 kilowatts during any three (3) of the previous twelve (12) months, have the option of owning a PSC-approved compatible meter. Such Customer may obtain meter data on a real-time basis, without incurring a fee, provided that such Customer installs and maintains, at its own expense, the necessary ancillary equipment required to provide such data. Such access may require the installation by the Company of a different type of meter/recorder that will allow the parties to obtain access to the data, with the cost responsibility of such meter/recorder and installation to be borne by the Customer. The Company will retain control of the meter and will provide metering services, including meter reading, installation, maintenance, and PSC compliance. The customer will not be charged the monthly meter ownership charge applicable to the customer's service classification and voltage level.

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E. METER (Cont'd)

(2) **Meter Ownership** (Cont'd)

The Customer may obtain one of the following options:

- (a) For meter ownership of an existing meter at a Customer's service point, the Company will determine the applicable market value of the meter and assess such cost to the Customer based upon the make, model, and average age of the installed meter of that type;
- (b) For meter ownership of a new meter at a Customer's service point, the Company will determine the applicable market value, including all Company's costs of acquiring and installing the meter, and assess such costs to the Customer;
- (c) For meter ownership of a new meter with removal and replacement of an existing meter at a Customer's service point, the Company will determine the applicable market value of the new meter, including all Company's costs of acquiring, installing, and removing the meter, deduct the market or salvage value of the existing meter, and assess such cost to the Customer, which depends upon the make, model, and average age of the installed meter of that type; or
- (d) The Customer may purchase a new meter from a source other than the Company, provided that the meter is approved by the Public Service Commission for revenue metering in New York State and is compatible with the Company's system. All Costs and Expenses of installing the meter, and if applicable, of removing the old meter, will be assessed to the Customer. The market or salvage value of an existing meter will be deducted from the costs assessed the Customer.

(3) **Customer Requested Automated Meter Reading Services**

For Company owned meters, Customers may request and obtain Automated Meter Reading (AMR) Services from the Company. The Company's AMR Services will consist of:

- (a) A device (an interval meter that stores real-time data in an AMR recorder) which can be used to determine usage information that is read and transmitted to the Company remotely via a telephone line;
- (b) Real-time information including hourly usage on a regular and ongoing twenty-four hour lagged basis, which will be made available to a Customer on an electronic bulletin board or via an electronic transfer; and
- (c) A ten (10) year guarantee on newly installed AMR device capabilities or a five (5) year guarantee on existing AMR device capabilities.

Installation of a dedicated telephone line, determined by the Company to be suitable for use by the AMR device, will be the responsibility of the Customer, who must coordinate scheduling of that installation with the Company. Maintenance of, and repairs to, the telephone line shall be the responsibility of the Customer, and shall be performed in a timely fashion. Should the company incur additional costs and expenses to retrieve data as a result of an inoperable telephone line, the Customer shall be responsible for such costs and expenses.

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E. METER (Cont'd)

(3) Customer Requested Automated Meter Reading Services (Cont'd)

The Customer will be charged a monthly fee for AMR Services of \$20.75 for each service point for real-time hourly information, in addition to any one-time charges associated with installation.

For AMR services requested by the Customer, the Company will determine what will be necessary for the service based on the following criteria:

- (i) For installation of a new AMR recorder on an existing meter, which is compatible to receive the AMR recorder, the Customer will be charged a one-time charge of \$1,729.00 for the AMR recorder and installation at a Customer's service point; or
- (ii) For installation of a new AMR recorder and a new meter, the Company will charge a one-time charge of \$ 2,276.00 for the AMR device and installation at a Customer's service point.

The Company will limit the AMR services to a total of 1,000 Customer service points until June 30, 1999.

(4) Automated Meter Reading Services Installed at the Discretion of the Company

At any time after the Company installs an AMR device at its own discretion, the Company may choose to remove the AMR device, and will notify the Customer prior to such removal. The Customer shall have ninety (90) days from the date of notification to request that the AMR device remain at the Customer's service point. Upon notification to the Company, the Customer will be assessed a one-time charge per AMR recorder of \$482.00, and the monthly fee of \$20.75. If notification from the Customer is not received during such ninety (90) days, the Company may replace, at the Company's discretion, the AMR recorder with a meter compatible with the Company's metering infrastructure, at no cost to the Customer.

If the charges for the telephone line are currently being paid by the Company, those charges must be transferred to the Customer's name at that service point by the end of that ninety (90) day period. If transfer of such telephone charges is not completed by such date, or subsequent AMR usage data is unobtainable due to non-payment of telephone charges by the Customer, the Company, may at its own discretion, replace the AMR recorder at the service point with a meter compatible with the Company's metering infrastructure.

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E. METER (Cont'd)

4) Competitive Meter Service

Any Customer taking service under service classification 3, 7, 8, or 9 which has a measured demand of 50 kW or greater for two consecutive months during the most recent 12 months is eligible to contract with a qualified Meter Service Provider (MSP) and a qualified Meter Data Service Provider (MDSP) to provide meter services and meter data services, in accordance with the revised New York Practices and Procedures for the Provision of Electric Metering in a Competitive Environment adopted by the Public Service Commission in its Order issued and effective January 31, 2001 in Case 94-E-0952 and Case 00-E-0165. The Customer will not be charged the meter ownership, meter service and meter data service charges.

Meter services consist of the installation, maintenance, testing and removal of meters and related equipment. Meter data services consists of meter reading, meter data translation and customer association, validation, editing and estimation (CAVEE).

A Customer who contracts with a competitive MSP and MDSP to provide meter services and meter data services must notify the Company in writing that it is procuring those services competitively. The MSP and MDSP must be qualified with the New York State Department of Public Service.

The meter installed by the MSP must be capable of developing and supplying the billing determinants required by the applicable service classification in a manner and timeframe consistent with the Company's requirements. At the option of the Company, metering by the MSP may be at a voltage either higher or lower than delivery voltage. In such cases, the Company will install, own, and maintain the appropriate instrument transformers necessary to effectuate such metering.

(5) Interval Meters

For all customers with an interval meter, their supplier (ESCO or RG&E, as applicable) may choose to use interval meter data or service class load profiles for energy scheduling and balancing, as well as the reporting of the supplier's (ESCO or RG&E, as applicable) capacity obligations.

Such customers include:

- (a) ESCO customers with an interval meter who choose the ESCO Supply Service (ESS), including those taking service under S.C. No. 14 – Standby Service, or
- (b) RG&E customers with an interval meter who choose the RG&E Supply Service (RSS), including those taking service under S.C. No. 14 – Standby Service.

The above Supply Service Options are described at Rule 12.

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**3. EXTENSION AND MAINTENANCE OF COMPANY FACILITIES TO SERVE
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F. TRANSFORMER VAULTS

Whenever a transformer vault is necessary to supply a customer with alternating current service in the network district, the customer will provide space satisfactory to the Company in which space the Company will construct, at its expense, a transformer vault for housing its transformers and necessary switching equipment. These transformers may, if desired by the Company, be tied in with the Company's secondary distribution system.

Where a transformer vault already available or in service on the customer's premises is adequate for service in the judgment of the Company, and the customer requires a change in the location of the vault, such a change will only be made at the expense of the customer.

G. STANDBY: AUXILIARY OR BREAKDOWN SERVICE

Customers operating power generating equipment and having equipment that may be operated by privately generated power or by purchased power, may contract for service under an applicable Service Classification.

The customer shall not operate his own power generating equipment in parallel with the Company's service except under control by, and with the Company's consent.

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3. EXTENSION & MAINTENANCE OF COMPANY FACILITIES TO SERVE CUSTOMER (Cont'd)

H. TEMPORARY SERVICE

Temporary service is nonrecurring service intended to be used for a short time only, seasonal, or service to a building, structure or personal property which is nonpermanent in that it may be readily removed or relocated. An applicant or customer requiring temporary service for other than a permanent residential dwelling unit shall, upon signing for such service, pay to the Company a nonrefundable amount equal to the estimated cost to the Company for labor, material and all other costs occasioned by the installation and removal of the service, less a reasonable credit for salvageable materials. If the Company elects not to remove the temporary service facilities, the Company shall refund any charges collected for the removal of the service.

If a distribution line is required to be extended in order to provide the temporary service, the applicant shall pay the Company's full costs and expenses for the installation and removal of the distribution line.

As a general rule a trailer is considered to be a non permanent installation. A trailer, building or structure shall be considered permanent when it is not movable and set on and permanently attached to a masonry foundation and connected to a permanent water supply and septic/sewer system. The permanent water supply and the septic/sewer system must be approved by the appropriate municipality or agency having jurisdiction in the area. A foundation under this Rule does not include a concrete or cement pad.

If, within five (5) years after a temporary service is established, the characteristics of such service become other than temporary or the customer premises supplied by the temporary service becomes a residential dwelling unit, the Company will refund to the customer the amount paid for such temporary service, less the applicable charge for a permanent service.

Temporary service will be furnished under the applicable Service Classification without term limitation.

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3. EXTENSION AND MAINTENANCE OF COMPANY FACILITIES TO SERVE CUSTOMER (Cont'd)

I. EXCEPTIONAL CONDITIONS OF SUPPLY

- (1) The customer should give the Company reasonable advance notice, preferably in writing, of any proposed new or increased service required, setting forth in such notice the amount, character and the expected duration of time the new or increased service will be required. If such new or increased load exceeds 150 kilovolt-amperes and if it necessitates new or added or enlarged facilities (other than metering equipment) for the sole use of the customer, the Company may require the customer to make a reasonable contribution to the cost of the new or added or enlarged facilities whenever the customer fails to give assurance, satisfactory to the Company, that the taking of the new or increased service shall be of sufficient duration to render the supply thereof reasonably compensatory to the Company. The customer or the Company may apply to the Public Service Commission for a ruling as to the necessity for and reasonableness of the contribution required.

However, such contribution in aid of construction shall be refunded monthly to the customer at the rate of ten percent of the amount paid for electricity each month for such new or added load.

Any unrefunded balance remaining at the end of five years from the date when the above service was first made available shall be forfeited to the Company. In the event that service should be discontinued before the expiration of five years, the customer shall be given an additional refund of the value of material then returnable to stock, less its removal expense, and the then remaining balance, if any, shall be forfeited to the Company. However, in no event shall the sum total of the refunds exceed the total contribution less the applicable charges for a permanent service lateral.

- (2) If a customer is found to be the source of any disturbances, variations, or harmonics that affect the service of another customer or area, the customer causing such disturbances, variation or harmonics shall install the necessary equipment or change operating practices to alleviate such disturbances, variations, or harmonics. If such customer refuses or fails to install such equipment or change operating practices, then the Company shall install the necessary equipment to alleviate the problem. The customer causing such disturbances, variations, or harmonics shall bear the Company's full costs and expenses incurred in remedying the situation.

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3. EXTENSION AND MAINTENANCE OF COMPANY FACILITIES TO SERVE CUSTOMER (Cont'd)

J. UNDERGROUND RESIDENTIAL DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS IN SUBDIVISIONS

For permanent electric service to new residential buildings within a residential subdivision on which it is planned to be divided into five or more building lots or to one or more new multiple-occupancy buildings containing four or more individual dwelling units, and upon compliance by the applicant with the requirements of this Rule, the Company shall install, operate and maintain underground electric distribution lines with sufficient capacity, including reasonable provision for load growth, reliability and of a material which, in its judgment, will assure that the applicant will receive safe and adequate electric service. Such installation shall be undertaken by the Company as soon as reasonably practicable after receipt of a proper application and any required permits and shall be made at a time appropriate to render service. Construction will not be delayed by the Company so that the applicant will be delayed in the sale or other disposal of the buildings, or lots, except where such delay is caused by strikes, fire, flood, inclement weather, unavailability of materials, civil disorders or other conditions beyond the control of the Company. No overhead circuits, including street lighting circuits shall thereafter be installed by the Company within a subdivision having underground electric distribution lines.

For purposes of this Rule 3.J., a subdivision is a tract of land divided into five or more lots for the construction of new buildings, or the land on which new multiple-occupancy buildings are to be constructed, the development of either of which has been approved or was required to have been approved by the governmental authorities having jurisdiction over land use.

Under certain conditions as set forth in Rule 3.J.(5), the Company may install overhead distribution lines in new subdivisions.

(1) **Pre-conditions**

Prior to construction, the applicant shall:

- (a) Execute the Application for Underground Residential Distribution System (shown under Rule 7.D.); and
- (b) Comply with any applicable provisions of Rule 3.

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**3. EXTENSION AND MAINTENANCE OF COMPANY FACILITIES TO SERVE
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J. UNDERGROUND RESIDENTIAL DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS IN SUBDIVISIONS (Cont'd)

(2) Installation of Underground Distribution System within Subdivisions

(a) Contribution by the Applicant

Before construction is commenced, the applicant shall make a per foot contribution based on the distribution line, supply line, and/or service line footage in excess of the required footage allowance specified in Rule 3.B.(1). The Applicant Trenching Credit shall be applied in accordance with Rule 3.J.(6).

Single-phase distribution including trench, primary cable, secondary cable, and labor. Per Foot of Trench	\$13.71
Supply Line Contribution Cost based on the estimated costs of the customer specific project.	Project Cost
Service Line Contribution. Per Foot of Trench	\$8.49
Applicant Trenching Credit. Per Foot of Trench	\$6.39
Incremental underground poly-phase distribution primary cables and labor. (Applicable if the Company determines that two or three-phase service is required or if the customer requests two or three-phase service.) Per Foot of Trench	\$3.35
In addition to this incremental poly-phase cable rate, the customer will be charged the incremental amount for any appurtenant facilities needed to meet the customer's or Company's requirements.	

The foregoing per-foot contribution may be modified by the Company by a filing with the Public Service Commission on or before May 1 of each year. The average cost per foot for these services will be based upon the simple averaging of the most recent five years annual average costs.

If, after the underground system construction is completed, the development of the subdivision is modified by the addition of dwelling units which then take service from the distribution line within the boundaries of the subdivision, the Company will recalculate the contribution and make an appropriate refund, without interest, but in no case will the refund exceed the original contribution. Any portion of the charge remaining unrefunded five years from the date the Company is first ready to render service shall be retained by the Company.

Any footage allowances provided under Rule 3.B. shall be first applied to the distribution system, including supply lines where supply lines are required to be underground, then to any service lines

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3. EXTENSION AND MAINTENANCE OF COMPANY FACILITIES TO SERVE CUSTOMER (Cont'd)

J. UNDERGROUND RESIDENTIAL DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS IN SUBDIVISIONS (Cont'd)

(2) **Installation of Underground Distribution System within Subdivisions** (Cont'd)

(b) **Deposit by the Applicant**

In order to guarantee performance, the Company may require from the applicant before construction is commenced a deposit in a reasonable amount, but in no event more than the estimated total cost of construction. The deposit is in addition to the applicant's payment (contribution) of its share of costs for installation and shall be returned, with interest, to the applicant, on a pro rata basis based on the number of dwelling units connected to and receiving service from the system, when each dwelling unit is connected to the system.

When the developer is not primarily engaged in the construction of dwelling units within the subdivision and there is no governmental authority requiring undergrounding and overhead facilities are proposed to be installed under Rule 3.J.(5)(a); the Company may require a deposit of the full costs and expenses for the overhead distribution system prior to the start of construction. This deposit shall be returned, with interest, to the applicant, on a pro rata basis based on the number of dwelling units connected to and receiving service from the system, when each dwelling unit is connected to the system.

Any portion of the deposit remaining unrefunded five years from the date the Company is first ready to render service from the underground system shall be retained by the Company.

A bond, letter of credit or reasonable equivalent may be posted in lieu of any deposit providing the terms can be mutually agreed upon by the Company and the applicant. In addition, the Company may require provision for collection in advance of a reasonable sum for administrative costs.

The deposit refund interest rate shall be the rate specified by the Commission for interest on deposits.

(3) **Underground Electric Service Lateral**

Underground electric service laterals shall be installed in accordance with the provisions of Rule 3.C.

(4) **Underground Connection to Supply System**

If a governmental authority having jurisdiction to require undergrounding, has required that underground facilities be installed, the Company shall furnish and construct, when necessary, an amount of underground supply circuit from the boundary line of the subdivision to the Company's existing distribution system. The "supply line" shall be included in the calculation of the total footage required for the underground distribution system in the subdivision.

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3. EXTENSION AND MAINTENANCE OF COMPANY FACILITIES TO SERVE CUSTOMER (Cont'd)

J. UNDERGROUND RESIDENTIAL DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS IN SUBDIVISIONS (Cont'd)

(5) Exceptions to the General Rule

The installation of overhead distribution facilities may be allowed under the following circumstances:

(a) Large Lots

When the average trench footage per dwelling unit planned within a subdivision exceeds 200 feet, and the developer does not request nor has a governmental authority with jurisdiction to do so required that underground facilities be installed, overhead lines may be installed.

(b) Excessive Cost

Where the trench cost per foot would be greater than twice the filed cost per foot shown under Rule 3.J.(2)(a), the Company or applicant may petition the Public Service Commission to allow overhead lines or grant other appropriate relief, if a governmental authority having jurisdiction to do so has not required that underground facilities be installed.

(c) Slow Development of a Subdivision

When the developer is not primarily engaged in the construction of dwelling units within the subdivision and there is no governmental authority requiring undergrounding; and either (1) five years have elapsed from the sale of the first lot to the first applicant for service and there is no indication there will be any other applicants within six months or (2) five years have elapsed from the time of final approval of the subdivision and less than 25 percent of the lots have been sold in the subdivision or any section thereof except where 10 percent or more were sold within the last two years, overhead distribution facilities may be installed. Where overhead distribution would be permissible under (1) or (2) except that less than five years have elapsed and the Company has reason to believe the subdivision will not be developed sufficiently soon to permit orderly utilization of underground lines, the Company may petition the Public Service Commission to allow overhead lines, if a governmental authority having jurisdiction to do so has not required that underground facilities be installed.

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3. EXTENSION AND MAINTENANCE OF COMPANY FACILITIES TO SERVE CUSTOMER (Cont'd)

J. UNDERGROUND RESIDENTIAL DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS IN SUBDIVISIONS (Cont'd)

(5) Exceptions to the General Rule (Cont'd)

(d) Environmental Effects

When the Company or applicant believes the installation of overhead lines would be more environmentally desirable than underground facilities, the Company or applicant may petition the Public Service Commission to allow overhead lines, if a governmental authority having jurisdiction to do so has not required that underground facilities be installed.

(e) Cul-de-sac

Overhead facilities may be installed when no more than 600 feet of overhead extension is required to serve a cul-de-sac where a portion of the street within the subdivision is served by overhead facilities within or at the entrance to the cul-de-sac, if a governmental authority having jurisdiction to do so has not required that underground facilities be installed.

(f) Connection of Existing Overhead Lines

Overhead facilities may be installed when existing overhead distribution lines can be connected by no more than 1,200 feet of extension, if a governmental authority having jurisdiction to do so has not required that underground facilities be installed.

(g) Service Laterals

Overhead service laterals may be installed in new subdivisions from existing overhead distribution lines, if a governmental authority having jurisdiction to do so has not required that underground facilities be installed.

In unusual circumstances when the application of these rules appears impracticable or unjust to either party or discriminatory to other customers, the applicant or the Company may refer the matter to the Public Service Commission for a special ruling or for approval of special conditions mutually agreed upon prior to commencing construction.

(6) Applicant Trenching in Subdivisions.

The applicant may provide for any trenching within the subdivision boundaries, subject to its meeting the Company's specifications. Any such cost reductions that the Company realizes as the result of applicant trenching will be applied against the applicant's portion of any charges in excess of any allowances, any cost savings may then refunded to the applicant to the extent that the applicant trenching has reduced the Company's cost of installation. The per foot credit for trench used for electric installations only shall be the figure listed under Rule 3.J.(2)(a). Where the trench within the subdivision will be shared by other utilities (joint trenching) the per foot credit shall be determined by dividing the per foot credit by the number of utilities sharing the trench. If there is any delay or rework occasioned by incomplete or inadequate applicant trenching, the Company may charge the customer any costs and expenses incurred as a result.

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3. EXTENSION AND MAINTENANCE OF COMPANY FACILITIES TO SERVE CUSTOMER (Cont'd)

K. INSTALLATION OF FACILITIES IN VISUALLY SIGNIFICANT RESOURCE (VSR) AREAS

All new lines in Visually Significant Resource (VSR) Areas will be evaluated in accordance with 16 NYCRR Part 99 to determine whether underground or overhead construction is appropriate, provided the Company has not expended up to its maximum obligation as set forth in 16 NYCRR Part 99.2.

This section applies to new construction on public and private land in VSRs, where a qualified agency:

- (i) has no statutory authority to require the underground construction of a particular distribution or service line; and
- (ii) has supplied to the Company and to the Commission, and the Commission has accepted and approved a map(s) of the particular VSR, at a scale appropriate to such VSR, showing its boundaries in sufficient detail to permit the Company to comply with the requirements of this Rule, and should be accompanied by a textual description where clarification of the VSR boundaries is desirable.

If it is determined after the report and assessment required by 16 NYCRR 99.2(b) and (j) that an extension will be installed underground within a VSR, the Company will be responsible for that portion of the costs and expenses of both the distribution line extension and service line that exceeds the amount that the applicant would have been required to pay for the installation of comparable overhead facilities.

Where any telephone company has been permitted to install a distribution or feeder facility necessary to furnish permanent telephone service overhead in a particular VSR, the Company may install a distribution or service line necessary to furnish permanent electric service overhead using the poles which were used for the telephone facility.

VSR(s) located in the Company's Franchise Area are set forth on the statement titled "Statement of Visually Significant Resource Areas" filed with the Public Service Commission. Such Statement shall be filed with the Public Service Commission whenever changes are warranted pursuant to 16 NYCRR Part 99.

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3. EXTENSION AND MAINTENANCE OF COMPANY FACILITIES TO SERVE CUSTOMER (Cont'd)

K. INSTALLATION OF FACILITIES IN VISUALLY SIGNIFICANT RESOURCE (VSR) AREAS (Cont'd)

The Company will provide a written report to the agency which designated or administers the VSR, any agency having jurisdiction over affected public land and the Commission, of its intention to install, or provide for the installation of, the necessary facilities underground or overhead, at least 60 days before construction is planned to commence.

The Company may provide the written report described therein within 30 days after the commencement of construction if the necessary distribution or service line is installed overhead on a temporary basis, pending the review of the Company's report.

The Company may install permanent overhead facilities if the Company, before installation:

- (i) determines that the situation is an emergency; and
- (ii) obtains the written approval of the appropriate agency (ies); and
- (iii) upon written request, obtains the written approval of the Secretary of the Commission.

If undergrounding is otherwise required in a VSR, and the per-foot cost of installing the necessary facilities will be greater than two times the Company's annual cost per foot, the Company or the applicant may petition the Secretary of the Commission to allow overhead installation.

If an agency intends to supply a map or maps of a VSR(s) to the Company and the Commission, such agency shall consult with the Company and the Commission's Staff as to the appropriate scale(s) and other details of such map(s) prior to the filing of such map(s) with the Commission.

The length of time in which the Company can respond to a request for electric service and install such service for qualified applicants may be affected by project reporting procedures and conditions governing construction practices of undergrounding facilities as set forth in Part 101 of the Public Service Commission's regulations, 16 NYCRR Parts 99, 100 and 101

This Rule shall remain in full force and effect for a period of five years ending November 21, 1998.