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ELECTRIC LIGHTING DELIVERY SERVICE

APPLICABILITY: Applicable for lighting purposes including, but not limited to, streets, highways, alleys, parks, public grounds, or other publicly dedicated outdoor ways and places, post-top lighting, and yard lighting, where lights are operated from dusk to dawn throughout the year; and all other miscellaneous outdoor lighting installations throughout the Utility's entire electric service area for Customers receiving electric supply under Electricity Supply Service or through a Contract with a Competitive Electric Supplier (Electric Supplier).

TYPE OR SERVICE: Sixty hertz, alternating current delivered at such voltage or current as may be available at the Utility's option.

RATES: Monthly Bill:

Electric Supply Charge:

In Accordance with the Electricity Supply Service Tariff or with a Contract Between the Customer and an Electric Supplier.

PLUS:

Transmission Charges:

In Accordance with the Electricity Supply Service Tariff if receiving supply under Electricity Supply Service; or In Accordance with Utility's FERC Approved Transmission Tariff if receiving supply from an Electric Supplier.

PLUS:

Delivery Service Charge (DSC): following:

Customer specific DSC resulting from the sum of the

Energy Charge (Monthly \$/kWh):
All Kwh @

\$ 0.029335 (R)

PLUS:

Ownership Charge (Monthly \$/Unit):

<u>Cost Range</u>		<u>Unit Rate</u>		<u>Cost Range</u>		<u>Unit Rate</u>	
\$ 200	- \$ 399	\$ 2.91	(R)	\$ 1,600	- \$ 1,799	\$ 23.27	(R)
400	- 599	6.22	(R)	1,800	- 1,999	26.21	(R)
600	- 799	9.68	(R)	2,000	- 2,199	28.08	(R)
800	- 999	11.60	(R)	2,200	- 2,399	30.76	(R)
1,000	- 1,199	13.97	(R)	2,400	- 2,599	33.42	(R)
1,200	- 1,399	16.93	(R)	2,600	- 2,799	36.10	(R)
1,400	- 1,599	20.68	(R)	2,800	- 2,999	38.78	(R)

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Ownership Charge (Monthly \$/Unit):

<u>Cost Range</u>		<u>Unit Rate</u>	<u>Cost Range</u>		<u>Unit Rate</u>
\$ 3,000	- \$3,199	\$ 38.66	\$ 4,600	- \$ 4,799	\$ 52.66
3,200	- 3,399	38.94	4,800	- 4,999	54.90
3,400	- 3,599	39.21	5,000	- 5,199	57.14
3,600	- 3,799	41.46	5,200	- 5,399	59.38
3,800	- 3,999	43.69	5,400	- 5,599	61.63
4,000	- 4,199	45.93	5,600	- 5,799	63.86
4,200	- 4,399	48.18	5,800	- 5,999	66.10
4,400	- 4,599	50.41			

RATES:

PLUS:

(\$/Unit/month)

Operations Charge: \$ 0.61

Maintenance Charge: \$ 0.59

Billing Charge: \$ 0.24

PLUS:

BPA Residential Exchange Credit: (Residential Load Only – See Definition)

Energy (Monthly \$/kWh):

All kWh @ \$ (0.000258) (R)

PLUS:

Other Applicable Charges: All charges contained on other applicable rate schedules approved by the Public Service Commission of Montana (Commission).

APPLICATION OF RATES:

Monthly Bill Components: Each month, Customers' bills shall include an Electric Supply Charge; a Transmission & Ancillary Services Charge(s); all relevant charges contained on other applicable rate schedules including, but not limited to, competitive transition charges (CTC) and universal systems benefits programs (USBC); and a Delivery Services Charge (DSC) plus the following applicable charges. Customers may be billed either entirely by the Utility, or in part by the Electric Supplier, in accordance with the Contract between the Utility and Electric Supplier, or the Electric Supplier and its Customer.

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Customer-Owned Lighting Unit(s): Monthly Billing Charge; plus an Operations Charge, if Customer has entered into an Operations Contract with the Utility; plus a Maintenance Charge, if Customer has entered into a Maintenance Contract with the Utility.

1. A. Ownership Charge: For Utility-Owned lighting units, the monthly charge shall be the product of the number of units times the applicable monthly Ownership Charge set forth above under RATES.
- B. Ownership Charge Assignment: Utility-Owned lighting units shall be assigned the applicable Ownership Charge using the Ownership Cost Ranges set forth above under RATES. Such assignment shall be based on the average installed cost of the lighting unit(s) per project.
2. Operations Charge: For Utility-Owned lighting units, or where a Customer has entered into an Operations Contract with the Utility, the monthly charge shall be the product of the number of units times the monthly Operations Charge set forth above under RATES.
3. Maintenance Charge: For Utility-Owned lighting units, or where a Customer has entered into a Maintenance Contract with the Utility, the monthly charge shall be the product of the number of units times the monthly Maintenance Charge set forth above under RATES.
4. Billing Charge: For Customer-Owned lighting units, the monthly charge shall be the product of the number of units times the monthly Billing Charge set forth above under RATES.

LIGHTING UNIT DEFINITION: "Lighting Unit" or "Unit", as used herein, shall mean a single structure and the luminaries(s) connected to that structure.

SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

1. Definitions:

- A. BPA Residential Exchange Credit: Credit from the Bonneville Power Administration in settlement of the Residential Exchange rights of regional residential and small farm customers to benefit from the Federal Columbia River Power System per the Northwest Power Act. Applicable only to electric use that qualifies as residential load. Residential load is defined as all usual electric service used in connection with permanent or seasonal living quarters of individuals or families, domestic needs of occupants of multifamily complexes, or farm activities including incidental primary processing.
- B. Electric Delivery Service: Service provided to Customer to deliver electricity through the local electric distribution wires to the Customer's point of service.

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- C. Electric Energy: The amount of electricity used measured in kilowatt hours (kWh).
- D. Electric Supply Service: Service provided to Customer receiving electric supply either from the Utility as Electricity Supplier or a Competitive Electric Supplier.
(See also ESS-1, CESGTC-1 and ECCGP-1.)
2. Annual Operating Schedule:
- A. For lights that operate from dusk-to-dawn, 350 shall be used as the number of operating hours per month.
- B. For lights that operate 24 hours per day, 730.5 shall be used as the number of operating hours per month.
- C. For lights that operate throughout other periods of duration, the number of operating hours per month shall be determined by multiplying the operating hours per day times 30.44 days per month. Non-metered flashers and other lamps that operate intermittently shall be adjusted for burning hours.
3. Description of Utility-Owned Facilities:
- A. The Utility shall install, own, operate and maintain its current standard facilities which include a pole, luminaries, mast arm, and on-off control. A maximum free line extension allowance of \$0.04/kWh times the Utility's estimate of the annual kWh consumption shall apply for extension of primary distribution facilities that are not a part of the street lighting system.
- B. Where the facilities required are in excess of the Utility's standard facilities as provided for under SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITION No. 16 (Lighting Line Extension Allowance), Customer shall pay the cost of such excess facilities as an advance in aid of construction in accordance with SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITION No. 15 (Income Tax on Contributions).
4. Operations*:
- A. Where the Utility provides operations* services on Customer-Owned lights, such services shall be billed as set forth above under RATES, provided Customer has entered into an Operations Contract with the Utility. Reasonable care and diligence shall be exercised in relamping, replacing refractors, cleaning, testing, and performing such other items of an operations* nature so as to provide continuity of illumination. It shall be the responsibility of the Customer to notify the Utility of Lamp outages.
- B. Where Utility experiences excessive operations* costs as a result of vandalism; malicious acts; non-standard posts, poles or luminaries; or other causes of an unusual nature, the Utility may

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require Customer to pay the actual costs of repairing or replacing the damaged part(s) or unit(s). Such charges are in addition to the monthly charges set forth above under RATES.

- C. The Utility shall be responsible for supplying only lamps and refractors that are standard to those used on Utility-Owned light fixtures. For Customer-Owned lights, lamps and refractors of a special nature shall be supplied by the Customer at Customer's expense.
- D. * As used in this context, "operations" is intended to mean exclusively the labor and materials associated with relamping, cleaning luminaries, replacing broken or damaged refractors, and minor testing of circuitry. It does not include maintenance of the poles, conductors, luminaries, control(s), or protective system. Operations service does not include underground locating on Customer-Owned facilities.
5. Maintenance:
- A. Where the Utility provides maintenance* services on Customer-Owned lights, such services shall be billed as set forth above under RATES, provided Customer has entered into a Maintenance Contract with the Utility. However, Utility may refuse to maintain Customer-Owned lights which are of a unique or non-standard nature, or otherwise do not meet Utility specifications. At the Utility's option, maintenance services may also be provided on Customer-Owned lights, under separate contract, where Customer will be billed for time and materials plus appropriate overhead costs.
- B. Where Customer's lighting units or systems are such that repair or replacement parts and materials are of a unique or non-standard nature, such parts and materials shall be supplied by the Customer at Customer's expense. Under such circumstances, the Utility cannot guarantee continuity of service if Customer fails to adequately supply the necessary parts.
- C. * As used in this context, "maintenance" is intended to mean exclusively, the labor and materials associated with maintaining the poles, conductors, luminaries, control(s), and protective system.
6. Special Facilities: The Utility shall install, at its expense, only those facilities which are deemed necessary to render service in accordance with this Rate Schedule. When Customer requests facilities which are in addition to, or in substitution of, the standard facilities which the Utility would normally install, the entire installation shall be installed, owned, operated and maintained by Customer.
7. Temporary Discontinuance of Service: (Fixture remains in place.) At the request of Customer, Utility will temporarily discontinue service to individual lighting units, provided Customer continues to pay the applicable charges set forth above under RATES, plus the estimated cost of disconnecting and reconnecting the lamp.

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8. Rearrangement of Facilities: Where Customer requests changes to, or rearrangement of, existing facilities, such changes shall be at Customer's expense.
9. Contracts: Service to lighting installations shall be for contract terms as agreed upon between Utility and Customer within limitations prescribed by applicable law. The initial term of the contract shall commence as lighting units are energized for service.
10. Surcharge on Advances or Contributions: Whenever, under the provisions of this Rate Schedule, an advance or contribution is required, the current surcharge as required by Utility operations shall be applies to such advance or contribution. This is to offset the effect caused by the Utility's delayed tax depreciation reimbursement of the current year tax on this advance or contribution. This surcharge is not applicable where advances or contributions are the result of highway relocations or any government directed relocations that benefit the public and the government is not receiving utility service.
11. Lighting Line Extension Allowance:
- A. Utility shall make a maximum free extension allowance of \$0.05/kWh times the Utility's estimate of the annual kWh consumption for extension of primary distribution facilities up to the lighting unit or lighting district. Service drops to the lighting units are considered a part of the street light system and are included in the street light system costs.
 - B. For Customer-Owned lights, Customers shall be required to pay the Utility for the installation of the metering and controls necessary for lighting service.
 - D. For Utility-Owned lights, Customer shall be required to pay the Utility for the installation of the meter and non-standard controls necessary for lighting service.
12. Delivery Point: Delivery shall be made from the Utility's electric system, at a point or points agreeable to the Utility. Where an installation is metered, the meter shall be at a suitable location that is agreeable to the Utility.

SERVICE AND RATES SUBJECT TO COMMISSION JURISDICTION: All rates and service conditions under this Rate Schedule are governed by the rules and regulations of the Public Service Commission of Montana and are subject to revision as the Commission may duly authorize in the exercise of its jurisdiction.