

GENERAL INFORMATION

9. General Retail Access

Street Lighting customers may participate in General Retail Access in accordance with the provisions set forth in Rule 11 (General Retail Access) and elect pricing options in accordance with Rule 12 of Schedule P.S.C. No.19 – Electricity.

10. Rate Adjustment Mechanism (“RAM”)

A. **Applicable to:**

All customers taking service under Service Classification Nos. 1, 2, and 3.

B. **RAM Eligible Deferrals and Costs:**

The RAM will contain two types of eligible deferrals and costs:

1. Type 1 - Customer Bill Credits

The RAM will collect the customer bill credits provided to customers as a result of Covid-19 over a five-year period beginning July 1, 2021. The annual collection will be determined by dividing the total amount to be collected by the number of years remaining in the five-year period.

2. Type 2 – Other RAM Eligible Deferrals and Costs

All RAM Eligible Deferrals and Costs shall be the difference between actual costs and the amounts provided for in base rates. RAM Eligible Deferrals and Costs shall include:

- (a.) Property Taxes;
- (b.) Major Storm Deferral Balances; and
- (c.) Reforming the Energy Vision (“REV”) costs and fees which are not covered by other recovery mechanisms;
- (d.) Costs associated with the implementation of any Commission-ordered Electric Vehicle Program which recovery is not provided for by any other cost recovery mechanisms; and
- (e.) Excess energy efficiency and heat pump costs (after first allocating the annual unspent funds to the amount)

All RAM revenues and deferrals are subject to reconciliation.

C. **Annual RAM Recovery / Return Limits:**

- (1) The annual RAM recovery / return shall be limited to \$12.1 million for electric and include Type 1 and Type 2:
 - (a) Type 1 – Customer bill credits will be collected annually beginning July 1, 2021 (over a five-year period).
 - (b) Type 2 – Other RAM Eligible Deferrals and Costs will only be implemented once the limit is reached from netting the RAM Eligible Deferrals.

Any net RAM Eligible Deferral value in excess of the limit shall remain deferred and shall be carried forward to the calculation of the RAM limits in the following year. Any net regulatory asset or liability in excess of the Company’s annual RAM recovery / return limit shall be carried forward to the calculation of the RAM in the following year.

D. **Deferred Regulatory Asset and Liability Balances:**

The Company shall measure the deferred regulatory asset and liability balances for the items specified as Type 2 – Other RAM Eligible Deferrals and Costs (listed above) as of December 31 for each year. The RAM shall be identified in the Company’s respective RAM Compliance Filings submitted on March 31 of each year and shall be implemented in rates on July 1 of each year for collection over the 12 months from July 1 to June 30. The RAM Compliance Filings shall include proposed RAM rates by service classification. Annually, the Company shall submit RAM tariff statements effective on July 1.

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E. RAM Annual Recovery / Return Allocation:

The electric RAM annual recovery / return amounts shall be allocated to service classifications based on the following:

1. Type 1 - Customer Bill Credits

Shall be recovered from those service classes which were eligible to receive the customer bill credits. Specifically, residential classes will be charged for the recovery of the residential bill credits and applicable nonresidential service classes will be charged for the recovery of the non-residential bill credits. The Company will not recover customer bill credits from service classes that are not eligible for the bill credits. Recovery will occur on a per kwh basis for non-demand customers, on a per kw basis for demand billed customers and on an As-Used Demand basis for Standby customers.

2. Type 2 – Other RAM Eligible Deferrals and Costs

- i. Deferrals and Costs identified in 10.B above as Type 2 (a.) through Type 2 (d.) shall be allocated based on delivery service revenues and recovered on a per kWh basis for non-demand customers.
- ii. Type 2 (e.) costs shall be allocated to service classes consistent with how the energy efficiency and heat pump program costs are allocated in base rates.

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F. **Carrying Costs:**

The Company shall accrue carrying costs on Type 1 – Customer Bill Credits based on the Commission's authorized Other Customer Capital Rate.

The Company shall accrue carrying costs on Type 2 – Other RAM Eligible Deferrals and costs as follows:

- (1) During the period that the RAM is in effect for those deferral balances being specifically collected or returned, carrying costs shall be based on the Commission's authorized Other Customer Capital Rate.
- (2) RAM Eligible Deferral Balances not in the RAM tariff due to the annual dollar amount restrictions set forth above shall accrue carrying charges as follows:
 - (a) Net Deferral amounts at or under the annual RAM recovery / return limits shall accrue carrying charges at the Other Customer Capital Rate;
 - (b) Additional deferral amounts over the annual RAM recovery / return limits, up to one year's worth of value, shall accrue carrying costs at the Other Customer Capital Rate; and
 - (c) Additional deferral amounts over the annual RAM recovery / return limits in Rule 10.F.(2)(a) and (2)(b) above, shall accrue carrying costs at the Company's respective Pre-Tax Weighted Cost of Capital, applied to the after-tax balance.

G. **Filings and Statements:**

- (1) A RAM Compliance Filing setting forth the RAM rates by Service Classification shall be filed with the Commission by March 31 on an annual basis.
- (2) A RAM Statement setting forth the RAM rates shall be filed with the Commission on not less than 30 days' notice to be effective July 1. Such statement may be found at the end of this Schedule.

11. Clean Energy Standard ("CES")

- A. The Clean Energy Standard (CES) surcharge recovers costs associated with the procurement of Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) that supports generation by renewable sources; the purchase of Zero-Emission Credits (ZECs) that supports qualified zero-emissions nuclear power plants; and costs associated with Alternative Compliance Payment (ACPs), if applicable, for any shortage of RECs needed for the Company to meet its obligations from Non-Retail Access customers.

The Clean Energy Standard (CES) also recovers costs associated with contracts signed by NYSERDA to maintain certain baseline renewable resources at risk of attrition (Tier 2 Maintenance Contracts) and cash shortages that may have resulted from NYSERDA's CES activities (Backstop Charges) through the System Benefits Charge (SBC) from all customers, including those customer with energy usage that is exempt from the SBC.

- B. RECs, ZECs, and if applicable, ACPs, shall be recovered from all Non-Retail Access customers through the Supply Adjustment Charge Component as set forth in P.S.C. No 19, General Information Rule 12.
- i. The costs for the RECs shall be recovered by dividing the annual REC costs, including an allowance for uncollectibles, by projected kWh sales and adding to the Supply Adjustment Charge Component.
 - a. REC costs shall be reconciled on an annual basis.
 - ii. The costs for the ZECs shall be recovered by dividing the annual ZEC costs, including an allowance for uncollectibles, by projected kWh sales and adding to the Supply Adjustment Charge Component.
 - a. ZEC costs shall be reconciled on an annual.
 - iii. The costs for the ACP shall be recovered by dividing the annual ACP costs, including an allowance for uncollectibles, by projected kWh sales and adding to the Supply Adjustment Charge Component.
 - a. ACP costs shall be reconciled on an annual basis.
- C. Tier 2 Maintenance Contracts and Backstop Charges shall be recovered from all customers through the System Benefits Charge as described in Rule 4.4.4.C.
- D. The Company shall file a CES Statement on not less than 15 days' notice. The Statement shall set forth the surcharge rates as described in Rule 11.B. above.