ELECTRIC TARIFF

NorthWestern Energy

Schedule No. EESS-1

ELECTRIC EMERGENCY SUPPLY SERVICE

APPLICABILITY: Applicable to all retail customers of the Utility.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this Schedule is to present the provisions of electric emergency supply service and recover the applicable costs, including transmission and ancillary service costs, for providing such emergency service.

EMERGENCY SUPPLY SERVICE CUSTOMER BILLING: The actual costs incurred by the Utility in providing emergency supply service to each customer shall be accumulated and assessed to the customer upon the completion of such emergency service as further provided in this schedule.

CUSTOMER GUIDELINES: A Customer, electing to move between Electricity Supply Service and Competitive Electric Supply Service shall follow the guidelines and procedures established by the Public Service Commission as set forth in Schedule No. ECCGP-1

SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

1) The Electricity Supplier shall provide Emergency Service to all customers, regardless of size, subject to the following:
   a) The Electricity Supplier is not required to purchase any reserve supply of electricity to fulfill this obligation.
   b) The Emergency Service may automatically be provided as part of the Electricity Supplier’s agreement under its transmission service provider’s FERC Open Access Transmission Tariff Energy Imbalance provisions for up to 5 calendar days.
   c) When the Electricity Supplier acts as an emergency supplier of electricity and related services to customers, the electricity supplier that should have provided the electricity shall reimburse the Electricity Supplier at the higher of a multiple of the customer’s contract rate with the electricity supplier or a multiple of the then existing market rate for that electricity. The commission shall determine and authorize the multiple used. The market rate is the highest published rate for electricity purchased within the local control area at the time that the Electricity Supplier provided the electricity supply.
   d) If the customer’s competitive electric supplier has not reimbursed the Electricity Supplier as provided in c) above within 60 days, the Emergency Service shall be fully charged to the Customer as specified in the electricity supply tariff for such service.
   e) Customers taking Emergency Service shall be required to choose a competitive electric supplier or automatically take electricity supply service within 21 business days. During this time period, the Customer should remain in regular contact with the Electricity Supplier regarding the Customers pending power supply decision.

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f) The Electricity Supplier shall provide timely information of its Emergency Service costs to the Customer. The Customer may elect to forego or reduce its load by giving written notice (including email or fax) to the Electricity Supplier.

g) The Emergency Service Customer shall be reimbursed with any recovery obtained by the Electricity Supplier from the non-performing competitive electric supplier, in c) above, for the portion of the Emergency Service costs over and above the otherwise applicable cost that would have been incurred by the Customer through its competitive electricity supplier contract. The Emergency Service Customer will be responsible for providing the necessary information required by the Electricity Supplier to determine its otherwise applicable competitive electric supplier costs.

h) All electricity supply customers shall be credited with any excess recovery obtained by the Electricity Supplier from the non-performing competitive electric supplier, in c) above, less any customer reimbursement in g) above, as part of the next applicable tracking period's rate adjustment.

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.