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Dear Ms. McNeal:

Enclosed are Ohio Power Company's compliance tariffs, which are being filed in accordance with the Commission's Opinion and Order dated April 17, 2016 and the Second Entry on Rehearing dated February 1, 2017 in Case No. 14-1158-EL-ATA. The Company will update its tariffs previously filed electronically with the Commission's Docketing Division.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Regards,

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2. APPLICATION FOR SERVICE

These Terms and Conditions of Service apply to service under the Company's schedules which provide for generation, transmission and distribution service. Customers requesting only distribution service from the Company, irrespective of the voltage level at which service is taken, as provided for in Section 4928.40(E), Ohio Revised Code, shall be served under the Company's open access distribution schedules and the Terms and Conditions of Open Access Distribution Service shall apply.

Electric service shall be made available to a prospective customer within this Company's area of service upon request or execution of a contract therefore and its acceptance by an officer or authorized representative of the Company.

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The character of service and the rates, rules, terms, regulations and conditions shall be in accordance with P.U.C.O. No. 20, the supplements thereto and revisions thereof applying to the particular type of service and locality for which such contract or application is made.

3. CONDITIONS OF SERVICE

Before the Company shall be required to furnish service, the Company may require that the customer submit written specifications of the electrical apparatus to be operated by service and to provide to the Company a site plan that shows the address, orientation of the building, the location of the meter on the building, and the square footage of the building. The Company reserves the right to specify the service characteristics, including the point of delivery and metering.

Written agreements will be required prior to providing service if stipulated in the applicable rate schedule or the customer has unusual or special service characteristics. If the customer refuses to sign a written agreement, an agreement will still be effective as if the customer had signed and said customer will be charged under the appropriate schedule. A copy of the written agreement, contained on a form provided by the Company, will be furnished to the customer upon request at any time during the term of the agreement.

When the customer desires delivery of energy at more than one (1) point, each separate point of delivery shall be considered a Contract Location and shall be metered and billed under a separate request or contract for service. Separate written agreements, if required under the above paragraph, will be made for each point of delivery. If the Company requires separate points of delivery, for like service, to meet the customer's electrical requirements at a single Contract location, the metering for two (2) or more points of delivery may be combined for billing under the applicable tariff.

4. AVAILABLE RATES

A copy of these Terms and Conditions of Service and the schedules applicable to the customer's class of business will be made available upon request and the customer shall elect upon which applicable schedule the customer desires to be served.

If the customer can meet the requirements of more than one (1) rate schedule, the Company will endeavor to advise the customer as to which rate schedule is the most advantageous for the prospective service. The customer shall then select the rate schedule upon which the contract for service shall be based. The Company under no circumstances guarantees that the rate under which a customer is billed is the most favorable rate.

For the period January 2012 through May 2016, general service customers may not choose to change rate schedules. The Company will continue to allow tariff changes between rate schedules GS-1 and GS-2 for customers that no longer meet the availability of service requirements. Any such tariff change will not change the requirements used to determine the availability of riders as stated on Sheet Nos. 475-1, 481-1, 494-1, and 495-1.

A customer may not change from one (1) schedule to another during the term of contract except with the consent of the Company.

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5. COMPANY'S AGENTS NOT EMPOWERED TO CHANGE TARIFFS

No agent or employee of the Company has authority to amend, modify, alter the application, rates, terms, conditions, rules or regulations of the Company on file with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, or to make any promises or representations not contained in P.U.C.O. No. 20, supplements thereto and revisions thereof.

6. CHANGE OF RATES OR REGULATIONS

Rules and Regulations and rates contained herein are subject to cancellation or modification upon order or permission of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.

7. INSPECTIONS

It is to the interest of the customer to properly install and maintain the customer's wiring and electrical equipment and the customer shall at all times be responsible for the character and condition thereof. It is the customer's responsibility to assure that all inside wiring is grounded and is otherwise in accordance with the requirements of the National Electric Code. The Company makes no inspection thereof and in no event shall be responsible therefore.

Where a customer's premises are located in a municipality or other governmental subdivision where inspection laws or ordinances are in effect, the Company may withhold furnishing service to new installations until it has received evidence that the inspection laws or ordinances have been complied with. In addition, if such municipality or other governmental subdivision shall determine that such inspection laws or ordinances are no longer being complied with in respect to an existing installation, the Company may suspend the furnishing of service thereto until it has received evidence of compliance with such laws or ordinances. The Company may disconnect electric service to a premise where unsafe conditions exist.

Where the customer's premises are located outside of an area where inspection service is in effect, the Company may require the delivery by the customer to the Company of an agreement duly signed by the owner and tenant of the premises authorizing the connection to the wiring system of the customer and assuming responsibility therefore.

No responsibility shall attach to the Company because of any waiver of these requirements.

8. LOCATION & MAINTENANCE OF COMPANY'S EQUIPMENT

The Company shall have the right to erect and maintain its poles, lines, circuits and other necessary facilities on the customer's property, and to place and maintain its transformers and other apparatus on the property or within the buildings of the customer at convenient locations. The customer shall keep Company equipment clear from obstruction and obstacles including landscaping, structures, etc., and allow the use of suitable space for the installation, repair and maintenance of necessary measuring instruments so that the latter may be protected from damage.

The customer shall provide suitable space and access to same, for the installation and maintenance of necessary measuring instruments and other facilities, so that they may be

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protected from injury by the elements or through the negligence or deliberate acts of the customer or of any employee of the same, or any other party.

Company owned transformers and appurtenances placed on the property or within the building shall be housed in accordance with the National Electrical Code in a suitable room or vault provided by the customer and, when installed outside upon a mat or slab, shall be protected by an enclosure erected by the customer to guard against loss, damage or injury to persons or property.

9. SERVICE CONNECTIONS

The Company will, when requested to furnish service, designate the location of its service connection. The customer's wiring must, except for those cases listed below, be brought out of the building in an approved manner from the main service disconnect to outside the building wall nearest the Company's service wires so as to be readily accessible thereto. The point of service drop attachment shall be as high as the construction of the building will permit, but not more than twenty-five (25) feet nor less than twelve (12) feet from the ground (see National Electric Code for vertical clearance requirements of service drop conductors) and shall be located at a point convenient to the Company's lines for making connections thereto, and each of the service wires shall extend at least eighteen (18) inches from the weatherhead on the end of the conduit or cable for making service connections. Service entrance equipment shall be properly grounded and shall be installed so that the disconnecting means is readily accessible. Where customers install service entrance facilities which have capacity and layout specified by the Company and/or install and use certain utilization equipment specified by the Company, the Company may provide or offer to own certain facilities on the customer's side of the point where the service wires attach to the building.

In areas served by an overhead distribution system, an overhead service shall be provided by the Company from the Company's distribution system extending one span (approximately 100 feet) toward the customer's facilities. When a customer desires that energy be delivered at a point or in a manner other than that designated by the Company, the customer shall pay the additional cost of same. Rights-of-way or easements necessary for the installation of said service (including private railway wire crossings permits) shall be provided by the customer.

A non-residential customer desiring an underground service shall, at the customer's expense, install and maintain the necessary service wires, duct work, manholes, vaults and connection boxes in an approved manner from the main entrance switch in the building to a service point designated by the Company, from which connection is to be made. Such underground service will be designed and installed as a continuous run of conductors which shall conform to Company specifications. Where service is supplied from an underground distribution system which has been installed at the Company's expense within the limits of municipal streets, the customer shall make arrangements with the Company to supply and install a continuous run of cable conductors including necessary ducts from the manhole or connection box to the inside of the building wall. The customer shall pay the cost of installing the portion of cable and duct from the curb line to the terminus or cable inside the building and provide the necessary easements to the Company.

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Conduit and wires and any equipment, installation and appurtenances furnished, installed and maintained by the customer must conform to the National Electrical Code, as well as applicable governmental requirements.

The Company shall not be required to make any inspection of the wiring, safety switch or other equipment, installation or appurtenances installed and owned by the customer. Any inspection thereof which the Company may make shall be voluntary on its part and for its benefit only, and shall not in any way relieve the customer of any obligations in that respect. The Company has the right to assess a service fee (shown below) when three or more trips are made for service installation and can not be completed due to customer installation issues.

During Normal Business Hours

Service Fee Multiple Trips	\$28.00
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Other Than Normal Business Hours

Off Shift

Sunday or Holiday

Service Fee Multiple Trips	\$77.00	\$100.00
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10. EXTENSION OF LOCAL FACILITIES

The Company shall construct suitable electric transmission and distribution facilities under this line extension policy to serve customer premises when the customer can not be served from existing electrical facilities.

Customers requesting new or expanded electric service shall submit detailed and complete information which may include but not be limited to switch size, requested delivery voltage, total estimated load, listing of connected loads, operating characteristics, site survey plans (showing other utilities or underground infrastructure) and first floor elevations before the Company can develop a plan of service and prepare a construction cost estimate.

The Company will determine the modifications to the Company's transmission and/or distribution facilities required to provide for a basic service plan to serve the customer's load. The Company will design, construct, own, operate and maintain the line extension and all other equipment installed to serve the customer's load up to the point of service for each customer.

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Upon receipt of the necessary information from the customer, the Company will comply with Chapter 4901:1-9-07 of the Ohio Administrative Code and exercise its best efforts to expedite the entire process for developing a service plan and preparing a cost estimate.

The Company shall have no obligation to extend, expand or rearrange its facilities if it determines that the existing facilities are adequate to serve the customer's electrical load.

Definitions Used in This Section

1. "Basic service plan" means the least cost line extension design using sound engineering practices which meet and/or exceed the National Electrical Safety Code and the Company's construction standards.
2. "Contribution in aid of construction or CIAC" means any amount of money or property contributed to the Company to the extent that the purpose of the contribution is to provide for line extensions for new or expanded customer loads.
3. "Cost estimate" means the detailed projected expenditure, including material costs and overhead, equipment costs and overhead, labor costs and overhead, and all taxes associated with each major material and service component, required for a line extension. It shall also separately identify any incremental costs associated with providing premium services. The Company may, for the purpose of standardization, establish standard construction cost estimates, for basic or premium service plans, which shall not exceed, in any event, the average cost of constructing such line extensions in the area involved, in which case the term "cost estimate" as used in this section will be understood to mean the standard estimate thus established.
4. "Line extension" means the provision of facilities (including, but not limited to, poles, fixtures, wires, and appurtenances) necessary for delivering electrical energy from the point of origin to one or more of the customer's points of delivery. Facilities provided by the Company to maintain, protect, upgrade, or improve its overall distribution system (even if necessary due to a customer's load addition) are not considered part of a line extension.
5. "Multifamily installation" means any line extension to a new residential dwelling that will have two or more dwelling units, where each unit has a separate account for electric service.
6. "Permanent" means a) a structure that has a permanently installed pressurized domestic water system and septic/sewer system which complies with local codes/regulations and is approved for use by the respective sanitation jurisdictional authority, or b) a structure that is approved for installation on a foundational support that is either a mortared masonry pier/column configuration, a poured concrete slab, or a poured concrete footer and mortared masonry walls on the perimeter of the structure.

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7. "Point of origin" means the point where a line extension under this rule connects with and receives energy from any existing transmission or distribution equipment. The point of origin shall be the nearest practical point to the customers to be served by the line extension at which the appropriate voltage level is available.

8. "Premium service" includes, but is not limited to, customer-requested oversizing of facilities, underground construction, three-phase residential service, seasonal operations, and any customer request that is in excess of standard construction and requirements necessary to provide electric service to the customer.

Line extensions

1. For line extensions to residential single family homes, both individual homes and homes in a development, unless noted otherwise, the following shall apply:

- a. The Company shall be responsible for all costs, excluding the incremental costs of premium services (the sum of the Company's cost to provide the premium installation minus the Company's cost of a standard, single-phase installation), up to five thousand dollars.
- b. The customer shall be responsible for the incremental costs of premium services prior to the start of construction.
- c. The customer shall make arrangements with the Company for the payment of the non-premium line extension costs that exceed five thousand dollars. The Company shall afford the nondeveloper, individual homeowner the option of paying those costs, plus carrying costs, on a prorated monthly basis for up to fifty months.

2. For line extensions to residential, non-master-metered, multifamily installations (two or more units) the following shall apply:

- a. The Company shall be responsible for all costs, excluding the incremental costs of premium services (the sum of the Company's cost to provide the premium installation minus the Company's cost of a standard, single-phase installation), up to twenty-five hundred dollars per unit.
- b. The customer shall be responsible for the incremental costs of premium services prior to the start of construction.
- c. The customer shall make arrangements with the Company for the payment of the non-premium line extension costs that exceed twenty-five hundred dollars per unit.

3. For line extensions to non-residential customers the following shall apply:

- a. The Company shall be responsible for sixty percent of the total cost of the line extension, excluding the incremental costs of premium services (the sum of the Company's cost to provide the premium installation minus the Company's cost to install, in accordance with good utility practice, a standard line extension to the project).
- b. The customer shall be responsible for forty percent of the total cost of the line extension plus the incremental costs of premium services prior to the start of construction.
- c. If a substation is required as part of the line extension project to a customer, the customer shall be given the option of building (pursuant to all applicable electrical standards), owning, and maintaining such substation.

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4. The payment for premium services and for the cost of residential construction in excess of the limits of five thousand dollars for single-family residences and twenty-five hundred dollars per unit for multifamily residences, shall be considered as contribution in aid of construction (CIAC) and shall be grossed-up by the effect of applicable taxes.
5. Costs attributed to land clearance activity, trenching, and backfilling required for the installation of line extension facilities on the customer's property are the responsibility of the customer.
6. All line extensions shall be the property of and shall be operated and maintained by the Company.
7. The Company shall have the right to use any line extension in furnishing service to any applicant located adjacent to such line extension and the further right to construct other extensions from the distribution facilities so constructed.
8. Any customer who paid to the Company a CIAC, other than for premium services, may be entitled to a refund of a portion of the CIAC paid in accordance with the following:
 - a. If any new customer, within fifty months of the completion of a line extension project for which an existing customer has paid to the Company a CIAC, utilizes all or part of the facilities for which the CIAC has been paid, the existing customer who paid the CIAC may be entitled to a refund which represents a pro rata portion of the original CIAC calculated to equitably share the CIAC responsibility for those facilities used in service by both the new and original customer.
 - b. If any new additional customer, within fifty months of the completion of the line extension project for which existing customers have paid to the Company a CIAC, utilizes all or part of the facilities for which a CIAC has been paid, any existing customers who paid the CIAC may also be entitled to a refund.
 - c. Any refunds made under a. or b., above shall be after payment has been received from the new customer.

The Company recognizes and makes available the rural line extension plan specified in Chapter 4901:1-9-07 - Rules, Regulations and Practices for the construction of Electric Line Extensions in Rural Territory, of the Ohio Administrative Code as amended from time to time.

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11. TEMPORARY AND SPECIAL SERVICE

The Company will supply temporary service when it has available unsold capacity in its lines, transformers and generating equipment. Customers who have seasonal operations at permanent locations, or who have other sources of energy supply and desire service for standby or breakdown purposes, must contract for permanent service under a schedule applicable to the customer's class of business and will be subject to the terms of that schedule including the minimum bill and term of contract provisions.

The customer will purchase temporary service under any schedule applicable to the customer's class of business and will, in addition, pay to the Company, in advance, the Company's estimated total cost of installing and removing its facilities necessary for the temporary service. The total cost will include all material, labor, and overheads, with appropriate credits being given for salvageable material and for facilities to be used in subsequent permanent service. Charges for the following categories of temporary service are fixed as follows:

Service requiring only reading-in and reading-out an existing meter - \$57.00

Single-phase 120/240 volt service from existing source with adequate capacity, up to 200 Ampere; \$237.00 overhead and \$134.00 underground. All others charged based on facilities installed.

The Company shall not be required to construct general distribution lines underground unless the cost of such special construction for general distribution lines and/or the cost of any change of existing overhead general distribution lines to underground which is required or specified by a municipality or other public authority (to the extent that such cost exceeds the cost of construction of the Company's standard facilities) shall be paid for by that municipality or public authority. The "cost of any change" as used herein, shall be the cost to the Company of such change. The "cost of special construction" as used herein, shall be the actual cost to the Company in excess of the cost of standard construction. When a charge is to be based on the excess cost, the Company and municipality or other public authority shall negotiate the amount thereof.

Temporary service supplied for a period less than one (1) full month will be billed on the basis of a full month's schedule billing, including the minimum charge if applicable.

12. WORK PERFORMED ON COMPANY'S FACILITIES AT CUSTOMER'S REQUEST

Whenever, at the request of a customer and solely to suit the convenience of the customer, work is performed on the Company's facilities or the Company's facilities are relocated, the customer shall pay to the Company, in advance, the estimated total cost of such work. This cost shall be itemized by major categories and shall include the Company's standard overheads and be credited with the net value of any salvageable material. The actual costs for the work performed will be determined after its completion and the appropriate additional charge or refund will be made to the customer.

13. NOMINAL VOLTAGE LEVELS

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The Company has established nominal service voltages of 60 cycle alternating current of which at least one (1) of the following characteristics shall be made available to a customer, the particular voltage and service characteristics to be at the option of the Company:

Secondary Distribution System - Nominal regulated voltages of 120, 120/208, 120/240, or 240/480 volts, single phase and 120/208, 120/240, 240, 240/480, 277/480 and 480 volts, 3 phase.

Primary Distribution System - Nominal regulated voltages of 2,400, 2,400/4,160, 4,160, 7,200, 7,200/12,470, 7,620/13,200, 7,970/13,800 and 19,900/34,500 volts, 3 phase.

Subtransmission - Nominal, unregulated voltages of 23,000, 34,500, 40,000, and 69,000 volts, 3 phase.

Transmission - Nominal, unregulated voltages of 138,000, 345,000, and 765,000 volts, 3 phase.

The Company shall design and operate its system so that under normal operating conditions the voltage delivered at the customer's service entrance, for the regulated voltages listed above, is maintained within the range of plus or minus five percent (+/-5%) of the nominal voltage. Wherever voltages shall be known to exist outside of such range, the Company will take steps to promptly initiate corrective action to restore the voltage level to within such range.

14. METER REGISTRATION AND TESTING

The Company will own, furnish, install and maintain the meter or meters. The customer is required to supply, install and maintain the mounting or meter enclosures or sockets. The Company may specify whether the meter or meters are to be installed on the inside or outside the customer's premise and may change such location at its option. When an inside meter installation is made, the customer shall furnish, at the customer's sole expense a suitable meter panel in a convenient and suitable location and so placed that the meter installation will not be more than five (5) feet nor less than three (3) feet from the floor, and pay the additional expense of providing an electronic means to obtain an automated reading. In addition, the customer may be required to install and maintain a dedicated communications line. If any location provided by the customer causes the meter to register incorrectly, the Company may require the customer to provide a new meter location acceptable to the Company and to pay the expense of relocation. All costs incident to the relocation of an outside meter made upon the customer's request, or required to be made because of the customer's use of the customer's premises, shall be paid by the customer.

The authorized agents or employees of the Company shall have free access at all reasonable hours to the premises of the customer for the purpose of installing, reading, testing and removing meters or other appliances, belonging to the Company.

The Company will test its meters at its discretion or at the request of the customer. Any kilowatt-hour meter found by test to be registering within the range of plus or minus two percent (+/- 2%) will be considered as registering accurately. Any integrating block interval demand meter or thermal demand meter registering within the range of plus or minus four percent (+/- 4%) will be considered to be registering correctly. For each subsequent test conducted within thirty-six (36) months of the last previous test, if the meter is found to be registering correctly, the

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customer shall pay to the Company a \$64.00 fee for a single phase meter test and an \$85.00 fee for all other meter tests. The customer shall be told the amount of such charge when the customer requests the meter test within such thirty-six (36) month period. Such test, witnessed by the customer if so desired, will be conducted using a properly calibrated meter standard.

The Company will replace at its expense any meter registering incorrectly and make billing corrections in accordance with the Billing and Bills Payable section.

When service has been obtained through tampering practices, the customer will be charged a minimum fee of \$49.00 for the Company to investigate and inspect the premises. The customer will pay additional charges for any and all costs of disconnection as well as the costs of repairing or replacing damaged equipment based on the customer's individual situation.

15. INTERVAL METERING INSTALLATIONS

A customer may request an interval meter. The cost of any interval metering facilities installed by the Company as a result of such request shall be paid by the customer. The customer shall make a one-time payment for the metering facilities at the time of installation of the requested facilities, or at the customer's option, up to twenty-four (24) consecutive equal monthly payments reflecting an annual interest charge as determined by the Company, but not to exceed the cost of the Company's most recent issue of long-term debt. If the customer elects the installment payment option, the Company shall require an initial payment of twenty-five percent (25%) of the total cost of the metering facilities.

In addition, the customer shall pay a net charge to cover the incremental cost of operation and maintenance and meter data management associated with such interval metering as follows:

Charges are for service performed on a Company installed standard interval meter. The customer is responsible for providing the telephone line and cost associated with telephone communications for purposes of reading the meter.

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Service Performed During Normal Business Hours	Charge (\$)
Connect phone line to meter at a time other than the initial interval meter installation	57.00
Perform manual meter reading	43.00
Check phone line and perform manual meter reading due to communication loss	47.00
Replace surge protector	119.00
Replace interval board	121.00
Replace modem board	210.00
Replace interval and modem boards	260.00

The customer may select a meter from the Company's approved standard equipment list. If a customer selects any meter other than those shown on the approved standard list, the customer accepts responsibility for any incremental cost which the meter may require to upkeep, maintain, or replace the meter due to failure. The customer may communicate with the meter for the purpose of obtaining usage data, subject to the Company's communication protocol.

16. ADVANCED METER OPT OUT

For residential customers who elect to opt out of the installation of the Company's choice of metering equipment, either a two way communication AMI meter or one way communication AMR meter, the opt out program will work as follows.

- 1) The Company will give the customer the option to relocate the current meter location, acceptable to the Company, with the expense of such relocation to be paid by the customer. This option allows for a customer to still have an AMI or AMR meter installed, but at a location acceptable to the customer and the company.
- 2) The customer can request not to have the installation of an AMI or AMR meter and pay a monthly fee of \$24.00. This monthly fee option does not guarantee an actual meter read each month and monthly bills at times may be based on estimated usage with a true-up to actual usage upon the Company obtaining an actual meter read. However, the company will attempt to read the meter at regular monthly intervals. The monthly fee of \$24.00 will be billed monthly on the customer's bill and is considered a tariffed charge. The monthly meter reading fee will only be charged in areas where the meter reading route is designated as an AMI or AMR meter area by the company. A designated meter reading route is one in which the company has installed AMI and/or AMR meters on at least 85% of meter route designations (the 85% will be calculated without including designations for customers who opt out or have meter communication or meter access issues).
- 3) In cases where an AMI or AMR meter has already been installed (regardless of whether the meter was installed as part of a designated meter reading route), the customer will be billed a one-time charge of \$43 to remove the AMR/AMI meter and install a non-AMI or non-AMR meter. This fee will be billed separately and must be paid prior to the company scheduling the meter removal.

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Opt-out service does not guarantee that customers will retain their existing meter. The company maintains the right to replace meters for customers on opt-out service with meters that do not have one-way or two-way communications.

The company may refuse to provide advanced meter opt-out service in either of the following circumstances:

- 1) If such a service creates a safety hazard to consumers or their premises, the public, or the electric utility's personnel or facilities.
- 2) If a customer does not allow the electric utility's employees or agents access to the meter at the customer's premises.

Customers will be notified that if they are enrolled in a product or service requiring an advanced meter as a condition of enrollment that the customer must chose a different product or service prior to the installation of a non-communicating meter. This opt out provision is not available to any customer taking generation service under a time differentiated rate.

Customers who refuse both meter opt-out options and do not allow the company to access the meter for replacement are subject to disconnection.

17. USE OF ENERGY BY CUSTOMER

The schedules for electric energy given herein are classified by the character of use of such energy and are not available for service except as provided therein.

It shall be understood that upon the expiration of a contract the customer may elect to renew the contract upon the same or another schedule published by the Company and applicable to the customer's requirements, except that in no case shall the Company be required to maintain transmission, switching or transformation equipment (either for voltage or form of current change) different from or in addition to that generally furnished to other customers receiving electrical supply under the terms of the schedule elected by the customer.

The customer shall install only motors, apparatus, or appliances which are suitable for operation with the character of the service supplied by the Company, and which shall not be detrimental to same, and the electric power must not be used in such a manner as to cause unprovided for voltage fluctuations or disturbances in the Company's transmission or distribution system. The Company shall be the sole judge as to the suitability of apparatus or appliances, and also as to whether the operation of such apparatus or appliances is or will be detrimental to its general service.

All apparatus used by the customer shall be of such type as to secure the highest practical commercial efficiency, power factor and the proper balancing of phases. Motors which are frequently started or motors arranged for automatic control, must be of a type to give maximum starting torque with minimum current flow, and must be of a type, and equipped with controlling devices, approved by the Company.

The operation of certain electrical equipment can result in disturbances (e.g., voltage fluctuations, harmonics, etc.) on the Company's transmission and distribution systems which can

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adversely impact the operation of equipment for other customers. Non-residential customers are expected to abide by industry standards, such as those contained in ANSI/IEEE 141, 519 and 1453, IEC 61000 or the IEEE/GE voltage flicker criteria, when operating such equipment. In accordance with the Electric Service and Safety Standards, Chapter 4901:1-10-15 (D) of the Ohio Administrative Code, the Company may refuse or disconnect service to non-residential customers for using electricity or equipment which adversely affects distribution service to other customers. Copies of the applicable criteria will be provided upon request.

The service connections, transformers, meters and appliances supplied by the Company for each customer have a definite capacity. The customer agrees to promptly notify the Company prior to any increase or decrease in the customer's connected load, or power factor which could impact the capacity requirements of the Company's local facilities. No additions to the equipment or load connected thereto shall be made until after the consent of the Company has been obtained. The customer shall notify the Company promptly of any defect in service or any trouble or accident to the electrical supply.

No attachment of any kind whatsoever may be made to the Company's lines, poles, crossarms, structures, or other facilities without the express written consent of the Company.

The Company will not supply service to customers who have other sources of energy supply except under schedules which specifically provide for same. The term "other sources of energy supply" as used in these Terms and Conditions of Service or in any of the Company's schedules shall mean "other sources of electric energy supply" except where the Company provides service as standby or partial standby for a source of energy other than electric energy.

The customer shall not be permitted to operate the customer's own generating equipment in parallel with the Company's service except on written permission of the Company.

18. RESALE OF ENERGY

Electric service will not be supplied to any party contracting with the Company for electric service (hereinafter in this Section called "Customer") except for use exclusively by (i) the Customer at the premises specified in the service request on contract between the Company and the Customer under which service is supplied and (ii) the occupants and tenants of such premises.

Resale of energy will be permitted only by legitimate electric public utilities subject to the jurisdiction of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio and only by written consent of the Company. In addition, resale of energy will be permitted for electric service and related billing as they apply to the resale or redistribution of electrical service from a landlord to a tenant where the landlord is not operating as a public utility, and the landlord owns the property upon which such resale or redistribution takes place.

19. CUSTOMER'S LIABILITY

In the event the customer is unable to receive electric energy in the full amount contemplated by the customer's regular service arrangements for a period in excess of fifteen (15) full days as a result of fire, explosion, flood, accident, breakdown or acts of God or the public enemy, said customer shall not be liable to the Company for minimum demand or billing charges

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for which the customer normally would be liable pursuant to the schedule and/or contract during the period of service decrease of electricity usage, provided:

1. The customer notifies the Company in writing of the customer's inability to receive service as a result of one or more of the above specified event(s); and
2. Said notice includes (in addition to any other pertinent information):
 - a. Extent (or magnitude) of the service decrease
 - b. Date of the event
 - c. Cause of the event
 - d. Probable duration of the service decrease; and
3. The customer is prompt and diligent in removing the cause of the service decrease; and
4. The customer submits a report to the Company at least every thirty days following the event explaining the customer's progress toward removing cause of the service decrease; and
5. The customer pays, pursuant to the customer's schedule and/or contract, for all service rendered prior to the service decrease.

In no event however shall this provision affect minimum demand or billing charges in any billing period to the date on which the Company receives the customer notice required above unless that notice is received within fifteen (15) days of the above specified events.

During the period that the terms of this provision shall be in effect, the customer shall pay for all service received, the charges for such service being determined pursuant to the schedule under which customer had been served prior to the event except for the minimum demand or billing charges which were waived as a consequence of this provision. Under no circumstance shall the waiver of the minimum demand or billing charges extend beyond the time the cause of the service decrease has been removed. On the date that the cause of the service decrease has been removed, billing shall resume pursuant to the customer's schedule and/or contract.

Any contract, which has been affected by the application of this provision, shall have its term extended for a period of time equal in length to the duration of service decrease.

If the event causing the service decrease is of such severity that the customer decides not to continue in business at the affected location, and so notifies the Company in writing, the above provision will not be applied. Under such circumstances the customer will pay to the Company (1) a sum equal to the value of the Company's estimated original plant in service including the cost of the transmission lines and other equipment erected or reserved specifically for that customer's use, less accumulated depreciation and less the net salvage value of that equipment, or (2) any remaining demand or minimum bill charges due under the contract or any extension thereof resulting from application of this provision.

In the event of loss of or injury to the property or equipment of the Company through misuse or negligence of the customer or the customer's employees or invitees, the cost of any necessary repairs or replacement shall be repaid to the Company by the customer. The customer will be held

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responsible for any tampering or interfering with or breaking the seals of meters or other equipment of the Company installed on the customer's premises and will be held liable for the same according to law.

The customer hereby agrees that no one except the employees of the Company, or its agents, shall be allowed to make any internal or external adjustments of any meter or any other piece of apparatus which shall be the property of the Company.

At the request of any customer served on a schedule containing a separate demand charge, the Company shall provide a demand signal to the customer. The customer shall pay to the Company the cost for providing the signal. The Company shall not be liable for a loss of signal, and in such event the customer shall pay for the demand and energy as actually metered by the Company.

Suspension of service for any of the above reasons shall not terminate the contract for service. The authorized agents or employees of the Company shall have free and safe access at all reasonable hours and in emergencies to the premises of the customer for purposes of installing, reading, removing, testing, replacing, or otherwise disposing of its apparatus and property, and the right of entire removal of the Company's property in the event of the termination of the contract for any cause. The customer will keep the area where the Company's apparatus and property are located free from obstruction, danger and/or safety hazards. The Company's agent will, upon request, show credentials and state the reasons for requiring access.

No responsibility of any kind shall attach to the Company for or on account of any loss, injury or damage caused by or resulting from defects in or inadequacy of the wires, switches, equipment, or appurtenances of the customer, or from the installation, maintenance or use thereof.

20. COMPANY'S LIABILITY

The Company will use reasonable diligence in furnishing a regular and uninterrupted supply of energy but does not guarantee uninterrupted service. The Company shall not be liable for damages in case such supply should be interrupted or fail by reason of an act of God, the public enemy, accidents, labor disputes, orders or acts of civil or military authority, breakdowns or injury to the machinery, transmission lines, distribution lines or other facilities of the Company, extraordinary repairs, or any act of the Company, including the interruption of service to any customer, taken to prevent or limit the extent or duration of interruption, instability or disturbance on the electric system of the Company or any electric system interconnected, directly or indirectly, with the Company's system, whenever such act is necessary or indicated in the sole judgment of the Company.

The Company shall not be liable for any loss, injury, or damage resulting from the customer's use of the customer's equipment or occasioned by the energy furnished by the Company beyond the delivery point. Unless otherwise provided in a contract between the Company and customer, the point at which service is delivered by the Company to the customer, to be known as "delivery point", shall be the point at which the customer's facilities are connected to the Company's facilities. The metering device is the property of the Company; however, the meter base and all internal parts inside the meter base are customer owned and are the responsibility of the customer to install and maintain. The Company shall not be liable for any loss, injury, or damage caused by equipment which is not owned, installed and maintained by the Company.

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The customer shall provide and maintain suitable protective devices on the customer's equipment to prevent any loss, injury, or damage that might result from single phasing conditions or any other fluctuation or irregularity in the supply of energy. The Company shall not be liable for any loss, injury, or damage resulting from a single phasing condition or any other fluctuation or irregularity in the supply of energy which could have been prevented by the use of such protective devices. The Company shall not be liable for any damages, whether direct or consequential, including, without limitations, loss of profits, loss of revenue, or loss of production capacity occasioned by interruptions, fluctuations or irregularity in the supply of energy.

The Company is not responsible for loss or damage caused by the disconnection or reconnection of its facilities. The Company is not responsible for loss or damages caused by the theft or destruction of Company facilities by a third party.

Except as otherwise provided in this Section, the Company shall be liable to the customer for damage directly resulting from interruptions, irregularities, delays, or failures of electric service, caused by the negligence of the Company or its employees or agents, but any such liability shall not exceed the cost of repairing, or actual cash value, whichever is less, of equipment, appliances, and perishable food stored in a customer's residence damaged as a direct result of such negligence. The customer must notify the Company of any claim based on such negligence within thirty days after the interruption, irregularity, delay or failure begins. The Company shall not be liable for consequential damages of any kind. This limitation shall not relieve the Company from liability which might otherwise be imposed by law with respect to any claims for personal injuries to the customer.

The Company will provide and maintain the necessary line or service connections, transformers (when same are required by conditions of contract between the parties thereto), meters and other apparatus which may be required for the proper measurement of and protection to its service. All such apparatus shall be and remain the property of the Company and the Company shall be granted ready access to the same, except to read inside meters. Such access to inside meters shall be granted upon reasonable request to residential customers during regular business hours.

Approval of the above schedule language by the Commission does not constitute a determination by the Commission that the limitation of liability imposed by the Company should be upheld in a court of law. Approval by the Commission merely recognizes that since it is a court's responsibility to adjudicate negligence and consequent damage claims, it is also the court's responsibility to determine the validity of the exculpatory clause.

21. RESIDENTIAL SERVICE

The Residential Customer is a customer whose domestic needs for electrical service are limited to their primary single family residence, single occupancy apartment and/or condominium, mobile housing unit, or any other single family residential unit. Individual residences shall be served individually under a residential service schedule. The customer may not take service for two (2) or more separate residences through a single meter under any schedule, irrespective of common ownership of the several residences, except that in the case of an apartment house with a number of individual apartments the landlord shall have the choice of providing separate wiring for each apartment so that the Company may supply each apartment separately under the residential schedule, or of purchasing the entire service through a single meter under the appropriate general service schedule.

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Where a single-family house is converted to include separate living quarters or dwelling units for more than one family, or where two (2) or more families occupy a single-family house with separate cooking facilities, the owner may, instead of providing separate wiring for each dwelling unit, take service through a single meter under the residential service schedule. In such case, there will be a single customer charge, but the quantity of kilowatt-hours in each block will be multiplied by the number of dwelling units or families occupying the building.

The residential service schedule shall cease to apply to that portion of a residence which becomes primarily used for business, professional, institutional or gainful purposes. Under these circumstances, customer shall have the choice: (1) of separating the wiring so that the residential portion of the premises is served through a separate meter under the residential service schedule and the other uses as enumerated above are served through a separate meter or meters under the appropriate general service schedule; or (2) of taking the entire service under the appropriate general service schedule. Motors of ten (10) HP or less may be served under the appropriate residential service schedule. Larger motors may be served where, in the Company's sole judgment, the existing facilities of the Company are adequate. The hallways and other common facilities of an apartment and condominium building or apartment and condominium complex are to be billed on the appropriate general service rate.

Detached building or buildings, actually appurtenant to the residence, such as a garage, stable or barn, may be served by an extension of the customer's residence wiring through the residence meter provided no business activities are transacted in the detached buildings.

In the event a detached garage or other facility on a residential customer's property is separately served and metered, such facility shall accordingly be metered and billed according to the appropriate general service rate.

The Company's rules for the establishment of credit for residential utility service is governed by Chapter 4901:1-10-14 of the Ohio Administrative Code, and the Company's disconnect and reconnect procedures for residential customers is governed by Chapter 4901:1-18 of the Ohio Administrative Code.

22. DEPOSITS

Security for the payment of bills will be governed, as specified in Chapter 4901:1-10-14 of the Ohio Administrative Code, which is herein incorporated by reference as it is from time to time amended.

The Company will be entitled to pursue adequate assurance of payment for electric service if a customer files for protection under provisions of the United States Bankruptcy Code.

The Company may require a deposit by the customer not exceeding the amount of the estimated monthly average cost of the annual consumption by such customer plus thirty percent. The Company will pay interest on deposits, at a rate of not less than three percent per annum, so made in accordance with legal requirements, provided such deposit is left with the Company at least six (6) consecutive months. Retention by the Company, prior to final settlement, of any deposit or guarantee is not a payment or part payment of any bill for service.

23. BILLING AND BILLS PAYABLE

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The customer will be held responsible for all charges of electric energy delivered at the customer's premises. Bills will be rendered by the Company to the customer monthly in accordance with the schedule selected applicable to the customer's service with the following exception:

Year-round residential and not-for-profit General Service Schedule customers shall have the option of paying bills under the Company's equal payment plan (Budget Plan), whereby the total service for the succeeding 12-month period is estimated in advance, and bills are rendered monthly on the basis of one-twelfth of the 12-month estimate. The Company may at any time during the 12-month period adjust the estimate so made, and the bills rendered in accordance with such estimate, to conform more nearly with the actual use of service being experienced. The normal equal payment period will be twelve (12) months, commencing in any month selected by the Company, but in those cases where billing is commenced during a month which leaves less than twelve (12) months until the beginning of the next normal equal payment period to which the customer is assigned, payments shall be calculated on the basis of the months in such period.

In case the actual service used during any equal payment period exceeds the bills as rendered on the equal payment plan, the amount of such excess shall be paid on or before the due date of the bill covering the last month of the equal payment period in which such excess appears, or such excess may be added to the estimated use of the next normal equal payment period of twelve (12) months, and shall be payable in equal payments over such period, except that if the customer discontinues service with the Company under the equal payment plan, any such excess not yet paid shall become payable immediately. In case the actual service used during the equal payment period is less than the amount paid under the equal payment plan during such period, the amount of such overpayment shall, at the option of the Company, either be refunded to the customer or credited on the customer's last bill for the period.

If a customer fails to pay bills as rendered on the equal payment plan, the Company shall have the right to withdraw the plan with respect to such customer and to restore the customer to billing as provided for in the applicable schedules, in addition to any other rights which the Company may have under such schedules and terms and conditions of service in case of arrearage in payment of bills.

The customer will be held responsible for all charges for electric energy delivered at the customer's premises. Bills will be rendered for each month's use by the Company to the customer. All bills from the Company are due and payable by mail, checkless payment plan, electronic payment plan or at an authorized payment agent of the Company within the time limits specified in the schedule. For the purpose of this Section, the United States Postal Service is not an authorized payment agent, and payments received through the Postal Service are considered paid when received at the Company's business offices. Failure to receive bill will not entitle customer to any discount or to the remission of any charge for nonpayment within the time specified. For purposes of this Section, the word "month" as used herein and in the schedules is hereby defined to be the elapsed time between two successive meter readings approximately thirty (30) days apart.

If the customer fails to pay in full any final bill for service rendered and said customer receives like service at another location, the Company may transfer the unpaid balance of the final bill to the said customer's like service account for any such other location. Like service refers to an end use within the following broad categories: residential, commercial, or industrial. Such amount shall be designated as a past-due amount on the account at such location and subject to collection and

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disconnection action in accordance with Chapter 4901:1-18 of the Ohio Administrative Code and the Company's filed tariffs, terms and conditions of service, provided that such transfer of a final bill shall not be used to disconnect service to a residential consumer who is not responsible for such bill.

If the amount of energy consumed is not properly registered by a meter for any reason, or is not properly charged to the customer's account, the Company will, for the period of time that incorrect billings can be established, adjust the meter readings and billings to reflect all available information concerning the actual use by the customer. Any resulting overpayment will be paid or credited to the customer. Unless the customer and the Company agree otherwise, the Company will bill non-residential accounts any undercharged amount in compliance with Chapter 4901: 1-10 of the Ohio Administrative Code, as amended from time to time. The Company shall bill uncharged amounts for residential customers in compliance with section 4933.28 of the Revised Code, as amended from time to time. Should the amount of the adjustment be under dispute, the Company will continue to supply service and the customer shall continue to pay the amounts billed until a final determination is made.

A customer shall be charged \$9.00 for any dishonored check received in payment for a bill rendered by the Company, unless the customer shows that the bank was in error.

24. CHANGE OF ADDRESS BY CUSTOMER

It is the responsibility of an existing customer to notify the Company when service is to be discontinued and to provide a mailing address for the final bill.

When the Company receives notice from an existing customer that the service is to be discontinued, or from a prospective customer that an existing service is to be transferred into the prospective customer's name, the Company will, within three (3) regular Company working days, determine the meter reading for the final bill to the existing customer. The existing customer will be responsible for all service supplied to the premises until such meter reading and discontinuance or transfer is made. Transfer of service to a qualified prospective customer will not be delayed or denied because of nonpayment of the final bill by the former customer, unless the former customer continues to be a consumer of electric service at that premise.

25. DENIAL OR DISCONTINUATION OF SERVICE

The Company reserves the right to refuse any applicant for service if the applicant is indebted to the Company for any service theretofore rendered at any location, provided the Company shall advise applicant to such effect, and provided that indebtedness for one (1) class of service shall not cause the refusal of service to a different class of service. The Company reserves the right to discontinue service to any customer without notice for safety reasons, and with notice as required by Rule 4901:1-10-20 of the O.A.C., for fraud against the company. Service will not be restored until the customer has given satisfactory assurance that such fraudulent or damaging practice will be discontinued and has paid to the Company an amount estimated by the Company to be reasonable compensation for services fraudulently obtained and for any damage to property of the Company.

Subject to the further provisions for residential customers contained in Chapter 4901:1-18 of the Ohio Administrative Code which is herein incorporated by reference as it is from time to time amended, and in accordance with the provision for non-residential customers contained in Chapter 4901:1-10-17, the Company also reserves the right after at least five (5) days' notice in writing to

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discontinue to serve any customer (1) who is indebted to the Company for any service theretofore rendered at any location (on other than equal payment plan accounts having a credit balance), and provided that indebtedness for one (1) class of service shall not cause the disconnection of service to a different class of service (2) for failure to provide and maintain adequate security for the payment of bills as requested by the Company, or (3) for failure to comply with these Terms and Conditions. Any discontinuance of service shall not terminate the contract between the Company and the customer nor shall it abrogate any minimum charge which may be effective.

When a Company employee is dispatched to a customer's premises for the purpose of performing disconnection activities due to the customer's delinquency, the customer will be charged a collection trip charge of \$16.00 if the disconnection activity is not performed as the result of extenuating circumstances. The Company will bill only "one (1)" trip charge per month to comply with Rule 4901:1-18-07 (C) of the O.A.C.

If a customer has been disconnected, upon payment or proof of payment of the delinquent amount plus a reconnection fee as specified below, which represents the cost to the Company of disconnecting and reconnecting a customer during the Company's normal working hours, the Company will reconnect the electric service on this same day, if such payment or proof of payment is made at the Company's office by 12:30 p.m., and otherwise as soon as possible but not later than the close of the Company's next regular working day. When such payment is made after 12:30 p.m. and the Company's employees cannot reconnect the service prior to the end of their normal workday, and the customer prefers to be reconnected prior to the beginning of the next regular workday, the disconnection and reconnection charge payable prior to reconnection will be the overtime rate specified below, an amount which recognizes the Company's average additional cost of reconnecting a customer outside of normal working hours. No reconnect for nonpayment will be made after 9:00 PM from April 15 through October 31 or after 7:00 PM November 1 through April 14.

Reconnection Service Charges

When service has been terminated for nonpayment, the following charges shall apply for reconnection of service.

During Normal Business Hours

Reconnect at Meter	\$53.00
Reconnect at Pole	\$154.00
Install Locking Device and Reconnect	\$73.00

Other Than Normal Business HoursOff ShiftSunday or Holiday

Reconnect at Meter	\$98.00	\$119.00
Reconnect at Pole	\$192.00	\$221.00

When service has been terminated at the pole, per the customer's request, for non-credit related reasons, the customer will be assessed a \$153.00 disconnection/reconnection charge for the subsequent reconnection at the same location.

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26. DISCONNECT PROVISIONS – NON-RESIDENTIAL

The Company may refuse or disconnect service to non-residential customers for any of the following reasons:

- (A) When the customer violates or fails to comply with the contract or tariff's;
- (B) When service to a customer or consumer violates any law of this state or any political subdivision thereof, or any federal law or regulation;
- (C) When a customer or consumer tampers with Company property or engages in a fraudulent practice to obtain service, as set forth in rule 4901:1-10-20 of the Ohio Administrative Code;
- (D) For using electricity or equipment which adversely affects service to other customers or consumers, e.g., voltage fluctuations, power surges, and interruptions of service;
- (E) When a safety hazard to consumers or their premises, the public, or to the Company personnel or facilities exists;
- (F) When the customer, landlord of the tenant/customer, or tenant leasing the landlord/customer's premises refuses access to Company's facilities or equipment on the customer's property or property leased by the customer;
- (G) For nonpayment of bills and any tariff charges, including security deposits and amounts not in bona fide dispute. Where the customer has registered a complaint with the Commission's public interest center or filed a formal complaint with the Commission which reasonably asserts a bona fide dispute, the Company shall not disconnect service if the customer pays either the undisputed portion of the bill or the amount paid for the same billing period in the previous year;
- (H) When the customer vacates the premises;
- (I) For repairs, provided that the Company has notified consumers prior to scheduled maintenance interruptions in excess of six (6) hours;
- (J) Upon the customer's request;
- (K) A former customer, whose account with that is in arrears for service furnished at the premises, resides at, or has requested service for, such premises;
- (L) When an emergency may threaten the health or safety of a person, a surrounding area, or the operation of the Company's electrical system; and
- (M) For other good cause shown.

Suspension of service for any of the above reasons shall not terminate the contract for service. The authorized agents or employees of the Company shall have safe and free access at all reasonable hours to the premises of the customer for purposes of disconnecting and reconnecting service.

27. PRE-ENROLLMENT CUSTOMER INFORMATION LIST

The Company will offer to CRES Providers the Pre-Enrollment Customer Information List with updates available quarterly. Customers have the option to remove all of their information (including name, address and historical usage data) from the Customer Information List. Customers may also reinstate their information to the Customer Information List. Customers will be notified of such options quarterly.

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28. MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERCONNECTION SERVICE

Applicability

This tariff is applicable to any customer with cogeneration, small power production facilities, and/or other on-site facilities producing electrical energy who wishes to operate such facilities in parallel with the Company's transmission and distribution systems. This tariff is not applicable to the interconnection and parallel operation of facilities which the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has determined to be subject to its jurisdiction. A customer who has a facility that does not qualify for interconnection service pursuant to the PUCO's interconnection service rules (O.A.C. § 4901:1-22) may negotiate a separate interconnection agreement with the Company and the terms and conditions of this tariff shall apply to such customers to the extent that the negotiated interconnection agreement does not conflict with this tariff.

Purpose

The purpose of this tariff is to implement Ohio Revised Code Section 4928.11, which calls for uniform interconnection standards that are not unduly burdensome or expensive and also ensure safety and reliability, to the extent governing authority is not preempted by federal law. This tariff states the terms and conditions that govern the interconnection and parallel operation of an interconnection service customer's facility with the Company's transmission and distribution systems.

Definitions

(A) "Applicant" means the person requesting interconnection service and may be any of the following:

- (1) A customer generator as defined by division (A)(29) of section 4928.01 of the Revised Code.
- (2) A self-generator as defined by division (A)(32) of section 4928.01 of the Revised Code.
- (3) The owner or operator of distributed generation as defined in paragraph (K) of this rule.

(B) "Application" means a request to an electric distribution utility (EDU) using the format set forth on the web site of the public utilities commission of Ohio for interconnection of distributed generation to the electric distribution system owned by the EDU.

(C) "Area network" means a type of electric distribution system served by multiple transformers interconnected in an electrical network circuit, which is generally used in large metropolitan areas that are densely populated, in order to provide highly reliable service. Area network has the same meaning as the term "distribution secondary grid network" found in institute of electrical and electronics engineers (IEEE) standard 1547 sub clause 4.1.4.

(D) "Automatic sectionalizing device" means any self-contained, circuit-opening device used in conjunction with a source-side protective device, which features automatic reclosing capability.

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- (E) "Backup electricity supply" means replacement electric power supplied to an applicant by the EDU at a tariff rate or alternatively, as a market-based option or by a competitive retail electric service provider of the applicant's choice at a rate to be determined between the provider and the applicant.
- (F) "Business Day" means any day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday.
- (G) "Calendar Day" means any day, including Saturday, Sunday, and legal holidays.
- (H) "Commission" means the public utilities commission of Ohio.
- (I) "Competitive retail electric service" means a component of retail electric service that is competitive as provided under division (B) of section 4928.01 of the Revised Code.
- (J) "Cost recovery" means collection, upon approval by the commission pursuant to its authority under section 4909.15 of the Revised Code, of such documented EDU interconnection costs that are incurred at reasonable levels for prudent purposes and that are over and above the review processing fees set forth in rules 4901:1-22-06 to 4901:1-22-08 of the Administrative Code.
- (K) "Distributed generation" is a general term for all or part of a system of a distributed electrical generator or a static inverter either by itself or in the aggregate of twenty megawatts or less in size together with all protective, safety, and associated equipment installed at a point of common coupling on the EDU's distribution system in close proximity to the customer load.
- (L) "Electric distribution utility" or (EDU) means an electric distribution utility, which is an investor-owned electric utility that owns and operates a distribution wires system and supplies at least retail electric distribution service.
- (M) "Equipment package" means distributed generation facility assembled to include not only a generator or electric source but related peripheral devices that facilitate operation of the distributed generation.
- (N) "Expedited procedure" means a review process for certified distributed generation that passes a certain pre-specified review procedure, has a capacity rating of two megawatts or less, and does not qualify for simplified procedures.
- (O) "Interconnection" means the physical connection of the applicant's facilities to the EDU's system for the purpose of electrical power transfers.
- (P) "Interconnection point" means the point at which the applicant's distributed generation facility physically connects to the EDU's system.
- (Q) "Interconnection service" means the services provided by an EDU or transmission provider for the applicant's distributed generation facility.
- (R) "Line section" means either that portion of an EDU's electric system connected to a customer bounded by automatic sectionalizing devices, the end of the distribution line, or a line segment identified as appropriate for study by a utility engineer.
- (S) "Minor modification" to an interconnection application means a change in the technical characteristics that improves the reliability, safety and compatibility of the interconnection with the electric distribution

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system while not materially increasing the size or cost of the intended distributed generation facility installation.

(T) "Parallel operation with the EDU's system" means all electrical connections between the applicant's distributed generation facility and the EDU's system that are capable of operating in conjunction with each other.

(U) "Point of common coupling" means the point which the distributed generation facility is connected to the EDU's system.

(V) "Reliability" means the degree of performance of the elements of the electric system that results in electricity being delivered to and from an applicant in the amount desired while avoiding adverse effects on the adequacy and security of the electric supply, defined respectively as:

(1) The ability of the electric system to supply the aggregate electrical demand and energy requirements at all times, taking into account scheduled and unscheduled outages of system elements.

(2) The ability of the electric system to withstand sudden disturbances such as electric short circuits or unanticipated loss of system elements.

(W) "Retail electric service provider" means any entity in this state that provides retail electric service as defined by division (A)(27) of section 4928.01 of the Revised Code.

(X) "Sale for resale" means a sale of energy to an energy supplier, electric utility or a public authority for resale purposes.

(Y) "Scoping meeting" means a meeting between representatives of the applicant and the EDU conducted for but not limited to the following purposes:

(1) To discuss alternative interconnection options.

(2) To exchange information including any electric distribution system data and earlier study evaluations that would be expected to impact such interconnection options.

(3) To analyze such information.

(4) To determine the potential points of common coupling.

(Z) "Simplified procedures" means a review process for interconnection of inverter-based distributed generation twenty-five kilowatts or less in size on a radial or spot network system under certain conditions.

(AA) "Standard procedure" means a review process for interconnection of any generating facility(s) that has a power rating of twenty megawatts or less, not qualifying for either simplified or expedited interconnection review processes.

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(BB) "Spot network," as defined by IEEE standard 1547 sub clause 4.1.4, means a type of electric distribution system that uses two or more inter-tied transformers to supply an electrical network circuit and is generally used to supply power to a single customer or a small group of customers.

Scope and application

(A) The rules in this chapter are intended to do all of the following:

- (1) Make compliance within this chapter not unduly burdensome or expensive for any applicant in accordance with division (A) of section 4928.11 of the Revised Code.
- (2) Establish uniform nondiscriminatory, technology-neutral procedures for interconnecting distributed generators to distribution facilities in a manner that protects public and worker safety and system reliability.
- (3) Apply in the entire territory where commission-approved tariffs apply to those situations where an applicant seeks to physically connect distributed generation to, and operate it in parallel with, the EDU's distribution system.
- (4) Provide three review options for an applicant's request for interconnection with the EDU including simplified procedures, expedited procedures, and standard procedures.

(B) Each EDU in the state of Ohio shall file uniform interconnection service tariffs for commission review and approval pursuant to division (A) of section 4928.11 of the Revised Code, that includes the procedures and technical requirements set forth in this chapter for interconnection service on a first-come, first-served basis.

(C) The rules in this chapter shall not relieve any applicant from complying with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and ordinances.

Industry standards

The safety and performance standards established by the institute of electrical and electronics engineers (IEEE), the underwriters laboratory (UL), and the National Electric Code (NEC), as included in this chapter by reference, and as required consistent with division (B)(4) of section 4928.67 of the Revised Code, shall be the effective version at the time the applicant applies for interconnection.

General provisions

(A) Prohibitions

- (1) In accordance with the EDU's code of conduct adopted pursuant to section 4928.17 of the Revised Code, an EDU or its affiliates shall not use, without the customer's consent, such knowledge of proposed interconnection service to prepare competing proposals to the interconnection service that offer either discounted rates in return for not providing the interconnection service or competing generation.
- (2) No EDU shall reject, penalize, or discourage the use or development of new technology for interconnection service in accordance with division (A) of section 4928.11 of the Revised Code.

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(B) Pre-application

(1) The EDU will designate an employee or office from which information on the requirements for EDU's application review process can be obtained through an informal request by the applicant that includes discussion of the following:

(a) The applicant's proposed interconnection of a distributed generation facility at a specific location on the EDU's distribution system.

(b) Qualifications under EDU's level 1, level 2 or level 3 review procedures.

(2) In addition to the information described in paragraph (B)(1) of this rule, which may be provided in response to an informal request, an applicant may submit a formal request along with a non-refundable processing fee of three hundred dollars for a pre-application report on a proposed project at a specific site. The EDU shall provide the pre-application data described in paragraph (B)(3) of this rule to the applicant within ten business days of receipt of the written request and payment of the three hundred dollar processing fee.

(3) The pre-application report will include the following information:

(a) Total generation capacity (in megawatts) of substation/area bus, bank or circuit based on normal or operating ratings likely to serve the proposed site.

(b) Existing aggregate generation capacity (in megawatts) interconnected to a substation/area bus, bank or circuit, which is the online amount of generation, likely to serve the proposed site.

(c) Aggregate queued generation capacity (in megawatts) for a substation/area bus, bank or circuit, which is the amount of generation in the queue likely to serve the proposed site.

(d) Available generation capacity (in megawatts) of substation/area bus or bank and circuit most likely to serve the proposed site, which is the total capacity less the sum of existing aggregate generation capacity and aggregate queued generation capacity.

(e) Substation nominal distribution voltage and/or transmission nominal voltage, if applicable.

(f) Nominal distribution circuit voltage at the proposed site.

(g) Approximate circuit distance between the proposed site and the substation.

(h) Relevant line section(s) peak load estimate, and minimum load data, when available.

(i) Number and rating of protective devices and number and type (standard, bi-directional) of voltage regulating devices between the proposed site and the substation/area. Identify whether substation has a load tap changer.

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(j) Number of phases available at the site.

(k) Limiting conductor ratings from the proposed point of interconnection to the distribution substation.

(l) Based on the proposed point of interconnection, existing or known constraints such as, but not limited to, electrical dependencies at that location, short circuit interrupting capacity issues, power quality or stability issues on the circuit, capacity constraints, or secondary networks.

(4) The pre-application report need only include pre-existing data. A pre-application report request does not obligate the EDU to conduct a study or other analysis of the proposed generator in the event that data is not readily available. If the EDU cannot complete some of a pre-application report due to lack of available data, the EDU shall provide the applicant with a pre-application report that includes the data that is available.

(C) Application processing

(1) EDUs shall process all applications for interconnection service and parallel operation with the EDU's system in a nondiscriminatory manner and in the order in which they are received.

(2) Where minor modifications to a pending application are required during the EDU's review of the application, such minor modifications shall not require a new or separate application to be filed by the applicant.

(3) When an application is submitted, the EDU shall determine whether the application is complete and provide the applicant with a written or email notice of receipt within ten business days after the application has been received.

(4) If the EDU determines that the application is complete, the EDU shall issue a notice of receipt with the following:

(a) A copy of the applicable review process.

(b) A target date for processing the application.

(5) If the EDU determines that the application is incomplete, the EDU shall issue a notice of receipt with the following:

(a) A copy of the application review process.

(b) A checklist or description of the information needed to complete the application.

(c) A statement that processing the application cannot begin until the needed information is received.

(6) Upon receiving any necessary application materials missing from the original application, the EDU shall provide the applicant with a second, written or email notice establishing a target date for processing the application.

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(7) If an EDU determines that it cannot connect the applicant's facility within the time frames stated in this chapter, it will notify the applicant in writing of that fact within ten business days after the application has been received. The notification must include the following:

(a) The reason or reasons interconnection service could not be performed within the time frames stated in this rule.

(b) An alternative date for interconnection service.

(D) Compliance with national industry standards

An EDU shall file tariffs for uniform interconnection service with the commission that are consistent with the following:

(1) The institute of electric and electronics engineers 1547 standard, effective as set forth in rule 4901:1-22-03 of the Administrative Code.

(2) Underwriters laboratory 1741 standard for inverters, converters, and controllers for use in independent power systems, effective as set forth in rule 4901:1-22-03 of the Administrative Code.

(3) The appropriate criteria and interconnection parameters for the customer's technology, so as not to impose technical and economic barriers to new technology or the development, installation, and interconnection of an applicant's facilities, pursuant to division (A) of section 4928.11 of the Revised Code.

(E) Metering

Any metering installation, testing, or recalibration performed by the EDU at the request of the applicant for installation of the applicant's distributed generation facility shall be provided consistent with the electric service and safety standards pursuant to Chapter 4928 of the Revised Code, and rule 4901:1-10-05 and , as applicable, paragraph (C) of rule 4901:1-10-28 of the Administrative Code. Interconnection requested by the applicant for the purposes of net metering must follow the commission's net metering rules promulgated pursuant to division (A)(31) of section 4928.01 of the Revised Code. Any exception to the net metering rules shall be implemented in accordance with any special metering or communication infrastructure ordered by the commission.

(F) Disposal of excess energy produced by the applicant's distributed generation

(1) An applicant proposing to install a self-generator as defined in division (A)(32) of section 4928.01 of the Revised Code for the purposes of selling excess electricity to retail electric service providers as a competitive service to the extent not preempted by federal law must first seek certification of managerial, technical and financial capability consistent with section 4928.08 of the Revised Code.

(2) An applicant requesting interconnection for the purpose of selling energy to any party as a sale for resale or as a wholesale transaction may be subject to applicable rules for regional interstate sales at wholesale prices in markets operated by independent transmission system

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operators or regional transmission operators under the jurisdiction of the federal energy regulatory commission.

(G) Construction or system upgrades of the EDU's system

(1) Where construction or system upgrades of the EDU's system are required by the applicant's installation of a distributed generation facility, the EDU shall provide the applicant with an estimate of the timetable and the applicant's cost for the construction or system upgrades, consistent with the provisions of this chapter.

(2) All construction or distribution system upgrade costs shall be the responsibility of the interconnection applicant.

(3) If the applicant desires to proceed with the construction or system upgrades, the applicant and EDU shall enter into a contract for the completion of the construction or system upgrades.

(4) All construction and system upgrade cost estimates and invoices shall be itemized and clearly explained.

(5) Interconnection service shall take place no later than two weeks following the completion of such construction or system upgrades.

Application requirements for interconnection

(A) Application forms

(1) Each applicant for interconnection to an EDU's system shall complete either of the following:

(a) A "short form" application for interconnection of distributed generators that are twenty-five kilowatts or less and utilize equipment that is certified in compliance with IEEE 1547 standard and UL 1741 standard, as set forth in rule 4901:1-22-03 of the Administrative Code.

(b) A standard application for interconnection of generation equipment that does not qualify for a "short form" application.

(2) The application form shall follow the format and content set forth on the commission's website, and must be submitted to the EDU from which the applicant receives retail electric distribution service. Application forms will be available from the applicant's local EDU. The applicant's completed application form should not be sent to the commission for the purposes of review and approval.

(3) The applicant also is advised to refer to the "applicant's checklist" found on the commission website to determine whether to complete the "short form" or the standard form to request interconnection service.

(B) Certified equipment

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(1) Each applicant shall provide the EDU a description of the applicant's distributed generation equipment package that is consistent with the following:

(a) An applicant's equipment package shall be considered certified for interconnected operation if it has been:

(i) Submitted by a manufacturer to a nationally recognized testing laboratory for certification.

(ii) Type-tested consistent with the institute of electrical and electronics engineers 1547.1 standard, effective as set forth in rule 4901:1-22-03 of the Administrative Code.

(iii) Listed by a nationally recognized testing and certification laboratory for continuous interactive operation with a utility grid in compliance with the applicable codes and standards listed in rule 4901:1-22-03 of the Administrative Code.

(b) Certified equipment does not include equipment provided by the EDU.

(C) Equipment packages

(1) An applicant's equipment package shall include the following:

(a) All interface components including switchgear, inverters, or other interface devices.

(b) An integrated generator or electric source.

(c) Access for the EDU for commissioning purposes.

(d) A schedule for periodic compliance testing.

(2) If the applicant's equipment package includes only the interface components (switchgear, inverters, or other interface devices), then the applicant must show in writing that the generator or electric source to be used with the equipment package meets the following criteria

(a) Compatibility with the equipment package.

(b) Consistency with the testing and listing specified for the package.

(D) Disconnect switch A disconnect switch provided, installed by, and paid for by the applicant, whether or not it is an integrated feature of the equipment package or a compatible external device, must meet the following criteria:

(1) The applicant's disconnect switch must be capable of isolating the distributed generation facility for the purposes of safety during EDU system maintenance and during emergency conditions.

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(2) If the applicant's disconnect switch is external to the equipment package, it must be accessible to and lockable by the EDU personnel at either the primary voltage level, which may include load-break cutouts, switches and elbows, or the secondary voltage level, which may include a secondary breaker or switch.

(3) The applicant's disconnect switch must be clearly labeled as a distributed generation facility disconnect switch.

(E) Solar equipment

(1) In the case of solar equipment, the photovoltaic power source shall be clearly labeled in accordance with the requirements of the National Electric Code article 690, effective as set forth in rule 4901:1-22-03 of the Administrative Code, to identify the following:

- (a) Operating current (system maximum-power current).
- (b) Operating voltage (system maximum-power voltage).
- (c) Maximum system voltage.
- (d) Short-circuit current.

(F) The EDU's review processing fees

(1) Each applicant shall pay the EDU's interconnection fees in accordance with the EDU's tariff for the EDU review and processing of an application, established at levels consistent with the distributed generation size and technology as well as the location on the electric distribution system of the interconnection.

(2) The EDU's review processing fee levels will apply in accordance with the EDU's tariff to all interconnections, including those for the purposes of net metering, combined heat and power or waste heat from industrial processes, as well as any customer-generator used for energy efficiency or the promotion and utilization of renewable or clean secondary fuels.

(3) Exception to the EDU's fee schedule may be determined by the EDU if the EDU invokes a fee-free feature on a nondiscriminatory basis.

Level 1 simplified review procedure

(A) Level 1 qualifying criteria

In order for the application to be approved by the EDU under the level 1 simplified review procedure, the applicant's generating facility must meet the following requirements:

(1) The generation facility must use inverter-based equipment that is certified in compliance with IEEE 1547 standard and UL 1741 standard, as set forth in rule 4901:1-22-03 of the Administrative Code.

(2) The generation facility must have a nameplate capacity of twenty-five kilowatts or less.

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(B) Level 1 approval criteria

(1) The EDU shall approve an application for interconnection under level 1 simplified review procedures if the generation facility meets the following approval criteria:

(a) The applicant's proposed distributed generation facility's point of common coupling is not on a transmission line.

(b) For interconnection of a proposed distributed generation facility to a radial distribution circuit, the aggregated generation, including the proposed distributed generation facility, on the circuit shall not exceed fifteen per cent of the line section annual peak load as most recently measured at the substation.

(c) The proposed distributed generation facility, in aggregation with other generation on the distribution circuit, shall not contribute more than ten per cent to the distribution circuit's maximum fault current at the point on the high voltage (primary) level nearest the proposed point of common coupling.

(d) For interconnection of a proposed distributed generation facility to the load side of spot network protectors, the proposed distributed generation facility must utilize an inverter-based equipment package and, together with the aggregated other inverter-based generation, shall not exceed the smaller of five per cent of a spot network's maximum load or fifty kilowatts.

(e) Direct current injection shall be maintained at or below five-tenths of a per cent of full rated inverter output current into the point of common coupling.

(f) When a proposed distributed generation facility is single phase and is to be interconnected on a center tap neutral of a two hundred forty volt service, its addition shall not create an imbalance between the two sides of the two hundred forty volt service of more than twenty per cent of the nameplate rating of the service transformer.

(g) The proposed distributed generation facility installation is certified to pass an applicable non-islanding test, or uses reverse power relays or other means to meet the unintentional islanding requirements of the institute of electrical and electronics engineers (IEEE) 1547 standard, effective as set forth in rule 4901:1-22-03 of the Administrative Code.

(h) The proposed distributed generation facility installation complies with the IEEE 1547 standard and underwriters laboratory 1741 standard, as set forth in rule 4901:1-22-03 of the Administrative Code.

(2) Having complied with the parameters set forth in paragraph (B)(1) of this rule, the applicant's proposed distributed generation facility installation requires no further study by the EDU for the purpose of interconnection to the EDU's distribution system.

(C) Level 1 review timeframe

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(1) Within fifteen business days after the EDU notifies the applicant that it has received a complete short form interconnection service application, the EDU shall perform a review using the criteria set forth in paragraph (B)(1) of this rule and shall notify the applicant of the results, and shall include with the notification copies of the analysis and data underlying the EDU's determinations under the criteria.

(2) If the proposed interconnection fails one or more of the screening criteria, the application shall be denied. At the applicant's request, the EDU shall provide copies of the analysis and data underlying the EDU's determinations under the criteria. Upon denial of the level 1 interconnection request, the applicant may elect to submit a new application for consideration under level 2 or level 3 procedures, in which case the queue position assigned to the level 1 application shall be retained.

(3) If the proposed interconnection meets the criteria, the application shall be approved and the EDU will provide the applicant a standard interconnection agreement within five business days after the determination. The standard interconnection agreement shall be consistent with the uniform requirements for an interconnection agreement in rule 4901:1-22-10 of the Administrative Code, and include a timetable for the physical interconnection of the applicant's proposed distributed generation facility to the EDU's system.

(D) Level 1 application fee

The EDU's tariff for a level 1 fee shall not exceed fifty dollars and may be waived.

Level 2 expedited review procedure

(A) Level 2 qualifying criteria

In order for the application to be reviewed by the EDU under the level 2 expedited review procedure, the applicant's generating facility must meet the following requirements:

(1) The generating facility utilizes equipment that is certified in compliance with IEEE 1547 standard and UL 1741 standard as set forth in rule 4901:1-22-03 of the Administrative Code.

(2) The generating facility does not meet the level 1 interconnection review requirements.

(3) The generating facility capacity does not exceed the limits identified in the table below, which vary according to the voltage of the line at the proposed point of interconnection. Distributed generation facilities located within 2.5 miles of a substation and on a main distribution line with minimum 600-ampere capacity are eligible for expedited review under the higher thresholds. These eligibility limits do not guarantee fast track approval.

Line Voltage	Expedited Review Regardless of Location	Expedited Review on a 600 amp line and within 2.5 feeder miles from substation
less than or equal to 5kV	less than or equal to 500 kW	less than 2 MW

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5kV less than or equal to 15 kV	less than or equal to 2MW	less than 3 MW
15 kV less than or equal to 30 kV	less than or equal to 3MW	less than 4 MW
30 kV less than or equal to 69 kV	less than or equal to 4MW	less than 5 MW

(B) Level 2 approval criteria

(1) The EDU shall approve an application for interconnection under level 2 review procedures if the generation facility meets the following criteria:

(a) The proposed distributed generation facility's point of interconnection is not on a transmission line.

(b) The proposed distributed generation facility complies with IEEE 1547 standard and UL 1741 standard, effective as set forth in rule 4901:1-22-03 of the Administrative Code.

(c) The proposed distributed generation facility is not located in an area where there are known or posted transient stability limitations to generating units located in the general electrical vicinity (for example, three or four distribution busses from the point of interconnection), or the proposed distributed generation facility shall not have interdependencies, known to the EDU, with earlier queued transmission system interconnection requests. The EDU shall not disclose confidential information in the application of this screen.

(d) For interconnection of a proposed distributed generation facility to a radial distribution circuit, the aggregated generation, including the proposed distributed generation facility, on the circuit shall not exceed fifteen per cent of the line section annual peak load as most recently measured at the substation. The application of this screen addresses back feed and islanding conditions.

(e) The proposed distributed generation facility, in aggregation with other generation on the distribution circuit, shall not contribute more than ten per cent to the distribution circuit's maximum fault current at the point on the primary voltage distribution line nearest the point of common coupling.

(f) The proposed distributed generation facility, in aggregation with other generation on the distribution circuit, may not cause any distribution protective devices and equipment including substation breakers, fuse cutouts, and line reclosers, or other customer equipment on the electric distribution system, to be exposed to fault currents exceeding ninety per cent of the short circuit interrupting capability; nor shall an applicant requesting interconnection on a circuit that already exceeds ninety per cent of the short circuit interrupting capability be permitted.

(g) When a proposed distributed generation facility is single phase and is to be interconnected on a center tap neutral of a two hundred forty volt service, its addition

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shall not create an imbalance between the two sides of the two hundred forty volt service of more than twenty per cent of the nameplate rating of the service transformer.

(h) The proposed distributed generation facility shall be interconnected to the EDU's primary distribution system as shown below:

Primary Distribution Line Configuration	Interconnection to Primary Distribution Line
Three phase, three wire	If a three-phase or single-phase generating facility, interconnection must be phase-to-phase
Three phase, four wire	If a three-phase (effectively grounded) or single phase generating facility, interconnection must be line-to-neutral

(i) A review of the type of electrical service provided to the applicant, including line configuration and the transformer connection, will be conducted to limit the potential for creating over voltages on the EDU's electric distribution system due to a loss of ground during the operating time of any anti-islanding function.

(j) When the proposed distributed generation facility is to be interconnected on single-phase shared secondary line, the aggregate generation capacity on the shared secondary line, including the proposed distributed generation facility, will not exceed sixty-five per cent of the transformer nameplate rating.

(k) For interconnection of a proposed distributed generation facility to the load side of spot or area network protectors, the proposed distributed generation facility must utilize an inverter-based equipment package and, together with the aggregated other inverter-based generation, shall not exceed the lesser of five per cent of a spot or area network's maximum load or fifty kilowatts.

(l) Construction of facilities by the EDU on its own system is not required to accommodate the distributed generation facility.

(C) Level 2 review timeframe

(1) Within twenty business days after the EDU notifies the applicant it has received a complete application, the EDU shall perform an initial review using the criteria set forth in paragraph (B) of this rule and shall notify the applicant of the results.

(2) If the proposed interconnection meets the criteria, the application shall be approved and the EDU will provide the applicant a standard interconnection agreement within five business days after the determination. The standard interconnection agreement shall be consistent with the uniform requirements for an interconnection agreement enumerated in rule 4901:1-22-10 of the Administrative Code, and include a timetable for the physical interconnection of the applicant's proposed distributed generation facility to the EDU's system.

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(3) If the proposed interconnection fails to meet the criteria, but the EDU determines that the proposed distributed generation facility may nevertheless be interconnected consistent with safety, reliability, and power quality standards, the EDU shall provide the applicant a standard interconnection agreement within five business days after the determination and include a timetable for the physical interconnection of the applicant's proposed distributed generation facility to the EDU's system.

(4) If the proposed interconnection fails to meet the criteria and the EDU determines that minor modifications or further study may be required to interconnect the proposed distributed generation facility to the EDU's distribution system consistent with safety, reliability, and power quality standards, the EDU shall:

(a) Offer to perform facility modifications or minor modifications to the EDU's electric system (e.g., change meters, fuses, relay settings), or,

(b) Offer to perform a supplemental review if the EDU concludes that the supplemental review might determine that the proposed distributed generation facility could continue to qualify for interconnection pursuant to the expedited review process,

(c) Obtain the applicant's agreement to continue evaluating the application under level 3 standard review.

(5) At the applicant's request, the EDU shall provide copies of the analysis and the data underlying the EDU's determinations that minor modifications or further study is required.

(D) Facility or minor system modifications

(1) If facility modifications or minor system modifications are required to allow the proposed distributed generation facility to be interconnected consistent with safety, reliability, and power quality standards under these procedures, the EDU shall provide the applicant with a non-binding good faith estimate of the cost to make such modifications.

(2) If the interconnection customer agrees to pay for the modifications to the EDU's distribution system, the EDU shall provide the applicant with a standard distributed generation interconnection agreement within five business days. The standard interconnection agreement shall be consistent with the uniform requirements for an interconnection agreement enumerated in rule 4901:1-22-10 of the Administrative Code, and include a timetable for the physical interconnection of the applicant's proposed distributed generation facility to the EDU's system.

(E) Level 2 supplemental review

(1) If the customer requests that the EDU perform a supplemental review, the customer shall agree in writing within fifteen business days of the offer, and submit a supplemental review deposit of twenty-five hundred dollars, or the application shall be deemed withdrawn. Within twenty-five business days following receipt of the supplemental review deposit, the EDU shall perform a supplemental review using the screens set forth in this rule and notify the applicant of the results. For interconnection of a proposed distributed generation facility to an area network, the EDU may utilize different analytical procedures for conducting supplemental review than those set forth in this rule. Following study completion, the EDU shall bill or credit the applicant

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any difference between the supplemental review deposit and the actual cost to perform the review. If the proposed interconnection fails one or more of the supplemental review screens, the EDU shall include with the notification copies of the analysis and data underlying the EDU's determinations under the screens.

(a) A supplemental review may be performed where twelve months of line section minimum load data is available or can be calculated, estimated from existing data, or determined from a power flow model, and where the aggregate distributed generation facility capacity on the line section is less than one hundred per cent of the minimum load for all line sections bounded by automatic sectionalizing devices upstream of the proposed distributed generation facility. If minimum load data is not available, or cannot be calculated, estimated or determined, the EDU shall include the reason(s) that it is unable to calculate, estimate or determine minimum load in its supplemental review results notification as set forth in paragraph (E)(1) of rule 4901:1-22-07 of the Administrative Code.

(i) The type of generation used by the proposed distributed generation facility will be taken into account when calculating, estimating, or determining the circuit or line section minimum load. For the application of a solar photovoltaic generation system with no battery storage, use daytime minimum load, and use absolute minimum load for other generation.

(ii) When this screen is being applied to a distributed generation facility that serves some onsite electrical load, the total load must be considered as part of the aggregate generation.

(iii) The EDU will consider generating facility capacity known to be reflected in the minimum load data as part of the aggregate generation for purposes of this screen.

(b) In aggregate with existing generation on the line section: (i) the voltage regulation on the line section can be maintained in compliance with relevant requirements under all system conditions, (ii) the voltage fluctuation is within acceptable limits as defined by IEEE 1453 or utility practice similar to IEEE 1453, and (iii) the harmonic levels meet IEEE 519 limits at the point of interconnection.

(c) The location of the proposed distributed generation facility and the aggregate generation capacity on the line section do not create impacts to safety or reliability that cannot be adequately addressed without application of the level 3 standard review. The EDU may consider the following and other factors in determining potential impacts to safety and reliability in applying the screen:

(i) Whether the line section has significant minimum loading levels dominated by a small number of customers.

(ii) If there is an even or uneven distribution of loading along the feeder.

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(iii) If the proposed distributed generation facility is located within 2.5 electrical line miles to the substation and if the distribution line from the substation to the customer is composed of a 600A class cable or conductor.

(iv) If the proposed distributed generation facility incorporates a time delay function to prevent reconnection of the generator to the system until system voltage and frequency are within normal limits for a prescribed time.

(v) If operational flexibility is reduced by the proposed distributed generation facility, such that transfer of the line section(s) of the distributed generation facility to a neighboring distribution circuit/substation may trigger overloads or voltage issues.

(2) If the proposed interconnection meets the supplemental review criteria, the application shall be approved and the EDU will provide the applicant a standard interconnection agreement within five business days after the determination. The standard interconnection agreement shall be consistent with the uniform requirements for an interconnection agreement enumerated in rule 4901:1-22-10 of the Administrative Code and include a timetable for the physical interconnection of the applicant's proposed distributed generation facility to the EDU's system.

(3) If the proposed interconnection fails the supplemental review criteria, the EDU shall obtain the applicant's agreement to continue evaluating the application under level 3 standard review. If the applicant agrees to have the project evaluated under the level 3 standard review process, the cost of supplemental review shall be deducted from the otherwise applicable Level 3 standard review fee. If the level 3 standard review fee is less than the supplemental review cost, standard review fee shall be waived.

(F) Level 2 fees

The EDU's tariff for level 2 expedited review processing fees will include the following:

(1) An application fee of up to fifty dollars, plus one dollar per kilowatt of the applicant's system nameplate capacity rating.

(2) In the event that an application is evaluated under supplemental review, any or all of the following fees may be assessed by the EDU:

(a) The twenty-five hundred dollar supplemental review deposit, adjusted following study completion to reflect the cost of engineering work billed at actual costs.

(b) The actual cost of any minor modification of the electric distribution utility's system that would otherwise not be done but for the applicant's interconnection request.

Level 3 standard review procedure

(A) Level 3 standard review qualifying criteria

In order for the application to be approved by the EDU under the level 3 review procedure, the following conditions must apply:

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(1) The generation facility does not qualify or failed to meet the level 1 or level 2 interconnection review requirements.

(2) The generation does not utilize equipment that is certified in compliance with IEEE 1547 standard and UL 1741 standard as set forth in rule 4901:1-22-03 of the Administrative Code.

(3) The generation facility has a nameplate capacity of twenty megawatts or less.

(B) Level 3 approval criteria

(1) Level 3 standard review procedure shall use the determinations made in the scoping meeting and any feasibility, system impact, or facilities study defined in rule 4901:1-22-09 of the Administrative Code for technical analysis of the applicant's proposed distributed generation facility installation.

(2) The EDU shall approve an application for interconnection under level 3 review procedures if the EDU determines that the safety and reliability of the public utility's transmission or distribution system will not be compromised by interconnecting with the generation facility.

(C) Level 3 fees

(1) The EDU's tariff for level 3 standard review fees will include the following:

(a) An application fee of up to one hundred dollars, plus two dollars per kilowatt of the system's nameplate capacity.

(b) In addition to the level 3 standard review application fee, any or all of the following fees may be assessed by the EDU.

(i) The cost of engineering work done as part of any feasibility, system impact or facilities study, billed at actual cost.

(ii) The actual cost of any modifications of the EDU's system that would otherwise not be done but for the applicant's interconnection request.

(2) Within five business days after completion of the level 3 standard procedure including any applicable feasibility, system impact or facilities studies leading to the EDU's approval for interconnection of the applicant's proposed distributed generation facility installation and collection by the EDU of all the actual costs for the studies as billed to the applicant, the EDU shall provide the applicant with a standard interconnection agreement.

Scoping meeting and interconnection studies

(A) Scoping meeting

(1) A scoping meeting will be held within ten business days after the interconnection application is deemed complete, or as otherwise mutually agreed to by the parties. The EDU and the applicant

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may bring to the meeting personnel, including system engineers and other resources as may be reasonably required to accomplish the purpose of the meeting.

(2) The purpose of the scoping meeting is to discuss alternative interconnection options, to determine potential points of common coupling, to examine the applicant's proposed point of interconnection on the EDU's distribution system, or to review an applicant's pre-application report or existing studies relevant to the interconnection application. The parties shall further discuss the appropriate level 3 interconnection studies required to evaluate the interconnection of the proposed distributed generation facility to the EDU's distribution system.

(3) The scoping meeting may be waived by mutual agreement if the parties decide to proceed directly to the level 3 interconnection studies.

(B) Queuing

(1) When an interconnection request is complete, the EDU shall assign the application a queue position to establish the order in which the interconnection request will be reviewed in relation to other interconnection requests on the same or nearby sections of the EDU's distribution system.

(2) The queue position of an interconnection request shall be used to determine the cost responsibility necessary for the construction of any facilities to accommodate the interconnection in relation to other interconnection requests on the same or nearby sections of the EDU's distribution system.

(3) The EDU shall notify the applicant at the scoping meeting about other higher-queued applicants.

(C) Interconnection study requirements

(1) One or more interconnection studies may be required by the EDU prior to interconnection including a feasibility study, a system impact study, and a facilities study.

(2) Each type of study required will include an EDU interconnection tariff fee schedule approved by the commission as set forth in rule 4901:1-22-08 of the Administrative Code.

(3) Each type of study will be the subject of a written study agreement between the applicant and the EDU that includes the following:

(a) A target date for completion of any required feasibility study, system impact study, and facilities study.

(b) A provision to share the results of the study by the EDU with the applicant.

(c) A clear explanation of all estimated charges.

(d) A good faith estimate of the total number of hours needed to complete the study.

(e) An estimate of the total interconnection study fee.

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(4) A written study agreement may include an alternative provision that allows the required studies related to the interconnection of the generating facility(s) to be conducted by a qualified third party with the consent of the EDU.

(5) By mutual agreement of the parties, a feasibility study, a system impact study, or a facilities study under level 3 procedures may be waived by the EDU.

(6) When the EDU determines, as a result of the studies conducted under a level 3 review, that it is appropriate to interconnect the distributed generation facility, the EDU shall provide the applicant with a standard distributed generation interconnection agreement.

(7) If the interconnection request is denied, the EDU shall provide a written explanation within five business days from the denial. The EDU must allow the applicant thirty business days to cure the reasons for denial while the applicant's position in the queue is maintained.

(D) The feasibility study

(1) No later than five business days after the scoping meeting, the EDU shall provide the applicant with a feasibility study agreement in accordance with the EDU's tariff to determine the feasibility of interconnecting the applicant's proposed distributed generation facility at a particular point on the EDU's system. The study shall include both of the following:

(a) An outline of the scope of the study.

(b) A non-binding good faith estimate of the cost to perform the study.

(2) A feasibility study shall include the following analyses for the purpose of identifying a potential adverse system impact to the EDU's system that would result from the interconnection:

(a) Initial identification of any circuit breaker short circuit capability limits exceeded as a result of the interconnection.

(b) Initial identification of any thermal overload or voltage limit violations resulting from the interconnection.

(c) Initial review of grounding requirements and system protection.

(d) A description and nonbinding estimated cost of facilities required to interconnect the distributed generation facility to the EDU's system in a safe and reliable manner.

(3) When an applicant requests that the feasibility study evaluate multiple potential points of interconnection, additional evaluations may be required.

(4) The actual cost of the EDU's additional evaluations shall be paid by the applicant.

(E) The system impact study

(1) No later than five business days after the completion of or a waiver of the feasibility study, the EDU shall provide a distribution system impact study agreement to the applicant, using a form of

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system impact study agreement in accordance with the EDU's tariff that includes an outline of the scope of the study and a nonbinding good faith estimate of the cost to perform the study.

(2) If the feasibility study concludes there is no adverse system impact, or the study identifies an adverse system impact but the EDU is able to identify a remedy, no system impact study is required.

(3) A system impact study shall evaluate the impact of the proposed interconnection on the safety and reliability of the EDU's system. The study shall:

(a) Identify and detail the system impacts that result when a distributed generation facility is interconnected without project or system modifications.

(b) Consider the adverse system impacts identified in the feasibility study, or potential impacts including those identified in the scoping meeting.

(c) Consider all generating facilities that, on the date the system impact study is commenced, are directly interconnected with the EDU's system.

(d) Consider pending higher queue position of facilities requesting interconnection to the system, or consider pending higher queue position of facilities requesting interconnection having a signed interconnection agreement.

(4) A system impact study performed by the EDU shall consider the following criteria:

(a) A load flow study.

(b) A short circuit analysis.

(c) A stability analysis.

(d) Voltage drop and flicker studies.

(e) Protection and set point coordination studies.

(f) Grounding reviews.

(5) The EDU shall state the underlying assumptions of the study and show the results of the analyses to the applicant, including the following:

(a) Any potential impediments to providing the requested interconnection service.

(b) Any required distribution system upgrades and provide a nonbinding good faith estimate of cost and time to construct the system upgrades.

(F) The facilities study

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- (1) Within five business days of completion of the system impact study, a report will be transmitted by the EDU to the applicant with a facilities study agreement in accordance with the EDU's interconnection tariff.
- (2) When the parties agree at the scoping meeting that no system impact study is required, the EDU shall provide to the applicant, no later than five business days after the scoping meeting, a facilities study agreement in accordance with the EDU's interconnection tariff that enables the EDU to determine the interconnection facilities needed to interconnect the applicant's proposed distributed generation facility at a particular point on the EDU's system.
- (3) The facilities study agreement shall include both of the following:
 - (a) An outline of the scope of the study.
 - (b) A nonbinding good faith estimate of the cost to perform the study to cover the cost of the equipment, engineering, procurement and construction work, including overheads, needed to implement the conclusions of the feasibility study and/or the system impact study to interconnect the distributed generation facility.
- (4) The facilities study shall identify all of the following:
 - (a) The electrical switching configuration of the equipment, including transformer, switchgear, meters, and other station equipment.
 - (b) The nature and estimated cost of the EDU's interconnection facilities and distribution upgrades necessary to accomplish the interconnection.
 - (c) An estimate of the time required to complete the construction and installation of such facilities.
- (5) The parties may agree to permit an applicant to separately arrange for a third party to design and construct the required interconnection facilities under the following conditions:
 - (a) The EDU may review the facilities to be designed and constructed by a third party under provisions included in the facilities study agreement for that purpose.
 - (b) The applicant and the third party separately arranging for design and construction agree to comply with security and confidentiality requirements.
 - (c) The EDU shall provide the applicant with all relevant information and required specifications available to permit the applicant to obtain an independent design and cost estimate for the facilities, which must be built in accordance with the specifications.

Uniform requirements for interconnection agreements

(A) The EDU shall provide the customer with a standard interconnection agreement for distributed generation within five business days following completion of project review. If applicable, the applicant must pay for the interconnection facilities and distribution upgrades identified in the facilities study.

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(B) The customer shall have thirty business days or another mutually agreeable time frame after the standard interconnection agreement is received to sign and return the interconnection agreement to the EDU.

(C) When the customer does not sign the agreement within thirty business days, the interconnection request will be deemed withdrawn unless the applicant requests an extension of the deadline in writing. The request for extension shall not be denied by the EDU, unless conditions on the EDU system have changed.

(D) Milestones for construction

(1) When construction is required, the interconnection of the distributed generation will proceed according to any milestones agreed to by the parties in the standard interconnection agreement.

(2) The interconnection agreement may not become effective until the milestones agreed to in the standard interconnection agreement are satisfied, including the following:

(a) The distributed generation is approved by electric code officials with jurisdiction over the interconnection.

(b) The applicant provides a certificate of completion to the EDU; or there is a successful completion of an on-site operational test within ten business days or at a mutually convenient time, unless waived. The operational test shall be observed by EDU personnel or a qualified third party with sufficient expertise to verify that the criteria for testing have been met.

(E) Insurance

(1) Any EDU interconnection agreement with the customer shall not require additional liability insurance beyond proof of insurance or any other suitable financial instrument sufficient to meet its construction, operating and liability responsibilities in accordance with the EDU's tariff with respect to this rule.

(2) At no time shall the EDU require the customer to negotiate any policy or renewal of any policy covering any liability through a particular insurance agent, solicitor, or broker.

(F) Alternative dispute resolution

The EDU or the applicant who is a nonmercantile, nonresidential customer may seek resolution of any disputes which may arise out the EDU tariffs filed under these rules, in accordance with Chapter 4901:1-26 of the Administrative Code, for alternative dispute resolution procedures.

(G) Site testing

The applicant must provide the EDU a reasonable opportunity to witness the testing of installed switchgear, protection system, and generator as included in the applicant's installation test plan and maintenance schedule that has been reviewed and approved by the EDU.

(H) Periodic testing

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(1) Any periodic tests of the interconnection equipment (including any relays, interrupting devices, control schemes, and batteries that involve protection of the EDU's system) as recommended by the applicant's equipment manufacturer or required by the institute of electrical and electronics engineers (IEEE) 1547 standards, effective as set forth in rule 4901:1-22-03 of the Administrative Code, shall be the responsibility of the applicant.

(2) Such periodic tests shall be included in the applicant's installation test plan and maintenance schedule that has been reviewed and approved by the EDU.

(3) The applicant shall make copies of the periodic test reports or inspection logs available to the EDU for review.

(4) Upon a written request, the EDU is to be informed of the next scheduled maintenance and be able to witness the maintenance program and any associated testing.

(I) Disconnection of the applicant's facility

Except as provided for in paragraph (J)(2) of this rule, when the EDU discovers the applicant's equipment is not in compliance with IEEE 1547 standards, effective as set forth in rule 4901:1-22-03 of the Administrative Code, and such noncompliance has the potential to adversely affect the safety and reliability of the electric system, the EDU may disconnect the applicant's facility according to the following procedures:

(1) The EDU shall provide a notice to the applicant with a description of the specific noncompliance condition.

(2) The disconnection can only occur after a reasonable time to cure the noncompliance condition has elapsed.

(J) Other disconnection of the unit

(1) The applicant retains the option to temporarily disconnect from the EDU's system at any time. Such temporary disconnection shall not be a termination of the interconnection agreement unless the customer exercises its termination rights under the interconnection agreement.

(2) The EDU shall have the right to disconnect the applicant's unit(s) without notice in the event of an emergency or to eliminate conditions that constitute a potential hazard to the EDU personnel or the general public. The EDU shall notify the applicant of the emergency as soon as circumstances permit.

(K) Service interruption

During routine maintenance and repairs on the EDU's system consistent with Chapter 4901:1-23 of the Administrative Code, or other commission order, the EDU shall provide the applicant with a seven-day notice of service interruption.

(L) Effective term and termination rights of an interconnection agreement

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(1) An interconnection agreement becomes effective when executed by both parties and shall continue in force until terminated under any of the following conditions:

(a) The customer terminates the interconnection agreement at any time by giving the EDU sixty calendar days prior notice.

(b) The EDU terminates the interconnection agreement upon failure of the applicant to generate energy from the applicant's facility in parallel with the EDU's system by the later of two years from the date of the executed interconnection agreement or twelve months after completion of the interconnection.

(c) Either party terminates by giving the other party at least sixty calendar days prior written notice that the other party is in default of any of the material terms and conditions of the interconnection agreement, so long as the notice specifies the basis for the termination and there is reasonable opportunity to cure the default.

(2) All applicants' installations existing on or before the effective date of this rule are exempted from the changes instituted by this rule.

(3) Upon termination of an interconnection agreement, the applicant's facilities will be disconnected from the EDU's system.

(4) The termination of the interconnection agreement shall not relieve either party of its liabilities and obligations, owed or continuing at the time of the termination.

Backup electricity supply

Replacement electric power for the applicant shall be supplied in accordance with division (C) of section 4928.15 of the Revised Code, by either of the following:

(A) The EDU either at a tariff rate or at the market price as provided for in its tariff.

(B) By the applicant's competitive retail electric service provider at a rate to be determined by contract.

Complaints

All formal complaints brought by applicants or interconnection service customers pursuant to section 4905.26 of the Revised Code, will be handled according to the procedural standards set forth in Chapters 4901-1 and 4901-9 of the Administrative Code. Each EDU must provide to the commission utilities department the name and telephone number of a contact person to assist the commission staff with the resolution of informal complaints regarding provisions in Chapter 4901:1-22 of the Administrative Code.

Exceptions

Except where rule requirements are mandated by federal or state law, the commission may waive any provision contained in this chapter for good cause upon its own motion or upon application by a company.

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This tariff is subject to the Company's Terms and Conditions of Service and all provisions of the standard service schedule under which the customer takes service. If applicable, the customer shall also take the appropriate service under the provisions of Schedule COGEN/SPP, Schedule SBS and/or Schedule NEMS.

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2. APPLICATION FOR SERVICE

These terms and conditions of service apply to service under the Company's open access distribution schedules which provide for distribution service, irrespective of the voltage level at which service is taken, from the Company, as provided for in Sections 4928.15 and 4928.40, Ohio Revised Code.

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Distribution service shall be made available to a prospective customer within this Company's area of service upon request or execution of a contract therefore and its acceptance by an officer or authorized representative of the Company.

The character of distribution service and the rates, rules, terms, regulations and conditions shall be in accordance with P.U.C.O. No. 20, the supplements thereto and revisions thereof applying to the particular type of service and locality for which such contract or application is made.

3. CONDITIONS OF SERVICE

Before the Company shall be required to furnish distribution service, the Company may require that the customer submit written specifications of electrical apparatus to be operated by service and to furnish the Company a site plan that shows the address, orientation of the building, the location of the meter on the building, and the square footage of the building. The Company reserves the right to specify the service characteristics, including the point of delivery and metering.

Written agreements will be required prior to providing service if stipulated in the applicable rate schedule or the customer has unusual or special service characteristics. If the customer refuses to sign a written agreement, an agreement will still be effective as if the customer had signed and said customer will be charged under the appropriate schedule. A copy of the written agreement, contained on a form provided by the Company, will be furnished to the customer upon request at any time during the term of the agreement.

When the customer desires delivery of energy at more than one (1) point, each separate point of delivery shall be considered a Contract Location and shall be metered and billed under a separate request or contract for service. Each delivery point will be billed separately under the applicable schedule. Separate written agreements, if required under the above paragraph, will be made for each point of delivery. If the Company requires separate points of delivery, for like service, to meet the customer's electrical requirements at a single Contract location, the metering for two or more points of delivery may be combined for billing under the applicable tariff.

4. AVAILABLE RATES

A copy of these Terms and Conditions of Open Access Distribution Service and the open access distribution schedules applicable to the customer's class of business will be furnished upon request and the customer shall elect upon which applicable schedule the customer desires to be served.

If the customer can meet the requirements of more than one open access distribution schedule, the Company will endeavor to advise the customer as to which open access distribution schedule is the most advantageous for the prospective service. The customer shall then select the open access distribution schedule upon which the contract for distribution service shall be based. The Company under no circumstances guarantees that the rate under which a customer is billed is the most favorable open access distribution rate.

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The customer may change the initial open access distribution schedule selection to another applicable open access distribution schedule at any time by either written notice to the Company and/or by executing a new contract for the open access distribution schedule selected, provided that the application of such subsequent selection shall continue for twelve (12) months before any other selection may be made, except when an existing rate is modified or a new open access distribution schedule is offered.

A customer may not change from one (1) open access distribution schedule to another during the term of contract except with the consent of the Company.

5. COMPANY'S AGENTS NOT EMPOWERED TO CHANGE TARIFFS

No agent or employee of the Company has authority to amend, modify, alter the application, rates, terms, conditions, rules or regulations of the Company on file with the Commission, or to make any promises or representations not contained in P.U.C.O. No. 20 supplements thereto and revisions thereof.

6. CHANGE OF RATES OR REGULATIONS

Rules and Regulations and rates contained herein are subject to cancellation or modification upon order or permission of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.

7. INSPECTIONS

It is to the interest of the customer to properly install and maintain the customer's wiring and electrical equipment and the customer shall at all times be responsible for the character and condition thereof. It is the customer's responsibility to assure that all inside wiring is grounded and is otherwise in accordance with the requirements of the National Electrical Code. The Company makes no inspection thereof and in no event shall be responsible therefore.

Where a customer's premises are located in a municipality or other governmental subdivision where inspection laws or ordinances are in effect, the Company may withhold furnishing service to new installations until it has received evidence that the inspection laws or ordinances have been complied with. In addition, if such municipality or other governmental subdivision shall determine that such inspection laws or ordinances are no longer being complied with in respect to an existing installation, the Company may suspend the furnishing of service thereto until it has received evidence of compliance with such laws or ordinances. The Company may disconnect electric distribution service to a premise where unsafe conditions exist.

Where the customer's premises are located outside of an area where inspection service is in effect, the Company may require the delivery by the customer to the Company of an agreement duly signed by the owner and tenant of the premises authorizing the connection to the wiring system of the customer and assuming responsibility therefore.

No responsibility shall attach to the Company because of any waiver of these requirements.

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8. LOCATION AND MAINTENANCE OF COMPANY'S EQUIPMENT

The Company shall have the right to erect and maintain its poles, lines, circuits and other necessary facilities on the customer's property, and to place and maintain its transformers and other apparatus on the property or within the buildings of the customer at convenient locations. The customer shall keep Company equipment clear from obstruction and obstacles including landscaping, structures, etc., and allow the use of suitable space for the installation and maintenance of necessary measuring instruments so that the latter may be protected from damage.

The customer shall provide suitable space and access to same, for the installation, repair and maintenance of necessary measuring instruments and other facilities, so that they may be protected from injury by the elements or through the negligence or deliberate acts of the customer or of any employee of the same, or any other party.

Company owned transformers and appurtenances placed on the property or within the building shall be housed in accordance with the National Electrical Code in a suitable room or vault provided by the customer and, when installed outside upon a mat or slab, shall be protected by an enclosure erected by the customer to guard against loss, damage or injury to persons or property.

9. SERVICE CONNECTIONS

The Company will, when requested to furnish service, designate the location of its service connection. The customer's wiring must, except for those cases listed below, be brought out of the building in an approved manner from the main service disconnect to the outside the building wall nearest the Company's service wires so as to be readily accessible thereto. The point of service drop attachment shall be as high as the construction of the building will permit, but not more than twenty-five (25) feet nor less than twelve (12) feet from the ground (see National Electric Code for vertical clearance requirements of service drop conductors) and shall be located at a point convenient to the Company's lines for making connections thereto, and each of the service wires shall extend at least eighteen (18) inches from weatherhead on end of conduit or cable for making service connections. Service entrance equipment shall be properly grounded and shall be installed so that the disconnecting means is readily accessible. Where customers install service entrance facilities which have capacity and layout specified by the Company and/or install and use certain utilization equipment specified by the Company, the Company may provide or offer to own certain facilities on the customer's side of the point where the service wires attach to the building.

In areas served by an overhead distribution system, an overhead service shall be provided by the Company from the Company's distribution system extending one span (approximately 100 feet) toward the customer's facilities. When a customer desires that energy be delivered at a point or in a manner other than that designated by the Company, the customer shall pay the additional cost of same. Rights-of-way or easements necessary for the installation of said service (including private railway wire crossings permits) shall be provided by the customer.

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A non-residential customer desiring an underground service from overhead wires shall, at the customer's expense, install and maintain service wires in an approved manner from the main entrance switch in the building to an available pole (designated by the Company) from which connection is to be made, including the necessary run of wires up the pole. Such underground service shall conform to Company specifications. Where service is supplied from an underground distribution system which has been installed at the Company's expense within the limits of municipal streets, the customer shall make arrangements with the Company to supply and install a continuous run of cable conductors including necessary ducts from the manhole or connection box to the inside of the building wall. The customer shall pay the cost of installing the portion of cable and duct from the curb line to the terminus or cable inside the building and provide the necessary easements to the Company.

Conduit and wires and any equipment, installation and appurtenances furnished, installed and maintained by the customer must conform to the National Electrical Code, as well as applicable governmental requirements.

The Company shall not be required to make any inspection of the wiring, safety switch or other equipment, installation or appurtenances installed and owned by the customer. Any inspection thereof which the Company may make shall be voluntary on its part and for its benefit only, and shall not in any way relieve the customer of any obligations in that respect. The Company has the right to assess a service fee (shown below) when three or more trips are made for service installation and can not be completed due to customer installation issues.

During Normal Business Hours

Service Fee Multiple Trips	\$28.00
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Other Than Normal Business Hours

Off Shift

Sunday or Holiday

Service Fee Multiple Trips	\$77.00	\$100.00
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10. EXTENSION OF LOCAL FACILITIES

The Company shall construct suitable electric transmission and distribution facilities under this line extension policy to serve customer premises when the customer can not be served from existing electrical facilities.

Customers requesting new or expanded electric service shall submit detailed and complete information which may include but not be limited to switch size, requested delivery voltage, total estimated load, listing of connected loads, operating characteristics, site survey plans (showing other utilities or underground infrastructure) and first floor elevations before the Company can develop a plan of service and prepare a construction cost estimate.

The Company will determine the modifications to the Company's transmission and/or distribution facilities required to provide for a basic service plan to serve the customer's load. The

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Company will design, construct, own, operate and maintain the line extension and all other equipment installed to serve the customer's load up to the point of service for each customer.

Upon receipt of the necessary information from the customer, the Company will comply with Chapter 4901:1-9-07 of the Ohio Administrative Code and exercise its best efforts to expedite the entire process for developing a service plan and preparing a cost estimate.

The Company shall have no obligation to extend, expand or rearrange its facilities if it determines that the existing facilities are adequate to serve the customer's electrical load.

Definitions Used in This Section

1. "Basic service plan" means the least cost line extension design using sound engineering practices which meet and/or exceed the National Electrical Safety Code and the Company's construction standards.
2. "Contribution in aid of construction or CIAC" means any amount of money or property contributed to the Company to the extent that the purpose of the contribution is to provide for line extensions for new or expanded customer loads.
3. "Cost estimate" means the detailed projected expenditure, including material costs and overhead, equipment costs and overhead, labor costs and overhead, and all taxes associated with each major material and service component, required for a line extension. It shall also separately identify any incremental costs associated with providing premium services. The Company may, for the purpose of standardization, establish standard construction cost estimates, for basic or premium service plans, which shall not exceed, in any event, the average cost of constructing such line extensions in the area involved, in which case the term "cost estimate" as used in this section will be understood to mean the standard estimate thus established.
4. "Line extension" means the provision of facilities (including, but not limited to, poles, fixtures, wires, and appurtenances) necessary for delivering electrical energy from the point of origin to one or more of the customer's points of delivery. Facilities provided by the Company to maintain, protect, upgrade, or improve its overall distribution system (even if necessary due to a customer's load addition) are not considered part of a line extension.
5. "Multifamily installation" means any line extension to a new residential dwelling that will have two or more dwelling units, where each unit has a separate account for electric service.
6. "Permanent" means a) a structure that has a permanently installed pressurized domestic water system and septic/sewer system which complies with local codes/regulations and is approved for use by the respective sanitation jurisdictional authority, or b) a structure that is approved for installation on a foundational support that is either a mortared masonry pier/column configuration, a poured concrete slab, or a poured concrete footer and mortared masonry walls on the perimeter of the structure.
7. "Point of origin" means the point where a line extension under this rule connects with and receives energy from any existing transmission or distribution equipment. The point of origin shall

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be the nearest practical point to the customers to be served by the line extension at which the appropriate voltage level is available.

8. "Premium service" includes, but is not limited to, customer-requested oversizing of facilities, underground construction, three-phase residential service, seasonal operations, and any customer request that is in excess of standard construction and requirements necessary to provide electric service to the customer.

Line extensions

1. For line extensions to residential single family homes, both individual homes and homes in a development, unless noted otherwise, the following shall apply:

- a. The Company shall be responsible for all costs, excluding the incremental costs of premium services (the sum of the Company's cost to provide the premium installation minus the Company's cost of a standard, single-phase installation), up to five thousand dollars.
- b. The customer shall be responsible for the incremental costs of premium services prior to the start of construction.
- c. The customer shall make arrangements with the Company for the payment of the non-premium line extension costs that exceed five thousand dollars. The Company shall afford the nondeveloper, individual homeowner the option of paying those costs, plus carrying costs, on a prorated monthly basis for up to fifty months.

2. For line extensions to residential, non-master-metered, multifamily installations (two or more units) the following shall apply:

- a. The Company shall be responsible for all costs, excluding the incremental costs of premium services (the sum of the Company's cost to provide the premium installation minus the Company's cost of a standard, single-phase installation), up to twenty-five hundred dollars per unit.
- b. The customer shall be responsible for the incremental costs of premium services prior to the start of construction.
- c. The customer shall make arrangements with the Company for the payment of the non-premium line extension costs that exceed twenty-five hundred dollars per unit.

3. For line extensions to non-residential customers the following shall apply:

- a. The Company shall be responsible for sixty percent of the total cost of the line extension, excluding the incremental costs of premium services (the sum of the Company's cost to provide the premium installation minus the Company's cost to install, in accordance with good utility practice, a standard line extension to the project).
- b. The customer shall be responsible for forty percent of the total cost of the line extension plus the incremental costs of premium services prior to the start of construction.
- c. If a substation is required as part of the line extension project to a customer, the customer shall be given the option of building (pursuant to all applicable electrical standards), owning, and maintaining such substation.

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4. The payment for premium services and for the cost of residential construction in excess of the limits of five thousand dollars for single-family residences and twenty-five hundred dollars per unit for multifamily residences shall be considered as contribution in aid of construction (CIAC) and shall be grossed-up by the effect of applicable taxes.
5. Costs attributed to land clearance activity, trenching, and backfilling required for the installation of line extension facilities on the customer's property are the responsibility of the customer.
6. All line extensions shall be the property of and shall be operated and maintained by the Company.
7. The Company shall have the right to use any line extension in furnishing service to any applicant located adjacent to such line extension and the further right to construct other extensions from the distribution facilities so constructed.
8. Any customer who paid to the Company a CIAC, other than for premium services, may be entitled to a refund of a portion of the CIAC paid in accordance with the following:
 - a. If any new customer, within fifty months of the completion of a line extension project for which an existing customer has paid to the Company a CIAC, utilizes all or part of the facilities for which the CIAC has been paid, the existing customer who paid the CIAC may be entitled to a refund which represents a pro rata portion of the original CIAC calculated to equitably share the CIAC responsibility for those facilities used in service by both the new and original customer.
 - b. If any new additional customer, within fifty months of the completion of the line extension project for which existing customers have paid to the Company a CIAC, utilizes all or part of the facilities for which a CIAC has been paid, any existing customers who paid the CIAC may also be entitled to a refund.
 - c. Any refunds made under a. or b., above shall be after payment has been received from the new customer.

The Company recognizes and makes available the rural line extension plan specified in Chapter 4901:1-9-07 - Rules, Regulations and Practices for the construction of Electric Line Extensions in Rural Territory, of the Ohio Administrative Code as amended from time to time.

11. TEMPORARY AND SPECIAL SERVICE

The Company will supply temporary distribution service when it has available unsold capacity in its lines and transformers. Customers who have seasonal operations at permanent locations, or who have other sources of energy supply not requiring distribution service from the Company and desire distribution service for standby or breakdown purposes, must contract for permanent distribution service under an open access distribution schedule applicable to the customer's class of business and will be subject to the terms of that schedule including the minimum bill and term of contract provisions.

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The customer will purchase temporary distribution service under any schedule applicable to the customer's class of business and will, in addition, pay to the Company, in advance, the Company's estimated total cost of installing and removing its facilities necessary for the temporary service. The total cost will include all material, labor and overheads, with appropriate credits being given to salvageable material and to facilities to be used in subsequent permanent service. Charges for the following categories of temporary service are fixed as follows:

Service requiring only reading-in and reading-out an existing meter - \$57.00.

Single-phase 120/240 volt service from existing source with adequate capacity, up to 200 Ampere; \$237.00 overhead and \$134.00 underground. All others charged based on facilities installed.

The Company shall not be required to construct general distribution lines underground unless the cost of such special construction for general distribution lines and/or the cost of any change of existing overhead general distribution lines to underground which is required or specified by a municipality or other public authority (to the extent that such cost exceeds the cost of construction of the Company's standard facilities) shall be paid for by that municipality or public authority. The "cost of any change" as used herein, shall be the cost to the Company of such change. The "cost of special construction" as used herein, shall be the actual cost to the Company in excess of the cost of standard construction. When a charge is to be based on the excess cost, the Company and municipality or other public authority shall negotiate the amount thereof.

Temporary distribution service supplied for a period less than one (1) full month will be billed on the basis of a full month's schedule billing under the applicable open access distribution schedule, including the minimum charge if applicable.

12. WORK PERFORMED ON COMPANY'S FACILITIES AT CUSTOMER'S REQUEST

Whenever, at the request of a customer and solely to suit the convenience of the customer, work is performed on the Company's facilities or the Company's facilities are relocated, the customer shall pay to the Company, in advance, the estimated total cost of such work. This cost shall be itemized by major categories and shall include the Company's standard overheads and be credited with the net value of any salvageable material. The actual costs for the work performed will be determined after its completion and the appropriate additional charge or refund will be made to the customer.

13. NOMINAL VOLTAGE LEVELS

The Company has established nominal service voltages of 60 cycle alternating current of which at least one of the following characteristics shall be made available to a customer, the particular voltage and service characteristics to be at the option of the Company:

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Secondary Distribution System – nominal regulated voltages of 120, 120/208, 120/240, or 240/480 volts, single phase and 120/208, 120/240, 240, 240/480, 277/480 and 480 volts, 3 phase.

Primary Distribution System -nominal regulated voltages of 2,400, 2,400/4,160, 4,160, 7,200, 7,200/12,470, 7,620/13,200, 7,970/13,800 and 19,900/34,500 volts.

Subtransmission -nominal, unregulated voltages of 23,000, 34,500, 40,000, and 69,000 volts, 3 phase.

Transmission - nominal, unregulated voltages of 138,000, 345,000, and 765,000 volts, 3 phase.

The Company shall design and operate its system so that under normal operating conditions the voltage delivered at the customer's service entrance, for the regulated voltages listed above, is maintained within the range of plus or minus 5% of the nominal voltage. Wherever voltages shall be known to exist outside of such range, the Company will take steps to promptly initiate corrective action to restore the voltage level to within such range.

14. METER REGISTRATION AND TESTING

The Company will own, furnish, install and maintain the meter or meters unless the customer elects metering service from a qualified Meter Service Provider (MSP). The customer is required to supply, install and maintain the mounting or meter enclosures or sockets. The Company or MSP may specify whether the meter or meters are to be installed on the inside or outside the customer's premise and may change such location at its option. When an inside meter installation is made, the customer shall furnish, at the customer's sole expense, a suitable meter panel in a convenient and suitable location and so placed that the meter installation will not be more than five (5) feet nor less than three (3) feet from the floor, and pay the additional expense of providing an electronic means to obtain an automated reading. In addition, the customer may be required to install and maintain a dedicated communications line. If any location provided by the customer causes the meter to register incorrectly, the Company or MSP may require the customer to provide a new meter location acceptable to the Company and to pay the expense of relocation. All costs incident to the relocation of an outside meter made upon the customer's request, or required to be made because of customer's use of premises, shall be paid by the customer.

The authorized agents or employees of the Company shall have free access at all reasonable hours to the premises of the customer for the purpose of installing, reading, testing and removing meters or other appliances, belonging to the Company.

The Company will test its meters at its discretion or at the request of the customer. Any kilowatt-hour meter found by test to be registering within the range of plus or minus two percent (+/- 2%) will be considered as registering accurately. Any integrating block interval demand meter or thermal demand meter registering within the range of plus or minus four percent (+/- 4%) will be considered to be registering correctly. For each subsequent test conducted within thirty-six (36) months of the last previous test, if the meter is found to be registering correctly, the customer shall pay to the Company a \$64.00 fee for a single phase meter test and an \$85.00 fee for all other meter tests. The customer shall be told the amount of such charge when the customer requests the meter

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test within such thirty-six (36) month period. Such test, witnessed by the customer if so desired, will be conducted using a properly calibrated meter standard.

The Company will replace at its expense any Company-owned meter registering incorrectly and will make billing corrections in accordance with the following section for any services billed by the Company.

When service has been obtained through tampering practices, the customer will be charged a minimum fee of \$49.00 for the Company to investigate and to inspect the premises. The customer will pay additional charges for any and all costs of disconnection as well as the costs of repairing or replacing damaged equipment based on the customer's individual situation.

15. METERING AND LOAD PROFILING

All customers with maximum monthly billing demands of 200 kW or greater for the most recent twelve (12) months shall be interval metered. The customer or the customer's Competitive Retail Electric Service (CRES) Provider may request an interval meter for customers with maximum monthly billing demands less than 200 kW.

The cost of any interval metering facilities installed by the Company to comply with this requirement or as a result of such request shall be paid by the customer. The customer shall make a one-time payment for the metering facilities at the time of installation of the required facilities, or at the customer's option, up to twenty-four (24) consecutive equal monthly payments reflecting an annual interest charge as determined by the Company, but not to exceed the cost of the Company's most recent issue of long-term debt. If the customer elects the installment payment option, the Company shall require an initial payment equal to twenty-five percent (25%) of the total cost of the metering facilities.

In addition, the customer shall pay a net charge to cover the incremental cost of operation and maintenance and meter data management associated with such interval metering as follows:

Charges are for service performed on a Company installed standard interval meter. The customer is responsible for providing the telephone line and cost associated with telephone communications for purposes of reading the meter.

Service Performed During Normal Business Hours	Charge (\$)
Connect phone line to meter at a time other than the initial interval meter installation	57.00
Perform manual meter reading	43.00
Check phone line and perform manual meter reading due to communication loss	47.00
Replace surge protector	119.00
Replace interval board	121.00
Replace modem board	210.00
Replace interval and modem boards	260.00

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The customer or the customer's CRES Provider may select a meter from the Company's approved standard equipment list. If a customer selects any meter other than those shown on the approved standard list, the customer accepts responsibility for any incremental cost which the meter may require to upkeep, maintain, or replace the meter due to failure. The customer or the customer's CRES Provider may communicate with the meter for the purpose of obtaining usage data, subject to the Company's communication protocol.

A customer that is required to have interval metering must approve a work order for interval meter installation before a CRES Provider may serve such customer. During the period between when the customer has requested an interval meter and the time that the Company is able to install such a meter, a Company load profile will be used for settlement purposes and consumption meter readings will be used for billing.

All load profiling shall be performed by the Company. Sample data and customer specific interval metering, when available, will be used in the development of the total load profile for which a CRES Provider is responsible for providing generation and possibly transmission services. Such data shall be provided to the Billing Agent (BA) or other entities as required for monthly billing.

16. ADVANCED METER OPT OUT

For residential customers who elect to opt out of the installation of the Company's choice of metering equipment, either a two way communication AMI meter or one way communication AMR meter, the opt out program will work as follows.

- 1) The Company will give the customer the option to relocate the current meter location, acceptable to the Company, with the expense of such relocation to be paid by the customer. This option allows for a customer to still have an AMI or AMR meter installed, but at a location acceptable to the customer and the company.
- 2) The customer can request not to have the installation of an AMI or AMR meter and pay a monthly fee of \$24.00. This monthly fee option does not guarantee an actual meter read each month and monthly bills at times may be based on estimated usage with a true-up to actual usage upon the Company obtaining an actual meter read. However, the company will attempt to read the meter at regular monthly intervals. The monthly fee of \$24.00 will be billed monthly on the customer's bill and is considered a tariffed charge. The monthly meter reading fee will only be charged in areas where the meter reading route is designated as an AMI or AMR meter area by the company. A designated meter reading route is one in which the company has installed AMI and/or AMR meters on at least 85% of meter route designations (the 85% will be calculated without including designations for customers who opt out or have meter communication or meter access issues).
- 3) In cases where an AMI or AMR meter has already been installed (regardless of whether the meter was installed as part of a designated meter reading route), the customer will be billed a one-time charge of \$43 to remove the AMR/AMI meter and install a non-AMI or non-AMR meter. This fee will be billed separately and must be paid prior to the company scheduling the meter removal.

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Opt-out service does not guarantee that customers will retain their existing meter. The company maintains the right to replace meters for customers on opt-out service with meters that do not have one-way or two-way communications.

The company may refuse to provide advanced meter opt-out service in either of the following circumstances:

- 1) If such a service creates a safety hazard to consumers or their premises, the public, or the electric utility's personnel or facilities.
- 2) If a customer does not allow the electric utility's employees or agents access to the meter at the customer's premises.

Customers will be notified that if they are enrolled in a product or service requiring an advanced meter as a condition of enrollment that the customer must chose a different product or service prior to the installation of a non-communicating meter. This opt out provision is not available to any customer taking generation service under a time differentiated rate.

Customers who refuse both meter opt-out options and do not allow the company to access the meter for replacement are subject to disconnection.

17. USE OF ENERGY BY CUSTOMER

The schedules for open access distribution service given herein are classified by the character of use of such service and are not available for service except as provided therein.

It shall be understood that upon the expiration of a contract the customer may elect to renew the distribution service contract upon the same or another open access distribution schedule published by the Company and applicable to the customer's requirements, except that in no case shall the Company be required to maintain transmission, switching or transformation equipment (either for voltage or form of current change) different from or in addition to that generally furnished to other customers receiving distribution service under the terms of the open access distribution schedule elected by the customer.

The customer shall install only motors, apparatus, or appliances which are suitable for operation with the character of the service supplied by the Company, and which shall not be detrimental to same, and the electric power must not be used in such a manner as to cause unprovided for voltage fluctuations or disturbances in the Company's transmission or distribution system. The Company shall be the sole judge as to the suitability of apparatus or appliances, and also as to whether the operation of such apparatus or appliances is or will be detrimental to its general service.

All apparatus used by the customer shall be of such type as to secure the highest practical commercial efficiency, power factor and the proper load balancing of phases. Motors which are frequently started or motors arranged for automatic control, must be of a type to give maximum starting torque with minimum current flow, and must be of a type, and equipped with controlling devices, approved by the Company.

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The operation of certain electrical equipment can result in disturbances (e.g. voltage fluctuations, harmonics, etc.) on the transmission and distribution systems which can adversely impact the operation of equipment for other customers. Non-residential customers are expected to abide by industry standards, such as those contained in ANSI/IEEE 141, 519 and 1453, IEC 61000 or the IEEE/GE voltage flicker criteria, when operating such equipment. In accordance with the Electric Service and Safety Standards, Chapter 4901:1-10-15 (D) of the Ohio Administrative Code, the Company may refuse or disconnect service to non-residential customers for using electricity or equipment which adversely affects distribution service to other customers. Copies of the applicable criteria will be provided upon request.

The service connections, transformers, meters and appliances supplied by the Company for each customer have a definite capacity. The customer agrees to promptly notify the Company prior to any increase or decrease in the customer's connected load, or power factor which could impact the capacity requirements of the Company's local facilities. No additions to the equipment or load connected thereto shall be made until after the consent of the Company has been obtained. The customer shall notify the Company promptly of any defect in service or any trouble or accident to the electrical supply.

No attachment of any kind whatsoever may be made to the Company's lines, poles, crossarms, structures, or other facilities without the express written consent of the Company.

The Company will not supply distribution service to customers who have other cogeneration, small power production or other sources of on-site energy supply except under schedules which specifically provide for same.

The customer shall not be permitted to operate the customer's own generating equipment in parallel with the Company's service except on written permission of the Company.

18. RESALE OF ENERGY

Electric service will not be delivered to any party contracting with the Company for distribution service (hereinafter in this Section called "customer") except for use exclusively by (i) the customer at the premises specified in the service request or contract between the Company and the customer under which service is supplied and (ii) the occupants and tenants of such premises.

19. CUSTOMER'S LIABILITY

In the event the customer is unable to receive distribution service in the full amount contemplated by the customer's regular distribution service arrangements for a period in excess of fifteen (15) full days as a result of fire, riot, explosion, flood, accident, breakdown or acts of God or the public enemy, said customer shall not be liable to the Company for minimum demand or billing charges for which the customer normally would be liable pursuant to the open access distribution schedule and/or contract during the period of distribution service decrease of electricity usage, provided:

1. The customer notifies the Company in writing of the customer's inability to receive distribution service as a result of one or more of the above specified event(s); and

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2. Said notice includes (in addition to any other pertinent information):
Extent (or magnitude) of the distribution service decrease
 - a. Date of the event
 - b. Cause of the event
 - c. Probable duration of the distribution service decrease; and
3. The customer is prompt and diligent in removing the cause of the service decrease; and
4. The customer submits a report to the Company at least every thirty days following the event explaining the customer's progress toward removing the cause of the distribution service decrease; and
5. The customer pays, pursuant to the customer's open access distribution schedule and/or contract, for all distribution service rendered prior to the service decrease.

In no event, however, shall this provision affect open access distribution minimum demand or billing charges in any billing period prior to the date on which the Company receives the customer notice required above unless that notice is received within fifteen (15) days of the above specified events.

During the period that the terms of this provision shall be in effect, the customer shall pay for all distribution service received, the charges for such service being determined pursuant to the open access distribution schedule under which the customer had been served prior to the event except for the minimum demand or billing charges which were waived as a consequence of this provision. Under no circumstance shall the waiver of the minimum demand or billing charges extend beyond the time the cause of the distribution service decrease has been removed. On the date that the cause of the customer's inability to receive distribution service has been removed, billing shall resume pursuant to the customer's open access distribution schedule and/or contract.

Any contract, which has been affected by the application of this provision, shall have its term extended for a period of time equal in length to the duration of distribution service decrease.

If the event causing the distribution service decrease is of such severity that the customer decides not to continue in business at the affected location, and so notifies the Company in writing, the above provision will not be applied. Under such circumstances, the customer will pay to the Company (1) a sum equal to the value of the Company's estimated original plant in service including the cost of the transmission and distribution voltage lines and other equipment erected or reserved specifically for that customer's use, less accumulated depreciation and less the net salvage value of that equipment, or (2) any remaining demand or minimum bill charges due under the contract or any extension thereof resulting from application of this provision.

In the event of loss of or injury to the property or equipment of the Company through misuse or negligence of the customer or the customer's employees or invitees, the cost of any necessary repairs or replacement shall be repaid to the Company by the customer. The customer will be held responsible for any tampering or interfering with or breaking the seals of meters or other equipment of the Company installed on the customer's premises and will be held liable for the same according to law.

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The customer hereby agrees that no one except the employees of the Company, or the Company's agents, shall be allowed to make any internal or external adjustments of any meter or any other piece of equipment which is the property of the Company.

Customers will also be responsible for tampering with, interfering with, or breaking of seals of meters installed by an MSP or other related apparatus, regardless of ownership. No one except the employees of the Company, MSP, or their agents, shall be allowed to make any internal or external adjustments of any such meter, regardless of ownership.

At the request of any customer served on a schedule containing a separate demand charge, the Company shall provide a demand signal to the customer. The customer shall pay to the Company the cost for providing the signal. The Company shall not be liable for a loss of signal, and in such event the customer shall pay for the demand and energy as actually metered by the Company.

Suspension of service for any of the above reasons shall not terminate the contract for service. The authorized agents or employees of the Company shall have free and safe access at all reasonable hours and in emergencies to enter the premises of the customer for the purpose of installing, reading, removing, testing, replacing, or otherwise disposing of its apparatus and property, and the right of entire removal of the Company's property in the event of the termination of the contract for any cause. The customer will keep the area where the Company's apparatus and property are located free from obstruction, danger and/or safety hazards. The Company's agent will, upon request, show credentials and state the reasons for requiring access.

No responsibility of any kind shall attach to the Company for or on account of any loss, injury or damage caused by or resulting from defects in or inadequacy of the wires, switches, equipment, or appurtenances of the customer, or from the installation, maintenance or use thereof.

20. COMPANY'S LIABILITY

The Company will use reasonable diligence in delivering a regular and uninterrupted supply of energy to the customer, but does not guarantee uninterrupted service. The Company shall not be liable for damages in case such supply should be interrupted or fail by reason of an act of God, the public enemy, accidents, labor disputes, orders or acts of civil or military authority, breakdowns or injury to the machinery, transmission lines, distribution lines or other facilities of the Company, extraordinary repairs, or any act of the Company, including the interruption of service to any customer, taken to prevent or limit the extent or duration of interruption, instability or disturbance on the electric system of the Company or any electric system interconnected, directly or indirectly, with the Company's system, whenever such act is necessary or indicated in the sole judgment of the Company.

The Company shall not be liable for damages in case such service should be interrupted or by failure of the customer's CRES Provider to provide appropriate energy to the Company for delivery to the customer.

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The Company shall not be liable for any loss, injury, or damage resulting from the customer's use of the customer's equipment or occasioned by the energy furnished by the Company beyond the delivery point. Unless otherwise provided in a contract between the Company and customer, the point at which service is delivered by the Company to the customer, to be known as "delivery point", shall be the point at which the customer's facilities are connected to the Company's facilities. The metering device is the property of the Company; however, the meter base and all internal parts inside the meter base are customer owned and are the responsibility of the customer to install and maintain. The Company shall not be liable for any loss, injury, or damage caused by equipment which is not owned, installed and maintained by the Company.

The customer shall provide and maintain suitable protective devices on the customer's equipment to prevent any loss, injury, or damage that might result from single phasing conditions or any other fluctuation or irregularity in the supply of energy. The Company shall not be liable for any loss, injury, or damage resulting from a single phasing condition or any other fluctuation or irregularity in the delivery of energy which could have been prevented by the use of such protective devices. The Company shall not be liable for any damages, whether direct or consequential, including, without limitations, loss of profits, loss of revenue, or loss of production capacity occasioned by interruptions, fluctuations or irregularity in the supply of energy.

The Company is not responsible for loss or damage caused by the disconnection or reconnection of its facilities. The Company is not responsible for loss or damages caused by the theft or destruction of Company facilities by a third party.

Except as otherwise provided in this Section, the Company shall be liable to the customer for damage directly resulting from interruptions, irregularities, delays, or failures of distribution service, caused by the negligence of the Company or its employees or agents, but any such liability shall not exceed the cost of repairing, or actual cash value, whichever is less, of equipment, appliances, and perishable food stored in a customer's residence damaged as a direct result of such negligence. The customer must notify the Company of any claim based on such negligence within thirty days after the interruption, irregularity, delay or failure begins. The Company shall not be liable for consequential damages of any kind. This limitation shall not relieve the Company from liability which might otherwise be imposed by law with respect to any claims for personal injuries to the customer.

The Company will provide and maintain the necessary line or service connections, transformers (when same are required by conditions of contract between the parties thereto), and other apparatus which may be required for the protection to its service. All such apparatus shall be and remain the property of the Company and the Company shall be granted ready access to the same. The Company or MSP will provide and maintain the necessary meters and other apparatus which may be required for the proper measurement of the Company service. All such apparatus shall be and remain the property of either the Company or MSP and the Company or MSP shall be granted ready access to the same, except to read inside meters. Such access to inside meters shall be granted upon reasonable request to residential customers during regular business hours.

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Approval of the above schedule language by the Commission does not constitute a determination by the Commission that the limitation of liability imposed by the Company should be upheld in a court of law. Approval by the Commission merely recognizes that since it is a court's responsibility to adjudicate negligence and consequent damage claims, it is also the court's responsibility to determine the validity of the exculpatory clause.

21. RESIDENTIAL SERVICE

The Residential Customer is a customer whose domestic needs for distribution service are limited to their primary single family residence, single occupancy apartment and/or condominium, mobile housing unit, or any other single family residential unit. Individual residences shall be served individually under a residential open access distribution schedule. Customer may not take distribution service for two (2) or more separate residences through a single meter under any schedule, irrespective of common ownership of the several residences, except that in the case of an apartment house with a number of individual apartments the landlord shall have the choice of providing separate wiring for each apartment so that the Company may provide delivery to each apartment separately under the residential open access distribution schedule, or of purchasing the entire distribution service through a single meter under the appropriate general service open access distribution schedule.

Where a single-family house is converted to include separate living quarters or dwelling units for more than one family, or where two (2) or more families occupy a single-family house with separate cooking facilities, the owner may, instead of providing separate wiring for each dwelling unit, take service through a single meter under the residential open access distribution schedule. In such case, there will be a single customer charge, but the quantity of kilowatt-hours in each block will be multiplied by the number of dwelling units or families occupying the building.

The residential open access distribution schedule shall cease to apply to that portion of a residence which becomes primarily used for business, professional, institutional or gainful purposes. Under these circumstances, the customer shall have the choice: (1) of separating the wiring so that the residential portion of the premises is served through a separate meter under the residential open access distribution schedule and the other uses as enumerated above are served through a separate meter or meters under the appropriate general service open access distribution schedule; or (2) of taking the entire service under the appropriate general service open access distribution schedule. Motors of ten (10) HP or less may be served under the appropriate residential open access distribution schedule. Larger motors may be served where, in the Company's sole judgment, the existing facilities of the Company are adequate.

Detached building or buildings, actually appurtenant to the residence, such as a garage, stable or barn, may be served by an extension of the customer's residence wiring through the residence meter provided no business activities are transacted in the detached buildings.

In the event a detached garage or other facility on a residential customer's property is separately served and metered, such facility shall be metered and billed according to the appropriate general service open access distribution schedule.

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The Company's rules for the establishment of credit for residential utility service is governed by Chapter 4901:1-10-14 of the Ohio Administrative Code, and the Company's disconnect and reconnect procedures for residential customers is governed by Chapter 4901:1-18 of the Ohio Administrative Code.

22. DEPOSITS

Security for the payment of bills for distribution service will be governed, as specified in Chapter 4901:1-10-14 of the Ohio Administrative Code, which is herein incorporated by reference as it is from time to time amended.

The Company will be entitled to pursue adequate assurance of payment for distribution service if a customer files for protection under provisions of the United States Bankruptcy Code.

The Company may require a deposit by the customer not exceeding the amount of the estimated monthly average cost of the annual consumption by such customer plus thirty percent. The Company will pay interest on deposits, at a rate of not less than three percent per annum, so made in accordance with legal requirements, provided such deposit be left with the Company for at least six (6) consecutive months. Retention by the Company, prior to final settlement, of any deposit or guarantee is not a payment or part payment of any bill for service.

23. BILLING AND BILLS PAYABLE

The customer will be held responsible for all charges for distribution service. Bills for distribution service will be rendered by the Company to the customer approximately thirty (30) days apart in accordance with the open access distribution schedule applicable to the customer's distribution service with the following exception:

Year-round residential and not-for-profit open access distribution general service schedule customers shall have the option of paying bills for distribution service under the Company's equal payment plan (Budget Plan), whereby the cost of distribution service for the succeeding 12-month period is estimated in advance, and bills are rendered monthly on the basis of one-twelfth of the 12-month estimate. The Company may at any time during the 12-month period adjust the estimate so made, and the bills rendered in accordance with such estimate, to conform more nearly with the actual use of service being experienced. The normal equal payment period will be twelve (12) months, commencing in any month selected by the Company, but in those cases where billing is commenced during a month which leaves less than twelve (12) months until the beginning of the next normal equal payment period to which the customer is assigned, payments shall be calculated on the basis of the months in such period.

In case the actual distribution charges during any equal payment period exceed the bills as rendered on the equal payment plan, the amount of such excess shall be paid on or before the due date of the bill covering the last month of the equal payment period in which such excess appears, or such excess may be added to the estimated use for the next normal equal payment period of twelve (12) months, and shall be payable in equal monthly payments over such period, except that if the customer discontinues service with the Company under the equal payment plan, any such excess not yet paid shall become payable immediately. In case the actual distribution charges during the equal payment period are less than the amount paid under the equal payment plan during such period, the

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amount of such overpayment shall, at the option of the Company, either be refunded to the customer or credited on the customer's last bill for the period.

If a customer fails to pay bills as rendered on the equal payment plan, the Company shall have the right to withdraw the plan with respect to such customer and to restore the customer to billing as provided for in the applicable open access distribution schedules, in addition to any other rights which the Company may have under such schedules and terms and conditions of service in case of arrearage in payment of bills.

The customer will be held responsible for all charges for electric energy delivered at the customer's premises. Bills will be rendered for each month's use by the Company to the customer. All bills from the Company are due and payable in full by mail, checkless payment plan, electronic payment plan, or at an authorized payment agent of the Company within the time limits specified in the schedule. For the purpose of this section, the United States Postal Service is not an authorized payment agent, and payments received through the Postal Service are considered paid when received at the Company's business offices. Failure to receive a bill will not entitle the customer to any discount or to the remission of any charge for nonpayment within the time specified. For purposes of this Section, the word "month" as used herein and in the open access distribution schedules is hereby defined to be the elapsed time between two successive meter readings approximately thirty (30) days apart.

If the customer fails to pay in full any final bill for distribution service rendered and said customer receives like service at another location, the Company may transfer the unpaid balance of the final bill to the customer's like service account for any such other location. Like service refers to an end use within the following broad categories: residential, commercial, or industrial. Such amount shall be designated as a past-due amount on the account at such location and subject to collection and disconnection action in accordance with Chapter 4901:1-18 of the Ohio Administrative Code and the Company's filed tariffs, terms and conditions of service, provided that such transfer of a final bill shall not be used to disconnect service to a residential customer who is not responsible for such bill.

If the amount of energy consumed is not properly registered by a meter for any reason, or is not properly charged to the customer's account, the entity providing billing services, either the Company or a BA, will, for the period of time that incorrect billings can be established, adjust the meter readings and billings to reflect all available information concerning the actual use by the customer. Any resulting overpayment will be paid or credited to the customer by the appropriate billing entity. Unless the customer and the Company agree otherwise, the Company will bill non-residential accounts any undercharged amount in compliance with Chapter 4901: 1-10 of the Ohio Administrative Code, as amended from time to time. The Company shall bill uncharged amounts for residential customers in compliance with section 4933.28 of the Revised Code, as amended from time to time. Should the amount of the adjustment for distribution charges be under dispute, the Company will continue to supply distribution service and the customer shall continue to pay the amounts billed until a final determination is made.

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A customer shall be charged \$9.00 for any dishonored check received in payment for a bill rendered by the Company, unless the customer shows that the bank was in error.

At the Company's discretion, any customer receiving Company consolidated billing with a CRES Provider billing arrearage of more than 60 days may be switched back to the Company's Standard Offer Service and will not be permitted to select a new CRES Provider until the arrearage is paid.

24. CHANGE OF ADDRESS BY CUSTOMER

It is the responsibility of an existing customer to notify the Company when distribution service is to be discontinued, and to provide a mailing address for the final bill.

When the Company receives notice from an existing customer that distribution service is to be discontinued, or from a prospective customer that an existing distribution service is to be transferred into the prospective customer's name, the Company will, within three (3) business days, determine the meter reading for the final distribution bill to the existing customer. Such determination shall be made either by estimation or, upon customer request, by an actual meter reading. The existing customer will be responsible for all service supplied to the premises until such meter reading and discontinuance or transfer is made. Transfer of service to a qualified prospective customer will not be delayed or denied because of nonpayment of the final distribution bill by the former customer, unless the former customer continues to be a consumer of electric service at that premise.

25. DENIAL OR DISCONTINUATION OF SERVICE

The Company reserves the right to refuse any applicant for service if the applicant is indebted to the Company for any service theretofore rendered at any location, provided the Company shall advise applicant to such effect, and provided that indebtedness for one (1) class of service shall not cause the refusal of service to a different class of service. The Company reserves the right to discontinue service to any customer without notice for safety reasons, and with notice as required by Rule 4901:1-10-20 of the O.A.C., for fraud against the company. Service will not be restored until the customer has given satisfactory assurance that such fraudulent or damaging practice will be discontinued and has paid to the Company an amount estimated by the Company to be reasonable compensation for services fraudulently obtained and for any damage to property of the Company.

Subject to the further provisions for residential customers contained in Chapter 4901:1-18 of the Ohio Administrative Code which is herein incorporated by reference as it is from time to time amended, and in accordance with the provision for non-residential customers contained in Chapter 4901:1-10-17, the Company also reserves the right after at least five (5) days notice in writing to discontinue to serve any customer (1) who is indebted to the Company for any service theretofore rendered at any location (on other than equal payment plan accounts having a credit balance), and provided that indebtedness for one (1) class of service shall not cause the disconnection of service to a different class of service (2) for failure to provide and maintain adequate security for the payment of bills as requested by the Company, or (3) for failure to comply with these Terms and Conditions. Any discontinuance of service shall not terminate the contract between the Company and the customer nor shall it abrogate any minimum charge which may be effective.

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When a Company employee is dispatched to a customer's premises for the purpose of performing disconnection activities due to the customer's delinquency, the customer will be charged a collection trip charge of \$16.00 if the disconnection activity is not performed as the result of extenuating circumstances.

The Company will bill only "one (1)" trip charge per month to comply with Rule 4901:1-18-07 (C) of the O.A.C.

If a customer has been disconnected, upon payment or proof of payment of the delinquent amount plus a reconnection fee as specified below, which represents the cost to the Company of disconnecting and reconnecting a customer during the Company's normal working hours, the Company will reconnect the electric service on this same day, if such payment or proof of payment is made at the Company's authorized payment agent by 12:30 p.m., and otherwise as soon as possible but not later than the close of the Company's next regular working day. When such payment is made after 12:30 p.m. and the Company's employees cannot reconnect the service prior to the end of their normal workday, and the customer prefers to be reconnected prior to the beginning of the next regular workday, the disconnection and reconnection charge payable prior to reconnection will be the overtime rate specified below, an amount which recognizes the Company's average additional cost of reconnecting a customer outside of normal working hours. No reconnect for nonpayment will be made after 9:00 PM from April 15 through October 31 or after 7:00 PM November 1 through April 14.

Reconnection Service Charges

When service has been terminated for nonpayment, the following charges shall apply for reconnection of service.

During Normal Business Hours

Reconnect at Meter	\$53.00
Reconnect at Pole	\$154.00
Install Locking Device and Reconnect	\$73.00

Other Than Normal Business Hours Off-Shift Sunday or Holiday

Reconnect at Meter	\$98.00	\$119.00
Reconnect at Pole	\$192.00	\$221.00

When service has been terminated at the pole, per the customer's request, for non-credit related reasons, the customer will be assessed a \$153.00 disconnection/reconnection charge for the subsequent reconnection at the same location.

26. DISCONNECT PROVISIONS – NON-RESIDENTIAL

The company may refuse or disconnect service to non-residential customers for any of the following reasons:

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- (A) When the customer violates or fails to comply with the contract or tariff's;
- (B) When service to a customer or consumer violates any law of this state or any political subdivision thereof, or any federal law or regulation;
- (C) When a customer or consumer tampers with company property or engages in a fraudulent practice to obtain service, as set forth in rule 4901:1-10-20 of the Ohio Administrative Code;
- (D) For using electricity or equipment which adversely affects service to other customers or consumers, e.g., voltage fluctuations, power surges, and interruptions of service;
- (E) When a safety hazard to consumers or their premises, the public, or to the Company personnel or facilities exists;
- (F) When the customer, landlord of the tenant/customer, or tenant leasing the landlord/customer's premises refuses access to Company's facilities or equipment on the customer's property or property leased by the customer;
- (G) For nonpayment of bills and any tariff charges, including security deposits and amounts not in bona fide dispute. Where the customer has registered a complaint with the Commission's public interest center or filed a formal complaint with the Commission which reasonably asserts a bona fide dispute, the Company shall not disconnect service if the customer pays either the undisputed portion of the bill or the amount paid for the same billing period in the previous year;
- (H) When the customer vacates the premises;
- (I) For repairs, provided that the Company has notified consumers prior to scheduled maintenance interruptions in excess of six hours;
- (J) Upon the customer's request;
- (K) A former customer, whose account with that is in arrears for service furnished at the premises, resides at, or has requested service for, such premises;
- (L) When an emergency may threaten the health or safety of a person, a surrounding area, or the operation of the Company's electrical system; and
- (M) For other good cause shown.

Suspension of service for any of the above reasons shall not terminate the contract for service. The authorized agents or employees of the Company shall have free access at all reasonable hours to the premises of the customer for purposes of disconnecting and reconnecting service.

27. CHANGING COMPETITIVE SERVICE PROVIDERS

Standard Offer Service will be provided under the Company's standard schedules.

Customers may change Competitive Service Providers (CSPs) no more than once during any month subject to the provisions below.

Requests to change a customer's Competitive Retail Electric Service (CRES) Provider must be received by the Company from the new CRES Provider. If the Company receives such a request to change a customer's CRES Provider, the customer shall be notified by the Company concerning the requested change within two business days. If the customer challenges the requested change, the change will not be initiated.

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Residential and General Service—1 customers have seven (7) days from the postmark date on the notice to contact the Company to rescind the enrollment request or notify the Company that the change of CRES Provider was not requested by the customer. General Service—2, 3, and 4 customers must contact the CRES Provider directly to stop the switch. Within two business days after receiving a customer request to rescind enrollment with a CRES Provider, the Company shall initiate such rescission and mail the customer confirmation that such action has been taken.

Any request for initial service under the Company's open access distribution schedules or subsequent changes to a customer's MSP, MDMA and/or BA must be provided by the CRES Provider that provides energy services to the customer and arranges for such MSP, MDMA and/or BA services on behalf of the customer. The CRES Provider must obtain, and maintain documentation of, authorization from the customer for any changes in MSP, MDMA and/or BA.

The customer shall pay a charge of \$10.00 to the Company for each transaction in which a customer authorizes a change in one or more CSPs. However, this switching charge shall not apply in the following specific circumstances: (a) the customer's initial change to service under the Company's open access distribution schedules and service from an CRES Provider, (b) the customer's CRES Provider is changed involuntarily, (c) the customer returns to service from the customer's former CRES Provider following an involuntary change in CRES Provider, or (d) the customer's former CRES Provider's services have been permanently terminated and the customer must choose another CRES Provider. This charge shall be reduced to \$5.00 after December 31, 2013 and will be billable to either the customer or the CRES Provider.

In the event that a CSP's services are permanently terminated, and the CSP has not provided for service to the effected customers, the CSP shall send timely notification to the Company and the effected customers regarding the termination of such services. Such notification shall describe the process for selecting a new CSP and note that service will be provided by the Company under the Company's Standard Offer Service if a new CSP is not selected.

A customer's return to the Company's Standard Offer Service may be a result of customer choice, CRES Provider default, termination of a CRES Provider contract, opt out or termination of a governmental aggregation program, or CRES Provider withdrawal. A customer will be returned to Standard Offer Service only after the customer fails to choose an alternative CRES Provider.

A customer may contact the Company and request to return to the Company's Standard Offer Service. The return to Standard Offer Service shall be conducted under the same terms and conditions applicable to an enrollment with a CRES Provider. The customer will have a seven (7) calendar day rescission period after requesting the Company's Standard Offer Service.

Provided the customer has observed the applicable notification requirements and the Company has effectuated the request to return to Standard Offer Service at least twelve (12) calendar days prior to the next regularly scheduled meter reading date, the customer will be returned to Standard Offer Service on the next regularly scheduled meter reading date.

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28. CUSTOMER CHOICE OF COMPETITIVE SERVICE PROVIDER

Customers may elect energy services from a qualified CRES Provider, metering services from a qualified Meter Service Provider (MSP), meter data management services from a qualified Meter Data Management Agent (MDMA) and/or billing services from a qualified Billing Agent (BA). Any MSP, MDMA and/or BA services provided to the customer must be arranged through the CRES Provider who provides energy services to the customer.

Qualifications and other eligibility criteria for such entities are specified in the Supplier Terms and Conditions of Service. CRES Providers, MSPs, MDMA and BAs are also subject to the rules and certification criteria established by the Commission for such entities as also incorporated in the Supplier Terms and Conditions of Service. CRES Providers, MSPs, MDMA and BAs are collectively referred to as Competitive Service Providers (CSPs).

Any customer who desires service from a CSP must first contract with a CRES Provider who will arrange for the provision of such services. The CRES Provider shall then notify the Company at least twelve (12) calendar days prior to the customer's regularly scheduled meter reading date after which the customer will receive service from the CSP. All changes in CRES Providers shall occur at the end of the customer's regularly scheduled meter reading date. Any request to change a customer's CRES Provider received after twelve (12) calendar days prior to the customer's regularly scheduled meter reading date shall become effective the subsequent billing month.

A customer is not permitted to have partial Competitive Retail Electric Service. The CRES Provider(s) shall be responsible for providing the total energy consumed by the customer during any given billing month.

Upon request, customers will be sent an information package containing a summary of the Customer Choice program and a current list of CRES Providers.

The list of CRES Providers will be provided to any customer upon request, all new customers, any customer who is dropped for nonpayment by a CRES Provider, and any customer who returns to the Company's Standard Offer Service due to default by a CRES Provider.

The list of CRES Providers will be posted on the Company's website. The list of CRES Providers will contain the names of those CRES Providers currently registered to enroll and actively seeking residential customers in the Company's service territory.

The Company will offer to CRES Providers the Pre-Enrollment Customer Information List with updates available quarterly. Customers have the option to remove all of their information (including name, address and historical usage data) from the Customer Information List. Customers may also reinstate their information to the Customer Information List. Customers will be notified of such options quarterly.

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29. LOSSES

Either the CRES Provider or the Transmission Provider may provide both transmission and distribution losses as required to serve customers at various delivery voltages. If a CRES Provider arranges to provide transmission losses under the provisions of the applicable Open Access Transmission Tariff, then the CRES Provider must also arrange for the appropriate distribution losses. Customers served at transmission and subtransmission voltages require no additional losses other than the losses specified in the applicable Open Access Transmission Tariff. Customers served at primary distribution voltage require 2.0% additional average losses of amounts received by the Company for delivery to the customer. Customers served at secondary distribution voltage require 5.4% additional average losses of amounts received by the Company for delivery to the customer.

30. TRANSMISSION SERVICE

Transmission service shall be made available under the terms and conditions contained within the applicable Open Access Transmission Tariff as filed with and accepted by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. CRES Providers may contract with the Transmission Provider for transmission service under the applicable Open Access Transmission Tariff. The Transmission Provider is the applicable regional transmission entity. PJM Interconnection LLC is currently the applicable regional transmission entity. All CRES Providers must complete all required actions relative to membership with the Transmission Provider and be authorized by the Transmission Provider to transact business with regard to transmission service. The contracting entity or its designee is responsible for scheduling under the tariff. Unless other arrangements have been made, the scheduling entity will be billed by the Transmission Provider for transmission services.

The contracting entity must also purchase or provide ancillary services as specified under the applicable Open Access Transmission Tariff.

Billing and payment shall be performed as specified in the applicable Open Access Transmission Tariff.

Provisions for scheduling and imbalance are contained within the applicable Open Access Transmission Tariff.

The Company will bill all customers for the following transmission services:

PJM LINE	CHARGES / CREDITS
1100	Network Integration Transmission Service
1108	Transmission Enhancement
1320	Transmission Owner Scheduling, System Control and Dispatch Service
1330	Reactive Supply and Voltage Control from Generation and Other Sources Service
1450	Load Reconciliation for Transmission Owner Scheduling, System Control and Dispatch Service
1930	Generation Deactivation
2130	Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service
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All CRES Providers shall execute a PJM Declaration of Authority to allow charges and credits for the above transmission services to be assigned to the Company. All other transmission service charges and credits shall be the responsibility of the CRES Provider.

31. MINIMUM STAY REQUIREMENTS

Large commercial and industrial customers returning to Standard Offer Service must remain on Standard Offer Service for a period of not less than twelve (12) consecutive months. This requirement shall not apply after December 31, 2013.

Customers served under residential and small commercial (GS-1) rate schedules returning to the Company's Standard Offer Service must remain on the Company's Standard Offer Service through April 15 of the following year if that customer received the Company's Standard Offer Service at any time during the period from May 16 to September 15. This requirement shall not apply after December 31, 2013.

A customer returning to the Company's Standard Offer Service as a result of opting out of a governmental aggregation program or as a result of a CRES Provider default as described in Sections 4928.20(D) and 4928.35(D), Ohio Revised Code, will not be subject to the above minimum stay requirements.

Customers of a governmental aggregation where the legislative authority that formed such governmental aggregation has filed written notice with the Commission pursuant to Section 4928.20 (J), Ohio Revised Code, that it has elected not to receive default service from the Company at standard service offer rates may not return to the Company's standard service offer. Such customers shall pay for service at the prevailing market price of power plus costs of the Company's compliance with the alternative energy resource provisions of section 4928.64, Ohio Revised Code.

Any residential or small commercial customer returning to the Company's Standard Offer Service and subject to the minimum stay provision will be given appropriate notice by the Company. The customer will be given at least 14 days notice that the customer will be returned to the Company's Standard Offer Service subject to the minimum stay period provision above if the customer fails to choose another alternative.

Such notice will clearly specify (1) the date by which the customer must choose another CRES Provider or alternative and that the customer will return to the Company's Standard Offer Service if the customer fails to make such choice; (2) the minimum stay period during which the customer will be ineligible to choose another CRES Provider; and (3) any alternatives available to the customer to avoid the minimum stay period.

32. SUPPLIER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE

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2. APPLICATION

These Supplier Terms and Conditions of Service apply to any person, firm, copartnership, voluntary association, joint-stock association, company or corporation, wherever organized or incorporated, that is engaged in the business of supplying electricity to customers that take distribution service from the Company. These Supplier Terms and Conditions of Service also apply to any such entity that is engaged in the business of providing metering, meter data management and billing services to customers that take distribution service from the Company.

A copy of the Supplier Terms and Conditions of Service under which service is to be rendered will be furnished upon request.

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3. CUSTOMER CHOICE OF COMPETITIVE SERVICE PROVIDER

Customers taking service under the Company's Terms and Conditions of Open Access Distribution Service may elect energy services from a qualified CRES Provider, metering services from a qualified Meter Service Provider (MSP), meter data management services from a qualified Meter Data Management Agent (MDMA) and/or billing services from a qualified Billing Agent (BA). Any MSP, MDMA and/or BA services provided to the customer must be arranged through the CRES Provider who provides energy services to the customer.

Qualifications and other eligibility criteria for such entities are specified herein. CRES Providers, MSPs, MDMA and BAs are also subject to the rules and certification criteria established by the Commission for such entities as incorporated herein. CRES Providers, MSPs, MDMA and BAs are collectively referred to as Competitive Service Providers (CSPs).

Any customer who desires service from a CSP must first contract with a CRES Provider who will arrange for the provision of such services. The CRES Provider shall then notify the Company at least twelve (12) calendar days prior to the customer's regularly scheduled meter reading date after which the customer will receive service from the CSP. All changes in CRES Provider shall occur at the end of the customer's regularly scheduled meter reading date. Any request to change a customer's CRES Provider received after twelve (12) calendar days prior to the customer's regularly scheduled meter reading date shall become effective the subsequent billing month.

Upon request, customers will be sent an information package containing a summary of the Customer Choice program and a current list of CRES Providers.

The list of CRES Providers will be provided to any customer upon request, all new customers, any customer who is dropped for nonpayment by a CRES Provider, and any customer who returns to the Company's Standard Offer Service due to default by a CRES Provider.

The list of CRES Providers will be posted on the Company's website. The list of CRES Providers will contain the names of those CRES Providers currently registered to enroll and actively seeking residential customers in the Company's service territory.

4. CHANGING COMPETITIVE SERVICE PROVIDERS

Standard Offer Service will be provided under the Company's standard schedules.

Customers may change CSPs no more than once during any month subject to the provisions below.

Requests to change a customer's CRES Provider must be received by the Company from the new CRES Provider. If the Company receives such a request to change a customer's CRES Provider, the customer shall be notified by the Company concerning the requested change within two business days. If the customer challenges the requested change, the change will not be initiated. Residential and General Service-1 customers have seven (7) days from the postmark date on the notice to contact the Company to rescind the enrollment request or notify the Company that the change of CRES Provider was not requested by the customer. General Service-2, 3, and 4 customers must contact the CRES Provider directly to stop the switch. Within two business days

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after receiving a customer request to rescind enrollment with a CRES Provider, the Company shall initiate such rescission and mail the customer confirmation that such action has been taken.

Any request for initial service for a customer under the Company's open access distribution schedules or subsequent changes to a customer's MSP, MDMA and/or BA must be provided by the CRES Provider that provides energy services to the customer and arranges for such MSP, MDMA and/or BA services on behalf of the customer. The CRES Provider must obtain, and maintain documentation of, authorization from the customer for any changes in MSP, MDMA and/or BA.

The customer shall pay a charge of \$10.00 to the Company for each transaction in which a customer authorizes a change in one or more CSPs. However, this switching charge shall not apply in the following specific circumstances: (a) the customer's initial change to service under the Company's open access distribution schedules and service from a CRES Provider, (b) the customer's CRES Provider is changed involuntarily, (c) the customer returns to service from the customer's former CRES Provider following an involuntary change in CRES Provider, or (d) the customer's former CRES Provider's services have been permanently terminated and the customer must choose another CRES Provider.

In the event that a CSP's services are permanently terminated, and the CSP has not provided for service to the effected customers, the CSP shall send timely notification to the Company and the effected customers regarding the termination of such services. Such notification shall describe the process for selecting a new CSP and note that service will be provided by the Company under the Company's Standard Offer Service if a new CSP is not selected.

A customer's return to the Company's Standard Offer Service may be a result of customer choice, CRES Provider default, termination of a CRES Provider contract, opt out or termination of a governmental aggregation program, or CRES Provider withdrawal. A customer will be returned to Standard Offer Service only after the customer fails to choose an alternative CRES Provider.

A customer may contact the Company and request to return to the Company's Standard Offer Service. The return to Standard Offer Service or the applicable Market Based Service schedule shall be conducted under the same terms and conditions applicable to an enrollment with a CRES Provider. The customer will have a seven (7) calendar day rescission period after requesting the Company's Standard Offer Service. Provided the customer has observed the applicable notification requirements and the Company has effectuated the request to return to Standard Offer Service at least twelve (12) calendar days prior to the next regularly scheduled meter reading date, the customer will be returned to Standard Offer Service on the next regularly scheduled meter reading date.

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6. GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR COMPETITIVE SERVICE PROVIDERS

A CSP must comply with all rules and requirements established by the Commission pertaining, but not limited to, general business practices, information disclosure, customer contract rescission, dispute resolution, customer authorization for switching suppliers, termination of customer contracts, information exchange and supply obligations. A CSP must also agree to comply with all applicable provisions of the Company's open access distribution service schedules, Supplier Terms and Conditions of Service, Terms and Conditions of Open Access Distribution Service, and the applicable Open Access Transmission Tariff. A CSP must also comply with the National Electrical Safety Code if applicable to the service provided by the CSP.

A customer is not permitted to have partial Competitive Retail Electric Service. The CRES Provider(s) shall be responsible for providing the total energy consumed by the customer during any given billing month.

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8. SUPPLIER CERTIFICATION WITH THE COMMISSION

Suppliers desiring to become CRES Providers must first be certified by the Commission and shall be subject to any certification criteria adopted by the Commission according to Section 4928.08, Ohio Revised Code.

9. CRES PROVIDER REGISTRATION WITH THE COMPANY

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CRS Providers desiring to provide Competitive Retail Electric Service to customers located within the Company's Service Territory must also register with the Company. The following information must be provided in order to register with the Company:

- a. Proof of certification by the Commission, including any information provided to the Commission as part of the certification process. The registration process may be initiated upon receipt by the Company of an application for certification by the Commission. However, the Company will not complete the registration process until proof of certification by the Commission has been provided.
- b. A completed copy of the Company's CRES Provider Registration Application, along with a non-refundable \$100.00 registration fee payable to the Company.
- c. After the first year, a \$100.00 annual registration fee payable to the Company.
- d. An appropriate financial instrument to be held by the Company against CRES Provider defaults and a description of the CRES Provider's plan to procure sufficient electric energy and transmission services to meet the requirements of its firm service customers.
- e. The name of the CRES Provider, business and mailing addresses, and the names, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses of appropriate contact persons, including the 24-hour emergency contact telephone number and emergency contact person(s).
- f. Details of the CRES Provider's dispute resolution process for customer complaints.
- g. A signed statement by the officer(s) of the CRES Provider committing it to adhere to the Company's Open Access Distribution Schedules, Terms and Conditions of Open Access Distribution Service, Supplier Terms and Conditions of Service and any additional requirements stated in any agreement between the CRES Provider and the Company regarding services provided by either party.
- h. An Executed EDI Trading Partner Agreement and completion of EDI testing for applicable transaction sets necessary to commence service.
- i. The Company shall approve or disapprove the CRES Provider's registration within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt of complete registration information from the CRES Provider. The thirty (30) day time period may be extended for up to thirty (30) days for good cause shown, or until such other time as is mutually agreed to by the CRES Provider and the Company.

The Company will notify the CRES Provider of incomplete registration information within ten (10) calendar days of receipt. The notice to the CRES Provider shall include a description of the missing or incomplete information.

Alternative dispute resolution under the provisions of Chapter 4901:1-26 of the Ohio Administrative Code shall be available to CRES Providers and the Company to address disputes and differences between the parties.

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10. CRES PROVIDER CREDIT REQUIREMENTS

The Company will apply, on a non-discriminatory and consistent basis, reasonable financial standards to assess and examine a CRES Provider's creditworthiness. These standards will take into consideration the scope of operations of each CRES Provider and the level of risk to the Company. This determination will be aided by appropriate data concerning the CRES Provider, including load data or reasonable estimates thereof, where applicable.

In considering a CRES Provider's creditworthiness, the Company will review whether the CRES Provider has, and maintains, stable, or better, investment grade senior unsecured (un-enhanced) long-term debt ratings from any two of the following three rating agencies:

AGENCY	SENIOR UNSECURED LONG-TERM DEBT RATINGS
Standard & Poor's	BBB- or higher
Moody's Investors' Services	Baa3 or higher
Fitch	BBB- or higher

The CRES Provider also will provide the Company, for its creditworthiness determination, with its or its parent's most recent independently-audited financial statements, or Form 10K (if applicable), for the last three fiscal years, and its or its parent's most recent quarterly unaudited financial statements or Form 10-Q (if applicable).

The Company shall make reasonable alternative credit arrangements with a CRES Provider that is unable to establish its creditworthiness or with those CRES Providers whose credit requirements exceed their allowed unsecured credit limit. The CRES Provider may choose from any of the following credit arrangements, which must be in an acceptable format and from an acceptable issuer to the Company: a guarantee of payment; an irrevocable Letter of Credit; a Prepayment Account established with the Company; a Surety Bond, including the Company as a beneficiary; or other mutually agreeable security or arrangement. The alternate credit arrangements may be provided by a party other than the CRES Provider, including one or more ultimate customers. The fact that a guarantee of payment, irrevocable Letter of Credit, Prepayment Account, or Surety Bond is provided by a party other than the CRES Provider shall not be a factor in the determination of the reasonableness of any alternative credit arrangement, as long as such party and the related credit arrangements meet the Company's standard credit requirements. The amount of the security required must be and remain commensurate with the financial risks placed on the Company by that CRES Provider, including recognition of that CRES Provider's performance.

The Company will make available its credit requirements upon request. A CRES Provider may appeal the Company's determination of credit requirements to the Commission or seek Staff mediation as to any dispute.

11. CUSTOMER ENROLLMENT PROCESS

a. Pre-Enrollment Customer Information List

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Upon request, the Company will electronically provide to any CRES Provider certified by the Commission the most recent Customer Information List. The Company may request the CRES Provider to pay \$150.00 per list provided.

The Company will offer the Customer Information List with updates available quarterly. Once the list has been updated, a CRES Provider may not use a Customer Information List from a prior quarter to contact customers, but CRES Providers shall not be required to purchase subsequent lists.

The Company will provide customers the option to have all the customer's information listed in the section below removed from the Customer Information List. At the same time, the Company will also provide customers with the option to have all information listed below reinstated on the Customer Information List. Customers will be notified of such options quarterly.

The following information will be provided on the Customer Information List for each customer who has not requested that all information be removed from this list:

Customer name
Service address
Service city
Service state and zip code
Mailing address
Mailing city
Mailing state and zip code
Rate schedule under which service
is rendered
Rider (if applicable)
Load profile reference category
Meter type (if readily available)
Interval meter data indicator (if readily
available)
Budget bill / PIPP indicator
Meter reading cycle
Most recent twelve (12) months of
historical consumption data (actual energy
usage and demand, Peak Load Contribution
and Network Service Peak Load, if available)

The Company will provide the Customer Information List by either a compact disc or on a designated website. The information will be prepared and distributed in a uniform and useable format that allows for data sorting. Customers participating in the percentage of income payment plan (PIPP) program will be coordinated exclusively through the PIPP program administered by the Ohio Department of Development.

b. CRES Provider Requests for Customer Information

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CRES Providers certified by the Commission may request historical interval meter data through a Direct Access Service Request (DASR) after receiving the appropriate customer authorization. The interval meter data will be transferred in a standardized electronic transaction. The CRES Provider will be responsible for the incremental costs incurred to prepare and send such data.

c. Direct Access Service Requests

Enrollment of a customer is done through a DASR, which may be submitted only by a CRES Provider.

DASRs will be effective at the end of the customer's next regularly scheduled meter reading date provided that the DASR is received by the Company at least twelve (12) calendar days before the next meter reading date.

All DASRs will be submitted to the Company no more than thirty (30) calendar days prior to the scheduled meter reading date when the CRES Provider desires the switch to occur, unless otherwise agreed upon by the parties. The Company will process all valid DASRs and send the confirmation notice to the customer within two business days. Simultaneous with the sending of the confirmation notice to the customer, the Company will electronically advise the CRES Provider of acceptance. Notice of rejection of the DASR to the CRES Provider shall be sent within one business day, if possible, but in no event later than four (4) calendar days, and include the reasons for the rejection. The customer has seven (7) calendar days from the confirmation notice to cancel the contract without penalty. If the customer cancels the contract, the Company shall send a drop notice to the CRES Provider and the previous CRES Provider will continue to serve the customer under the terms and conditions in effect prior to submission of the new DASR.

DASRs will be processed on a "first in" priority basis based on the received date, and using contract date as the tie-breaker. Any subsequent DASRs received within the same billing cycle will be rejected and returned to the CRES Provider who submitted the DASR.

To receive service from a CRES Provider, a customer must have an active service account with the Company. After the service account is active, a CRES Provider may submit a DASR as described herein.

d. Government Aggregation Customer Information List

Upon request, the Company will provide to any governmental aggregator certified by the Commission a Government Aggregation Customer Information List. The Company will provide the Government Aggregation Customer Information List by compact disc. The information will be prepared and distributed in a uniform and useable format that allows for data sorting. The governmental aggregator will pay the Company \$500.00 per list provided.

The list will include information for all customers residing within the governmental aggregator's boundaries based upon the Company's records, including an identification of customers who are currently in contract with a CRES provider or in a special contract with the Company. The list will also include those customers that elect to have their information removed from the Pre-Enrollment Customer Information List. The Company cannot guarantee that the list will include all of the customers residing within the aggregator's boundaries, nor can the Company guarantee that all

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the customers shown on the list reside within the aggregator's boundaries. In addition to all information included on the Pre-Enrollment Customer Information List, the Government Aggregation Customer Information List shall also include the customer's Service Delivery Identifier (SDI).

12. CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION

All confidential or proprietary information made available by one party to the other in connection with the registration of a CRES Provider with the Company and/or the subsequent provision and receipt of service under these Supplier Terms and Conditions of Service, including but not limited to load data, and information regarding the business processes of a party and the computer and communication systems owned or leased by a party, shall be used only for purposes of registration with the Company, receiving or providing service under these Supplier Terms and Conditions of Service and/or providing Competitive Retail Electric Service to customers in the Company's service territory. Other than disclosures to representatives of the Company or the CRES Provider for the purposes of enabling that party to fulfill its obligations under these Supplier Terms and Conditions of Service or for the CRES Provider to provide Competitive Retail Electric Service to customers in the Company's service territory, a party may not disclose confidential or proprietary information without the prior authorization and/or consent of the other party.

The CRES Provider shall keep all customer-specific information supplied by the Company confidential unless the CRES Provider has the customer's written authorization to do otherwise.

13. LOSSES

Either the CRES Provider or the Transmission Provider may provide both transmission and distribution losses as required to serve customers at various delivery voltages. If a CRES Provider arranges to provide transmission losses under the provisions of the applicable Open Access Transmission Tariff, then the CRES Provider must also arrange for the appropriate distribution losses. Customers served at transmission and subtransmission voltages require no additional losses other than the losses specified in the applicable Open Access Transmission Tariff. Customers served at primary distribution voltage require 2.0% additional average losses of amounts received by the Company for delivery to the customer. Customers served at secondary distribution voltage require 5.4% additional average losses of amounts received by the Company for delivery to the customer.

14. METER SERVICE PROVIDERS (MSPs)

MSPs desiring to provide service to customers in the Company's Service Territory must submit a written application to the Company in order to provide metering services for ownership, installation, inspection and auditing. Such application shall include the following:

- a. A \$500.00 initial registration fee payable to the Company and a \$100.00 annual registration fee thereafter.
- b. Proof of creditworthiness to the Company, including an appropriate financial instrument to be held by the Company and used in the event of damages as a result of the MSP's actions.
- c. The name of the MSP, business and mailing addresses, and the names, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses of appropriate contact persons,

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including the 24-hour emergency contact telephone number and emergency contact person(s).

- d. Details of the MSP's dispute resolution process for customer complaints.
- e. A signed statement by the officer(s) of the MSP committing it to adhere to the Company's open access distribution schedules, Terms and Conditions of Open Access Distribution Service, Supplier Terms and Conditions of Service and any additional requirements stated in any agreement between the MSP and the Company regarding services provided by either party.
- f. Proof of an electrical subcontractor's license issued by the Ohio Department of Commerce, including the name of the person or entity to which the license has been issued, license number and expiration date. Certification may require an employee to be a licensed electrician in the service area where work is performed.
- g. Description of the (a) applicant's electric meter installation, maintenance, repair and removal experience, (b) applicant's training and experience regarding electrical safety and (c) educational and training requirements in electrical work and safety that the MSP will require from its employees before they are permitted to install, maintain, repair or remove electric meters or metering devices.

The MSP must also agree to the following standards for metering services:

- a. The Company must approve the type of any and all metering equipment to be installed. Such metering and practices must conform with the Company's metering service guides and standards and must comply with the Meter Testing provision of the Company's Terms and Conditions of Open Access Distribution Service. A written agreement between the Company and the MSP shall specify those categories or types of meters for which the MSP is certified to install/remove or test/maintain.
- b. The MSP shall allow the Company to disconnect the MSP's meter, or promptly perform a disconnection as notified by the Company where a customer's service is subject to disconnection due to non-payment of distribution charges. The Company shall be permitted to audit the meter accuracy of MSP meters and to disconnect or remove a MSP's meter when necessary to maintain the safe and reliable delivery of electrical service. The MSP is responsible to acquire the right of ingress and egress from the customer to perform its functions. When necessary, the MSP must also seek written approval and secure from the customer any keys necessary to access locked premises.
- c. The MSP is responsible for detecting and immediately notifying the Company of hazardous conditions noted at the customer's electrical service and meter installation.
- d. The MSP is responsible for recording and notifying the Company of conditions detected on the customer's premises which present potential for injury.

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- e. The MSP shall be responsible for conforming to Company standards for sealing and resealing meters as well as properly resetting and sealing demand measurement devices.

15. METER DATA MANAGEMENT AGENTS (MDMAs)

MDMAs desiring to provide service to customers in the Company's Service Territory must submit a written application to the Company in order to provide any meter reading or data management services. Such application shall include the following:

- a. A \$100.00 annual registration fee payable to the Company.
- b. Proof of creditworthiness to the Company, including an appropriate financial instrument to be held by the Company and used in the event of damages as a result of the MDMA's actions.
- c. The name of the MDMA, business and mailing addresses, and the names, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses of appropriate contact persons, including the 24-hour emergency contact telephone number and emergency contact person(s).
- d. Details of the MDMA's dispute resolution process for customer complaints.
- e. A signed statement by the officer(s) of the MDMA committing it to adhere to the Company's Open Access Distribution Schedules, Terms and Conditions of Open Access Distribution Service, Supplier Terms and Conditions of Service and any additional requirements stated in any agreement between the MDMA and the Company regarding services provided by either party.
- f. Description of the (a) applicant's experience in meter reading, data validation, editing and estimation, and other data management activities and (b) educational and training requirements that the MDMA will require from its employees before they are permitted to perform such meter reading, data validation, editing and estimating and other data management activities.

The MDMA must also agree to the following standards for meter data management services:

- a. All billing meters shall be read each month, unless otherwise mutually agreed to by the MDMA and the Company.
- b. Meter data shall be read, validated, edited and transferred pursuant to Commission and Company approved standards. The Company and the MDMA must agree to common data formats for the exchange of validated data.
- c. The Company shall have reasonable access to the MDMA data server.

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- d. The MDMA shall provide to the appropriate entities reasonable and timely access to meter data as required for billing, settlement, scheduling, forecasting and other functions.
- e. The MDMA shall retain the most recent twelve (12) months of data for any customer who elects the MDMA to perform meter reading and data management services. Such data must be retained for a minimum period of 36 months and must be released upon request to either the customer or an entity authorized by the customer.
- f. Within five (5) business days after the installation of a meter, the MDMA must confirm with the Company that the meter and meter reading system are working properly and that the billing data is valid.
- g. No more than 10% of the individual meters read by the MDMA shall contain estimated data, with no single account being estimated more than two consecutive months. Estimated data must be based on historical data and load profile data as provided by the Company.
- h. The MDMA shall comply with the Company's time requirements for the posting of validated meter reading data on the MDMA server.
- i. The MDMA is responsible for acquiring the right of ingress and egress from the customer to perform its functions. When necessary, the MDMA must also seek written approval and secure from the customer any keys necessary to access locked premises.
- j. The MDMA is responsible for identifying suspected cases of the unauthorized use of energy and shall report such concerns to the customer's CRES Provider, Transmission Provider and the Company. The CRES Provider shall resolve such concerns and pursue the appropriate legal response and all necessary parties shall support this action. The customer's supplier of meter services (MSP or the Company) shall make the necessary meter corrections and/or repairs, and then notify the MDMA who shall correct the previous meter usage data and provide to the appropriate entities such data as required for billing, settlement, scheduling, forecasting and other functions. Any billing corrections shall be consistent with the provisions of the Company's Terms and Conditions of Service for Open Access Distribution Service.
- k. The MDMA is responsible for detecting and immediately notifying the Company of hazardous conditions noted at the customer's electrical service and meter installation.
- l. The MDMA is responsible for recording and notifying the Company of conditions detected on the customer's premises which present potential for injury.
- m. The MDMA shall be responsible for conforming to Company standards for sealing and resealing meters as well as properly resetting and sealing demand measurement devices.

16. CONSOLIDATED BILLING BY A BILLING AGENT (BA)

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BAs desiring to provide service to customers in the Company's Service Territory must submit a written application to the Company in order to provide consolidated billing related services to customers. Such application shall include the following:

- a. A \$100.00 annual registration fee payable to the Company.
- b. Proof of creditworthiness to the Company, including an appropriate financial instrument to be held by the Company and used in the event of damages as a result of the BA's actions.
- c. The name of the BA, business and mailing addresses, and the names, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses of appropriate contact persons, including the 24-hour emergency contact telephone number and emergency contact person(s).
- d. Details of the BA's dispute resolution process for customer complaints.
- e. A signed statement by the officer(s) of the BA committing it to adhere to the open access distribution schedules, Terms and Conditions of Open Access Distribution Service, Supplier Terms and Conditions of Service and any additional requirements stated in any agreement between the BA and the Company regarding services provided by either party.
- f. Description of the (a) applicant's training and experience in billing collections, payment services and billing inquiries and (b) educational and training requirements for BA employees regarding such services.
- g. The Company and the BA must agree to common data formats for the exchange of billing data.

A written agreement between the Company and the BA shall specify the bill format regarding transmission and distribution related services. Regardless of such format, each customer's bill rendered by the BA shall show charges for generation, transmission, distribution and other services covered under the particular bill and also indicate the provider of each service.

The BA must agree to be subject to the same provisions as the Company, including requirements as specified in the Company's Open Access Distribution Schedules, Terms and Conditions of Open Access Distribution, Ohio Revised Code, and all other legislative and regulatory mandates regarding billing. The BA is responsible for electronically transmitting funds received from the customer for charges from Company for distribution service, together with the associated customer account data, on the same day as receiving said funds. The BA assumes responsibility for outstanding distribution service charges from the Company and is responsible for providing payment in full of all charges for distribution service from the Company by the due date in accordance with terms of the applicable open access distribution schedule. Failure of the BA to transmit such funds by the due date will result in late charges applied to the affected customer's account according to the provisions of the customer's open access distribution schedule. If the BA fails to provide payment to the Company by the due date of the next bill, the Company will thereafter directly bill the customer for distribution service from the Company. In addition, the financial instrument will be forfeited to the extent necessary to cover bills due and payable to the Company.

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17. CONSOLIDATED BILLING BY THE COMPANY

Upon request, the Company will offer Company-issued consolidated bills to customers receiving service from a CRES Provider upon execution of an appropriate agreement between the CRES Provider and the Company. Company-issued consolidated billing will include budget billing as an option. The CRES Provider must electronically provide all information in a bill-ready format.

At the Company's discretion, any customer receiving Company consolidated billing with a CRES Provider billing arrearage of more than 60 days may be switched back to the Company's Standard Offer Service and will not be permitted to select a new CRES Provider until the arrearage is paid.

If the customer's CRES Provider defaults, the Company reserves the right to retain payments collected from the customer and to apply such payments to the Company's charges.

18. METERING AND LOAD PROFILING

All customers with maximum monthly billing demands of 200 kW or greater for the most recent twelve (12) months shall be interval metered. The customer or the customer's CRES Provider may request an interval meter for customers with maximum monthly billing demands less than 200 kW.

The cost of any interval metering facilities installed by the Company to comply with this requirement or as a result of such request shall be paid by the customer. The customer shall make a one-time payment for the metering facilities at the time of installation of the required facilities, or at the customer's option, up to 24 consecutive equal monthly payments reflecting an annual interest charge as determined by the Company, but not to exceed the cost of the Company's most recent issue of long-term debt. If the customer elects the installment payment option, the Company shall require an initial payment equal to 25% of the total cost of the metering facilities.

In addition, the customer shall pay a net charge to cover the incremental cost of operation and maintenance and meter data management associated with such interval metering as follows: Charges are for service performed on a Company installed standard interval meter.

Service Performed During Normal Business Hours	Charge (\$)
Connect phone line to meter at a time other than the initial interval meter installation	57.00
Perform manual meter reading	43.00
Check phone line and perform manual meter reading due to communication loss	47.00
Replace surge protector	119.00
Replace interval board	121.00
Replace modem board	210.00
Replace interval and modem boards	260.00

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The customer or the customer's CRES Provider may select a meter from the Company's approved equipment list. The customer or the customer's CRES Provider may communicate with the meter for the purpose of obtaining usage data, subject to the Company's communication protocol. The customer is responsible for providing a dedicated analog telephone line for purposes of reading the meter.

A customer that is required to have interval metering and provide a dedicated analog telephone line must have both the interval meter and dedicated analog telephone line installed and operational before a CRES Provider may serve such customer. Any DASR submitted by a CRES Provider will be rejected if this requirement is not met.

All load profiling shall be performed by the Company. Sample data and customer specific interval metering, when available, will be used in the development of the total load profile for which a CRES Provider is responsible for providing generation and possibly arranging transmission services. Such data shall be provided to the BA or other entities as required for monthly billing.

19. DEPOSITS

Security for the payment of bills for service from a CRES Provider will be governed, as specified in Chapter 4901:1-21-07 of the Ohio Administrative Code, which is herein incorporated by reference as it is from time to time amended.

20. PAYMENTS

Partial payment from a customer shall be applied to the various portions of the customer's total bill in the following order: (a) past due distribution, Standard Offer Service generation and transmission charges, (b) past due CRES Provider charges, (c) current CRES Provider charges, (d) current distribution, Standard Offer Service generation and transmission charges, and (e) other past due and current non-regulated charges.

21. COMPANY'S LIABILITY

In addition to the Company's liability as set forth in the Company's Terms and Conditions of Open Access Distribution Service, the following shall apply. The Company shall use reasonable diligence in delivering regular and uninterrupted supply of energy to the customer, but does not guarantee continuous, regular and uninterrupted service. The Company may, without liability, interrupt or limit the supply of service for the purpose of making repairs, changes, or improvements in any part of its system for the general good of the service or the safety of the public or for the purpose of preventing or limiting any actual or threatened instability or disturbance of the system. The Company is also not liable for any damages due to accident, strike, storm, riot, fire, flood, legal process, state or municipal interference, or any other cause beyond the Company's control. The Company shall not be liable for damages in case such service should be interrupted or fail by reason of failure of the customer's CRES Provider to provide appropriate energy to the Company for delivery to the customer. The Company shall not be liable for any damages, financial or otherwise, to any of the customer's CSPs resulting from an interruption of service.

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Meters shall be provided and maintained by the Company unless the customer selects a MSP to provide metering services. Unless otherwise specified, such meters shall be and remain the property of the Company.

22. COMPETITIVE SERVICE PROVIDER'S LIABILITY

In the event of loss or injury to the Company's property through misuse by, or negligence of, the CRES Provider, MSP, MDMA or BA, or the CSP's agents and employees, the CSP shall be obligated and shall pay to the Company the full cost of repairing or replacing such property.

Unless authorized by the Company to do so, a CSP and its agents and employees shall not tamper with, interfere with or break the seals of meters or other equipment of the Company installed on the customer's premises, and, under any circumstances, the CSP assumes all liability for the consequences thereof. The CSP agrees that no one, except agents and employees of the Company, shall be allowed to make any internal or external adjustments to any meter or other piece of apparatus which belongs to the Company.

23. METER ACCURACY AND TESTS

A MSP's meter performance levels, testing methods and test schedules must comply with all standards specified by the Company. Such details shall be specified in the agreement between the Company and the MSP.

When metering is provided by an MSP, the Company may, at its discretion, direct meter-related inquiries from the customer to the MSP for response, or the Company may send notification to the MSP to perform a test of the accuracy of its meter. At the MSP's request, or should the MSP fail to perform a customer-requested test in a timely manner, the Company, at its discretion, may agree to test the accuracy of a meter supplied by the MSP. Regardless of the test results, the MSP shall pay to the Company a flat amount equal to the Company's current average cost of performing such meter tests. Such test will be conducted using a properly calibrated meter standard.

The Company, at its discretion, may perform a test of the accuracy of a meter supplied by the MSP at any time. If the meter fails to perform at the accuracy standards set forth in the Company's Terms and Conditions of Open Access Distribution Service, the MSP will be responsible to remedy the accuracy of the meter, and to pay to the Company a flat amount equal to the Company's current average cost of performing such meter tests.

24. BILLING CORRECTIONS

Any correction of bills due to a meter registration error must be coordinated with the other entities utilizing the billing data which is in error. Any entity which detects an error in billing data shall promptly notify the MDMA or the Company if it is performing the function of the MDMA. The MDMA shall then correct any necessary data and provide to the appropriate entities such data as required for billing, settlement, scheduling, forecasting and other functions. Any billing corrections shall be consistent with the provisions of the Company's Terms and Conditions of Open Access Distribution Service.

25. TERMINATION OR SUSPENSION OF A CRES PROVIDER

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Notwithstanding any other provision of this Tariff or any agreement between the Company and the CRES Provider, in the event of a default by the CRES Provider, the Company shall serve written notice of such default in reasonable detail and with a proposed remedy to the CRES Provider and the Commission. On or after the date the default notice has been served, the Company may file with the Commission a written request for authorization to terminate or suspend the service agreement between the Company and the CRES Provider. Except for default due to non-delivery, if the Commission does not act within ten (10) business days upon receipt of the request, the Company's request to terminate or suspend shall be deemed authorized on the eleventh (11th) business day. If the default is due to non-delivery, and if the Commission does not act within five (5) business days upon receipt of the request, the Company's request to terminate or suspend shall be deemed authorized on the sixth (6th) business day. Termination or suspension shall require authorization from the Commission.

The Company shall send notices pursuant to this section by e-mail, fax, overnight mail, or hand delivery to the Commission and Staff at the Commission's offices. The Company shall notify all Commissioners, the Chief of Staff, the Director of the Consumer Services Department, the Director of the Utilities Department, the Director of the Legal Department, and the Chief of the Attorney General's Public Utilities Section. The Company shall send the notice to the address and fax number provided by the CRES Provider in its service agreement with the Company.

33. CODE OF CONDUCT

1. The Company shall not release any proprietary customer information (e.g., individual customer load profiles or billing histories) to an affiliate, or otherwise, without the prior authorization of the customer, except as required by a regulatory agency or court of law.
2. The Company shall make customer lists, which include name, address and telephone number, available on a nondiscriminatory basis to all nonaffiliated and affiliated certified retail electric competitors transacting business in its service territory, unless otherwise directed by the customer. This provision does not apply to customer-specific information, obtained with proper authorization, necessary to fulfill the terms of a contract, or information relating to the provision of general and administrative support services.
3. Employees of the Company's affiliates shall not have access to any information about the Company's transmission or distribution systems (e.g., system operations, capability, price, curtailments, and ancillary services), that is not contemporaneously and in the same form and manner available to a nonaffiliated competitor of retail electric service.
4. The Company shall treat as confidential all information obtained from a competitive supplier of retail electric service, both affiliated and nonaffiliated, and shall not release such information unless a competitive supplier provides authorization to do so, or unless the information was or thereafter becomes available to the public other than as a result of disclosure by the company.
5. The Company shall not tie (nor allow an affiliate to tie) or otherwise condition the provision of the Company's regulated services, discounts, rebates, fee waivers, or any other waivers of

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the Company's ordinary terms and conditions of service, including but not limited to tariff provisions, to the taking of any goods and/or services from the Company's affiliates.

6. The Company shall not engage in joint advertising or marketing of any kind with its affiliates or directly promote or market any product or service offered by any affiliate. The Company shall also not give the appearance that the Company speaks on behalf of its affiliates or that the customer will receive preferential treatment as a consequence of conducting business with the affiliates.
7. The Company, upon request from a customer, shall provide a complete list of all suppliers operating on the system, but shall not endorse any suppliers nor indicate that any supplier will receive preference because of an affiliate relationship.
8. The Company shall not trade upon, promote or advertise its affiliate relationship nor allow the Company name or logo to be used by the affiliate in any material circulated by the affiliate, unless it discloses in plain legible or audible language, on the first page or at the first point where the utility name or logo is mentioned, that:
 - a. The affiliate is not the same company as the Company;
 - b. The affiliate is not regulated by the Commission; and
 - c. The customer does not have to buy the affiliate's products in order to continue to receive quality, regulated service from the Company.

The application of the name/logo disclaimer is limited to the use of the name or logo in Ohio.

9. The Company shall provide comparable access to products and services related to tariffed products and services and specifically comply with the following:
 - (a) The Company shall be prohibited from unduly discriminating in the offering of its products and/or services;
 - (b) The Company shall apply all tariff provisions in the same manner to the same or similarly situated entities, regardless of any affiliation or nonaffiliation;
 - (c) The Company shall not, through a tariff provision, a contract, or otherwise, give its affiliates preference over nonaffiliated competitors of retail electric service or their customers in matters relating to any product and/or service;
 - (d) The Company shall strictly follow all tariff provisions;
 - (e) Except to the extent allowed by state law, the Company shall not be permitted to provide discounts, rebates, or fee waivers for any state regulated monopoly service; and
 - (f) Violations of the provisions of this rule shall be enforced and subject to the disciplinary actions described in divisions (C) and (D) of Section 4928.18, Ohio Revised Code.
10. Notwithstanding any provision of this Code of Conduct, in a declared emergency situation, the Company may take actions necessary to ensure public safety and system reliability. The

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Company shall maintain a log of all such actions that do not comply with this Code of Conduct, which log shall be review by the Commission.

11. The Company shall establish a complaint procedure for the issues concerning compliance with this rule. All complaints, whether written or verbal, shall be referred to the general counsel of the Company or their designee. The legal counsel shall orally acknowledge the complaint within five (5) business days of its receipt. The legal counsel shall prepare a written statement of the complaint that shall contain the name of the complainant and a detailed factual report of the complaint, including all relevant dates, companies involved, employees involved, and the specific claim. The legal counsel shall communicate the results of the preliminary investigation to the complainant in writing within thirty (30) days after the complaint was received, including a description of any course of action that was taken. The legal counsel shall keep a file in the Cost Allocation Manual, of all such complaint statements for a period of not less than three (3) years. This complaint procedure shall not in any way limit the rights if a party to file a complaint with the Commission.

34. MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERCONNECTION SERVICE

Applicability

This tariff is applicable to any customer with cogeneration, small power production facilities, and/or other on-site facilities producing electrical energy who wishes to operate such facilities in parallel with the Company's transmission and distribution systems. This tariff is not applicable to the interconnection and parallel operation of facilities which the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has determined to be subject to its jurisdiction. A customer who has a facility that does not qualify for interconnection service pursuant to the PUCO's interconnection service rules (O.A.C. § 4901:1-22) may negotiate a separate interconnection agreement with the Company and the terms and conditions of this tariff shall apply to such customers to the extent that the negotiated interconnection agreement does not conflict with this tariff.

Purpose

The purpose of this tariff is to implement Ohio Revised Code Section 4928.11, which calls for uniform interconnection standards that are not unduly burdensome or expensive and also ensure safety and reliability, to the extent governing authority is not preempted by federal law. This tariff states the terms and conditions that govern the interconnection and parallel operation of an interconnection service customer's facility with the Company's transmission and distribution systems.

Definitions

(A) "Applicant" means the person requesting interconnection service and may be any of the following:

- (1) A customer generator as defined by division (A)(29) of section 4928.01 of the Revised Code.
- (2) A self-generator as defined by division (A)(32) of section 4928.01 of the Revised Code.

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(3) The owner or operator of distributed generation as defined in paragraph (K) of this rule.

(B) "Application" means a request to an electric distribution utility (EDU) using the format set forth on the web site of the public utilities commission of Ohio for interconnection of distributed generation to the electric distribution system owned by the EDU.

(C) "Area network" means a type of electric distribution system served by multiple transformers interconnected in an electrical network circuit, which is generally used in large metropolitan areas that are densely populated, in order to provide highly reliable service. Area network has the same meaning as the term "distribution secondary grid network" found in institute of electrical and electronics engineers (IEEE) standard 1547 sub clause 4.1.4.

(D) "Automatic sectionalizing device" means any self-contained, circuit-opening device used in conjunction with a source-side protective device, which features automatic reclosing capability.

(E) "Backup electricity supply" means replacement electric power supplied to an applicant by the EDU at a tariff rate or alternatively, as a market-based option or by a competitive retail electric service provider of the applicant's choice at a rate to be determined between the provider and the applicant.

(F) "Business Day" means any day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday.

(G) "Calendar Day" means any day, including Saturday, Sunday, and legal holidays.

(H) "Commission" means the public utilities commission of Ohio.

(I) "Competitive retail electric service" means a component of retail electric service that is competitive as provided under division (B) of section 4928.01 of the Revised Code.

(J) "Cost recovery" means collection, upon approval by the commission pursuant to its authority under section 4909.15 of the Revised Code, of such documented EDU interconnection costs that are incurred at reasonable levels for prudent purposes and that are over and above the review processing fees set forth in rules 4901:1-22-06 to 4901:1-22-08 of the Administrative Code.

(K) "Distributed generation" is a general term for all or part of a system of a distributed electrical generator or a static inverter either by itself or in the aggregate of twenty megawatts or less in size together with all protective, safety, and associated equipment installed at a point of common coupling on the EDU's distribution system in close proximity to the customer load.

(L) "Electric distribution utility" or (EDU) means an electric distribution utility, which is an investor-owned electric utility that owns and operates a distribution wires system and supplies at least retail electric distribution service.

(M) "Equipment package" means distributed generation facility assembled to include not only a generator or electric source but related peripheral devices that facilitate operation of the distributed generation.

(N) "Expedited procedure" means a review process for certified distributed generation that passes a certain pre-specified review procedure, has a capacity rating of two megawatts or less, and does not qualify for simplified procedures.

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(O) "Interconnection" means the physical connection of the applicant's facilities to the EDU's system for the purpose of electrical power transfers.

(P) "Interconnection point" means the point at which the applicant's distributed generation facility physically connects to the EDU's system.

(Q) "Interconnection service" means the services provided by an EDU or transmission provider for the applicant's distributed generation facility.

(R) "Line section" means either that portion of an EDU's electric system connected to a customer bounded by automatic sectionalizing devices, the end of the distribution line, or a line segment identified as appropriate for study by a utility engineer.

(S) "Minor modification" to an interconnection application means a change in the technical characteristics that improves the reliability, safety and compatibility of the interconnection with the electric distribution system while not materially increasing the size or cost of the intended distributed generation facility installation.

(T) "Parallel operation with the EDU's system" means all electrical connections between the applicant's distributed generation facility and the EDU's system that are capable of operating in conjunction with each other.

(U) "Point of common coupling" means the point which the distributed generation facility is connected to the EDU's system.

(V) "Reliability" means the degree of performance of the elements of the electric system that results in electricity being delivered to and from an applicant in the amount desired while avoiding adverse effects on the adequacy and security of the electric supply, defined respectively as:

(1) The ability of the electric system to supply the aggregate electrical demand and energy requirements at all times, taking into account scheduled and unscheduled outages of system elements.

(2) The ability of the electric system to withstand sudden disturbances such as electric short circuits or unanticipated loss of system elements.

(W) "Retail electric service provider" means any entity in this state that provides retail electric service as defined by division (A)(27) of section 4928.01 of the Revised Code.

(X) "Sale for resale" means a sale of energy to an energy supplier, electric utility or a public authority for resale purposes.

(Y) "Scoping meeting" means a meeting between representatives of the applicant and the EDU conducted for but not limited to the following purposes:

(1) To discuss alternative interconnection options.

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(2) To exchange information including any electric distribution system data and earlier study evaluations that would be expected to impact such interconnection options.

(3) To analyze such information.

(4) To determine the potential points of common coupling.

(Z) "Simplified procedures" means a review process for interconnection of inverter-based distributed generation twenty-five kilowatts or less in size on a radial or spot network system under certain conditions.

(AA) "Standard procedure" means a review process for interconnection of any generating facility(s) that has a power rating of twenty megawatts or less, not qualifying for either simplified or expedited interconnection review processes.

(BB) "Spot network," as defined by IEEE standard 1547 sub clause 4.1.4, means a type of electric distribution system that uses two or more inter-tied transformers to supply an electrical network circuit and is generally used to supply power to a single customer or a small group of customers.

Scope and application

(A) The rules in this chapter are intended to do all of the following:

(1) Make compliance within this chapter not unduly burdensome or expensive for any applicant in accordance with division (A) of section 4928.11 of the Revised Code.

(2) Establish uniform nondiscriminatory, technology-neutral procedures for interconnecting distributed generators to distribution facilities in a manner that protects public and worker safety and system reliability.

(3) Apply in the entire territory where commission-approved tariffs apply to those situations where an applicant seeks to physically connect distributed generation to, and operate it in parallel with, the EDU's distribution system.

(4) Provide three review options for an applicant's request for interconnection with the EDU including simplified procedures, expedited procedures, and standard procedures.

(B) Each EDU in the state of Ohio shall file uniform interconnection service tariffs for commission review and approval pursuant to division (A) of section 4928.11 of the Revised Code, that includes the procedures and technical requirements set forth in this chapter for interconnection service on a first-come, first-served basis.

(C) The rules in this chapter shall not relieve any applicant from complying with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and ordinances.

Industry standards

The safety and performance standards established by the institute of electrical and electronics engineers (IEEE), the underwriters laboratory (UL), and the National Electric Code (NEC), as included in this chapter by

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reference, and as required consistent with division (B)(4) of section 4928.67 of the Revised Code, shall be the effective version at the time the applicant applies for interconnection.

General provisions

(A) Prohibitions

(1) In accordance with the EDU's code of conduct adopted pursuant to section 4928.17 of the Revised Code, an EDU or its affiliates shall not use, without the customer's consent, such knowledge of proposed interconnection service to prepare competing proposals to the interconnection service that offer either discounted rates in return for not providing the interconnection service or competing generation.

(2) No EDU shall reject, penalize, or discourage the use or development of new technology for interconnection service in accordance with division (A) of section 4928.11 of the Revised Code.

(B) Pre-application

(1) The EDU will designate an employee or office from which information on the requirements for EDU's application review process can be obtained through an informal request by the applicant that includes discussion of the following:

(a) The applicant's proposed interconnection of a distributed generation facility at a specific location on the EDU's distribution system.

(b) Qualifications under EDU's level 1, level 2 or level 3 review procedures.

(2) In addition to the information described in paragraph (B)(1) of this rule, which may be provided in response to an informal request, an applicant may submit a formal request along with a non-refundable processing fee of three hundred dollars for a pre-application report on a proposed project at a specific site. The EDU shall provide the pre-application data described in paragraph (B)(3) of this rule to the applicant within ten business days of receipt of the written request and payment of the three hundred dollar processing fee.

(3) The pre-application report will include the following information:

(a) Total generation capacity (in megawatts) of substation/area bus, bank or circuit based on normal or operating ratings likely to serve the proposed site.

(b) Existing aggregate generation capacity (in megawatts) interconnected to a substation/area bus, bank or circuit, which is the online amount of generation, likely to serve the proposed site.

(c) Aggregate queued generation capacity (in megawatts) for a substation/area bus, bank or circuit, which is the amount of generation in the queue likely to serve the proposed site.

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- (d) Available generation capacity (in megawatts) of substation/area bus or bank and circuit most likely to serve the proposed site, which is the total capacity less the sum of existing aggregate generation capacity and aggregate queued generation capacity.
- (e) Substation nominal distribution voltage and/or transmission nominal voltage, if applicable.
- (f) Nominal distribution circuit voltage at the proposed site.
- (g) Approximate circuit distance between the proposed site and the substation.
- (h) Relevant line section(s) peak load estimate, and minimum load data, when available.
- (i) Number and rating of protective devices and number and type (standard, bi-directional) of voltage regulating devices between the proposed site and the substation/area. Identify whether substation has a load tap changer.
- (j) Number of phases available at the site.
- (k) Limiting conductor ratings from the proposed point of interconnection to the distribution substation.
- (l) Based on the proposed point of interconnection, existing or known constraints such as, but not limited to, electrical dependencies at that location, short circuit interrupting capacity issues, power quality or stability issues on the circuit, capacity constraints, or secondary networks.

(4) The pre-application report need only include pre-existing data. A pre-application report request does not obligate the EDU to conduct a study or other analysis of the proposed generator in the event that data is not readily available. If the EDU cannot complete some of a pre-application report due to lack of available data, the EDU shall provide the applicant with a pre-application report that includes the data that is available.

(C) Application processing

- (1) EDUs shall process all applications for interconnection service and parallel operation with the EDU's system in a nondiscriminatory manner and in the order in which they are received.
- (2) Where minor modifications to a pending application are required during the EDU's review of the application, such minor modifications shall not require a new or separate application to be filed by the applicant.
- (3) When an application is submitted, the EDU shall determine whether the application is complete and provide the applicant with a written or email notice of receipt within ten business days after the application has been received.
- (4) If the EDU determines that the application is complete, the EDU shall issue a notice of receipt with the following:

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(a) A copy of the applicable review process.

(b) A target date for processing the application.

(5) If the EDU determines that the application is incomplete, the EDU shall issue a notice of receipt with the following:

(a) A copy of the application review process.

(b) A checklist or description of the information needed to complete the application.

(c) A statement that processing the application cannot begin until the needed information is received.

(6) Upon receiving any necessary application materials missing from the original application, the EDU shall provide the applicant with a second, written or email notice establishing a target date for processing the application.

(7) If an EDU determines that it cannot connect the applicant's facility within the time frames stated in this chapter, it will notify the applicant in writing of that fact within ten business days after the application has been received. The notification must include the following:

(a) The reason or reasons interconnection service could not be performed within the time frames stated in this rule.

(b) An alternative date for interconnection service.

(D) Compliance with national industry standards

An EDU shall file tariffs for uniform interconnection service with the commission that are consistent with the following:

(1) The institute of electric and electronics engineers 1547 standard, effective as set forth in rule 4901:1-22-03 of the Administrative Code.

(2) Underwriters laboratory 1741 standard for inverters, converters, and controllers for use in independent power systems, effective as set forth in rule 4901:1-22-03 of the Administrative Code.

(3) The appropriate criteria and interconnection parameters for the customer's technology, so as not to impose technical and economic barriers to new technology or the development, installation, and interconnection of an applicant's facilities, pursuant to division (A) of section 4928.11 of the Revised Code.

(E) Metering

Any metering installation, testing, or recalibration performed by the EDU at the request of the applicant for installation of the applicant's distributed generation facility shall be provided consistent with the electric service and safety standards pursuant to Chapter 4928 of the Revised Code, and rule 4901:1-10-05 and , as

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applicable, paragraph (C) of rule 4901:1-10-28 of the Administrative Code. Interconnection requested by the applicant for the purposes of net metering must follow the commission's net metering rules promulgated pursuant to division (A)(31) of section 4928.01 of the Revised Code. Any exception to the net metering rules shall be implemented in accordance with any special metering or communication infrastructure ordered by the commission.

(F) Disposal of excess energy produced by the applicant's distributed generation

(1) An applicant proposing to install a self-generator as defined in division (A)(32) of section 4928.01 of the Revised Code for the purposes of selling excess electricity to retail electric service providers as a competitive service to the extent not preempted by federal law must first seek certification of managerial, technical and financial capability consistent with section 4928.08 of the Revised Code.

(2) An applicant requesting interconnection for the purpose of selling energy to any party as a sale for resale or as a wholesale transaction may be subject to applicable rules for regional interstate sales at wholesale prices in markets operated by independent transmission system operators or regional transmission operators under the jurisdiction of the federal energy regulatory commission.

(G) Construction or system upgrades of the EDU's system

(1) Where construction or system upgrades of the EDU's system are required by the applicant's installation of a distributed generation facility, the EDU shall provide the applicant with an estimate of the timetable and the applicant's cost for the construction or system upgrades, consistent with the provisions of this chapter.

(2) All construction or distribution system upgrade costs shall be the responsibility of the interconnection applicant.

(3) If the applicant desires to proceed with the construction or system upgrades, the applicant and EDU shall enter into a contract for the completion of the construction or system upgrades.

(4) All construction and system upgrade cost estimates and invoices shall be itemized and clearly explained.

(5) Interconnection service shall take place no later than two weeks following the completion of such construction or system upgrades.

Application requirements for interconnection

(A) Application forms

(1) Each applicant for interconnection to an EDU's system shall complete either of the following:

(a) A "short form" application for interconnection of distributed generators that are twenty-five kilowatts or less and utilize equipment that is certified in compliance with IEEE 1547 standard and UL 1741 standard, as set forth in rule 4901:1-22-03 of the Administrative Code.

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(b) A standard application for interconnection of generation equipment that does not qualify for a "short form" application.

(2) The application form shall follow the format and content set forth on the commission's website, and must be submitted to the EDU from which the applicant receives retail electric distribution service. Application forms will be available from the applicant's local EDU. The applicant's completed application form should not be sent to the commission for the purposes of review and approval.

(3) The applicant also is advised to refer to the "applicant's checklist" found on the commission website to determine whether to complete the "short form" or the standard form to request interconnection service.

(B) Certified equipment

(1) Each applicant shall provide the EDU a description of the applicant's distributed generation equipment package that is consistent with the following:

(a) An applicant's equipment package shall be considered certified for interconnected operation if it has been:

(i) Submitted by a manufacturer to a nationally recognized testing laboratory for certification.

(ii) Type-tested consistent with the institute of electrical and electronics engineers 1547.1 standard, effective as set forth in rule 4901:1-22-03 of the Administrative Code.

(iii) Listed by a nationally recognized testing and certification laboratory for continuous interactive operation with a utility grid in compliance with the applicable codes and standards listed in rule 4901:1-22-03 of the Administrative Code.

(b) Certified equipment does not include equipment provided by the EDU.

(C) Equipment packages

(1) An applicant's equipment package shall include the following:

(a) All interface components including switchgear, inverters, or other interface devices.

(b) An integrated generator or electric source.

(c) Access for the EDU for commissioning purposes.

(d) A schedule for periodic compliance testing.

(2) If the applicant's equipment package includes only the interface components (switchgear, inverters, or other interface devices), then the applicant must show in writing that the generator or electric source to be used with the equipment package meets the following criteria

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- (a) Compatibility with the equipment package.
- (b) Consistency with the testing and listing specified for the package.

(D) Disconnect switch A disconnect switch provided, installed by, and paid for by the applicant, whether or not it is an integrated feature of the equipment package or a compatible external device, must meet the following criteria:

- (1) The applicant's disconnect switch must be capable of isolating the distributed generation facility for the purposes of safety during EDU system maintenance and during emergency conditions.
- (2) If the applicant's disconnect switch is external to the equipment package, it must be accessible to and lockable by the EDU personnel at either the primary voltage level, which may include load-break cutouts, switches and elbows, or the secondary voltage level, which may include a secondary breaker or switch.
- (3) The applicant's disconnect switch must be clearly labeled as a distributed generation facility disconnect switch.

(E) Solar equipment

- (1) In the case of solar equipment, the photovoltaic power source shall be clearly labeled in accordance with the requirements of the National Electric Code article 690, effective as set forth in rule 4901:1-22-03 of the Administrative Code, to identify the following:
 - (a) Operating current (system maximum-power current).
 - (b) Operating voltage (system maximum-power voltage).
 - (c) Maximum system voltage.
 - (d) Short-circuit current.

(F) The EDU's review processing fees

- (1) Each applicant shall pay the EDU's interconnection fees in accordance with the EDU's tariff for the EDU review and processing of an application, established at levels consistent with the distributed generation size and technology as well as the location on the electric distribution system of the interconnection.
- (2) The EDU's review processing fee levels will apply in accordance with the EDU's tariff to all interconnections, including those for the purposes of net metering, combined heat and power or waste heat from industrial processes, as well as any customer-generator used for energy efficiency or the promotion and utilization of renewable or clean secondary fuels.
- (3) Exception to the EDU's fee schedule may be determined by the EDU if the EDU invokes a fee-free feature on a nondiscriminatory basis.

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(A) Level 1 qualifying criteria

In order for the application to be approved by the EDU under the level 1 simplified review procedure, the applicant's generating facility must meet the following requirements:

- (1) The generation facility must use inverter-based equipment that is certified in compliance with IEEE 1547 standard and UL 1741 standard, as set forth in rule 4901:1-22-03 of the Administrative Code.
- (2) The generation facility must have a nameplate capacity of twenty-five kilowatts or less.

(B) Level 1 approval criteria

(1) The EDU shall approve an application for interconnection under level 1 simplified review procedures if the generation facility meets the following approval criteria:

- (a) The applicant's proposed distributed generation facility's point of common coupling is not on a transmission line.
- (b) For interconnection of a proposed distributed generation facility to a radial distribution circuit, the aggregated generation, including the proposed distributed generation facility, on the circuit shall not exceed fifteen per cent of the line section annual peak load as most recently measured at the substation.
- (c) The proposed distributed generation facility, in aggregation with other generation on the distribution circuit, shall not contribute more than ten per cent to the distribution circuit's maximum fault current at the point on the high voltage (primary) level nearest the proposed point of common coupling.
- (d) For interconnection of a proposed distributed generation facility to the load side of spot network protectors, the proposed distributed generation facility must utilize an inverter-based equipment package and, together with the aggregated other inverter-based generation, shall not exceed the smaller of five per cent of a spot network's maximum load or fifty kilowatts.
- (e) Direct current injection shall be maintained at or below five-tenths of a per cent of full rated inverter output current into the point of common coupling.
- (f) When a proposed distributed generation facility is single phase and is to be interconnected on a center tap neutral of a two hundred forty volt service, its addition shall not create an imbalance between the two sides of the two hundred forty volt service of more than twenty per cent of the nameplate rating of the service transformer.
- (g) The proposed distributed generation facility installation is certified to pass an applicable non-islanding test, or uses reverse power relays or other means to meet the unintentional islanding requirements of the institute of electrical and electronics engineers (IEEE) 1547 standard, effective as set forth in rule 4901:1-22-03 of the Administrative Code.

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(h) The proposed distributed generation facility installation complies with the IEEE 1547 standard and underwriters laboratory 1741 standard, as set forth in rule 4901:1-22-03 of the Administrative Code.

(2) Having complied with the parameters set forth in paragraph (B)(1) of this rule, the applicant's proposed distributed generation facility installation requires no further study by the EDU for the purpose of interconnection to the EDU's distribution system.

(C) Level 1 review timeframe

(1) Within fifteen business days after the EDU notifies the applicant that it has received a complete short form interconnection service application, the EDU shall perform a review using the criteria set forth in paragraph (B)(1) of this rule and shall notify the applicant of the results, and shall include with the notification copies of the analysis and data underlying the EDU's determinations under the criteria.

(2) If the proposed interconnection fails one or more of the screening criteria, the application shall be denied. At the applicant's request, the EDU shall provide copies of the analysis and data underlying the EDU's determinations under the criteria. Upon denial of the level 1 interconnection request, the applicant may elect to submit a new application for consideration under level 2 or level 3 procedures, in which case the queue position assigned to the level 1 application shall be retained.

(3) If the proposed interconnection meets the criteria, the application shall be approved and the EDU will provide the applicant a standard interconnection agreement within five business days after the determination. The standard interconnection agreement shall be consistent with the uniform requirements for an interconnection agreement in rule 4901:1-22-10 of the Administrative Code, and include a timetable for the physical interconnection of the applicant's proposed distributed generation facility to the EDU's system.

(D) Level 1 application fee

The EDU's tariff for a level 1 fee shall not exceed fifty dollars and may be waived.

Level 2 expedited review procedure

(A) Level 2 qualifying criteria

In order for the application to be reviewed by the EDU under the level 2 expedited review procedure, the applicant's generating facility must meet the following requirements:

(1) The generating facility utilizes equipment that is certified in compliance with IEEE 1547 standard and UL 1741 standard as set forth in rule 4901:1-22-03 of the Administrative Code.

(2) The generating facility does not meet the level 1 interconnection review requirements.

(3) The generating facility capacity does not exceed the limits identified in the table below, which vary according to the voltage of the line at the proposed point of interconnection. Distributed generation facilities located within 2.5 miles of a substation and on a main distribution line with minimum 600-

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ampere capacity are eligible for expedited review under the higher thresholds. These eligibility limits do not guarantee fast track approval.

Line Voltage	Expedited Review Regardless of Location	Expedited Review on a 600 amp line and within 2.5 feeder miles from substation
less than or equal to 5kV	less than or equal to 500 kW	less than 2 MW
5kV less than or equal to 15 kV	less than or equal to 2MW	less than 3 MW
15 kV less than or equal to 30 kV	less than or equal to 3MW	less than 4 MW
30 kV less than or equal to 69 kV	less than or equal to 4MW	less than 5 MW

(B) Level 2 approval criteria

(1) The EDU shall approve an application for interconnection under level 2 review procedures if the generation facility meets the following criteria:

(a) The proposed distributed generation facility's point of interconnection is not on a transmission line.

(b) The proposed distributed generation facility complies with IEEE 1547 standard and UL 1741 standard, effective as set forth in rule 4901:1-22-03 of the Administrative Code.

(c) The proposed distributed generation facility is not located in an area where there are known or posted transient stability limitations to generating units located in the general electrical vicinity (for example, three or four distribution busses from the point of interconnection), or the proposed distributed generation facility shall not have interdependencies, known to the EDU, with earlier queued transmission system interconnection requests. The EDU shall not disclose confidential information in the application of this screen.

(d) For interconnection of a proposed distributed generation facility to a radial distribution circuit, the aggregated generation, including the proposed distributed generation facility, on the circuit shall not exceed fifteen per cent of the line section annual peak load as most recently measured at the substation. The application of this screen addresses back feed and islanding conditions.

(e) The proposed distributed generation facility, in aggregation with other generation on the distribution circuit, shall not contribute more than ten per cent to the distribution circuit's maximum fault current at the point on the primary voltage distribution line nearest the point of common coupling.

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(f) The proposed distributed generation facility, in aggregation with other generation on the distribution circuit, may not cause any distribution protective devices and equipment including substation breakers, fuse cutouts, and line reclosers, or other customer equipment on the electric distribution system, to be exposed to fault currents exceeding ninety per cent of the short circuit interrupting capability; nor shall an applicant requesting interconnection on a circuit that already exceeds ninety per cent of the short circuit interrupting capability be permitted.

(g) When a proposed distributed generation facility is single phase and is to be interconnected on a center tap neutral of a two hundred forty volt service, its addition shall not create an imbalance between the two sides of the two hundred forty volt service of more than twenty per cent of the nameplate rating of the service transformer.

(h) The proposed distributed generation facility shall be interconnected to the EDU's primary distribution system as shown below:

Primary Distribution Line Configuration	Interconnection to Primary Distribution Line
Three phase, three wire	If a three-phase or single-phase generating facility, interconnection must be phase-to-phase
Three phase, four wire	If a three-phase (effectively grounded) or single phase generating facility, interconnection must be line-to-neutral

(i) A review of the type of electrical service provided to the applicant, including line configuration and the transformer connection, will be conducted to limit the potential for creating over voltages on the EDU's electric distribution system due to a loss of ground during the operating time of any anti-islanding function.

(j) When the proposed distributed generation facility is to be interconnected on single-phase shared secondary line, the aggregate generation capacity on the shared secondary line, including the proposed distributed generation facility, will not exceed sixty-five per cent of the transformer nameplate rating.

(k) For interconnection of a proposed distributed generation facility to the load side of spot or area network protectors, the proposed distributed generation facility must utilize an inverter-based equipment package and, together with the aggregated other inverter-based generation, shall not exceed the lesser of five per cent of a spot or area network's maximum load or fifty kilowatts.

(l) Construction of facilities by the EDU on its own system is not required to accommodate the distributed generation facility.

(C) Level 2 review timeframe

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(1) Within twenty business days after the EDU notifies the applicant it has received a complete application, the EDU shall perform an initial review using the criteria set forth in paragraph (B) of this rule and shall notify the applicant of the results.

(2) If the proposed interconnection meets the criteria, the application shall be approved and the EDU will provide the applicant a standard interconnection agreement within five business days after the determination. The standard interconnection agreement shall be consistent with the uniform requirements for an interconnection agreement enumerated in rule 4901:1-22-10 of the Administrative Code, and include a timetable for the physical interconnection of the applicant's proposed distributed generation facility to the EDU's system.

(3) If the proposed interconnection fails to meet the criteria, but the EDU determines that the proposed distributed generation facility may nevertheless be interconnected consistent with safety, reliability, and power quality standards, the EDU shall provide the applicant a standard interconnection agreement within five business days after the determination and include a timetable for the physical interconnection of the applicant's proposed distributed generation facility to the EDU's system.

(4) If the proposed interconnection fails to meet the criteria and the EDU determines that minor modifications or further study may be required to interconnect the proposed distributed generation facility to the EDU's distribution system consistent with safety, reliability, and power quality standards, the EDU shall:

(a) Offer to perform facility modifications or minor modifications to the EDU's electric system (e.g., change meters, fuses, relay settings), or,

(b) Offer to perform a supplemental review if the EDU concludes that the supplemental review might determine that the proposed distributed generation facility could continue to qualify for interconnection pursuant to the expedited review process,

(c) Obtain the applicant's agreement to continue evaluating the application under level 3 standard review.

(5) At the applicant's request, the EDU shall provide copies of the analysis and the data underlying the EDU's determinations that minor modifications or further study is required.

(D) Facility or minor system modifications

(1) If facility modifications or minor system modifications are required to allow the proposed distributed generation facility to be interconnected consistent with safety, reliability, and power quality standards under these procedures, the EDU shall provide the applicant with a non-binding good faith estimate of the cost to make such modifications.

(2) If the interconnection customer agrees to pay for the modifications to the EDU's distribution system, the EDU shall provide the applicant with a standard distributed generation interconnection agreement within five business days. The standard interconnection agreement shall be consistent with the uniform requirements for an interconnection agreement enumerated in rule 4901:1-22-10 of

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the Administrative Code, and include a timetable for the physical interconnection of the applicant's proposed distributed generation facility to the EDU's system.

(E) Level 2 supplemental review

(1) If the customer requests that the EDU perform a supplemental review, the customer shall agree in writing within fifteen business days of the offer, and submit a supplemental review deposit of twenty-five hundred dollars, or the application shall be deemed withdrawn. Within twenty-five business days following receipt of the supplemental review deposit, the EDU shall perform a supplemental review using the screens set forth in this rule and notify the applicant of the results. For interconnection of a proposed distributed generation facility to an area network, the EDU may utilize different analytical procedures for conducting supplemental review than those set forth in this rule. Following study completion, the EDU shall bill or credit the applicant any difference between the supplemental review deposit and the actual cost to perform the review. If the proposed interconnection fails one or more of the supplemental review screens, the EDU shall include with the notification copies of the analysis and data underlying the EDU's determinations under the screens.

(a) A supplemental review may be performed where twelve months of line section minimum load data is available or can be calculated, estimated from existing data, or determined from a power flow model, and where the aggregate distributed generation facility capacity on the line section is less than one hundred per cent of the minimum load for all line sections bounded by automatic sectionalizing devices upstream of the proposed distributed generation facility. If minimum load data is not available, or cannot be calculated, estimated or determined, the EDU shall include the reason(s) that it is unable to calculate, estimate or determine minimum load in its supplemental review results notification as set forth in paragraph (E)(1) of rule 4901:1-22-07 of the Administrative Code.

(i) The type of generation used by the proposed distributed generation facility will be taken into account when calculating, estimating, or determining the circuit or line section minimum load. For the application of a solar photovoltaic generation system with no battery storage, use daytime minimum load, and use absolute minimum load for other generation.

(ii) When this screen is being applied to a distributed generation facility that serves some onsite electrical load, the total load must be considered as part of the aggregate generation.

(iii) The EDU will consider generating facility capacity known to be reflected in the minimum load data as part of the aggregate generation for purposes of this screen.

(b) In aggregate with existing generation on the line section: (i) the voltage regulation on the line section can be maintained in compliance with relevant requirements under all system conditions, (ii) the voltage fluctuation is within acceptable limits as defined by IEEE 1453 or utility practice similar to IEEE 1453, and (iii) the harmonic levels meet IEEE 519 limits at the point of interconnection.

(c) The location of the proposed distributed generation facility and the aggregate generation capacity on the line section do not create impacts to safety or reliability that cannot be

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adequately addressed without application of the level 3 standard review. The EDU may consider the following and other factors in determining potential impacts to safety and reliability in applying the screen:

- (i) Whether the line section has significant minimum loading levels dominated by a small number of customers.
- (ii) If there is an even or uneven distribution of loading along the feeder.
- (iii) If the proposed distributed generation facility is located within 2.5 electrical line miles to the substation and if the distribution line from the substation to the customer is composed of a 600A class cable or conductor.
- (iv) If the proposed distributed generation facility incorporates a time delay function to prevent reconnection of the generator to the system until system voltage and frequency are within normal limits for a prescribed time.
- (v) If operational flexibility is reduced by the proposed distributed generation facility, such that transfer of the line section(s) of the distributed generation facility to a neighboring distribution circuit/substation may trigger overloads or voltage issues.

(2) If the proposed interconnection meets the supplemental review criteria, the application shall be approved and the EDU will provide the applicant a standard interconnection agreement within five business days after the determination. The standard interconnection agreement shall be consistent with the uniform requirements for an interconnection agreement enumerated in rule 4901:1-22-10 of the Administrative Code and include a timetable for the physical interconnection of the applicant's proposed distributed generation facility to the EDU's system.

(3) If the proposed interconnection fails the supplemental review criteria, the EDU shall obtain the applicant's agreement to continue evaluating the application under level 3 standard review. If the applicant agrees to have the project evaluated under the level 3 standard review process, the cost of supplemental review shall be deducted from the otherwise applicable Level 3 standard review fee. If the level 3 standard review fee is less than the supplemental review cost, standard review fee shall be waived.

(F) Level 2 fees

The EDU's tariff for level 2 expedited review processing fees will include the following:

- (1) An application fee of up to fifty dollars, plus one dollar per kilowatt of the applicant's system nameplate capacity rating.
- (2) In the event that an application is evaluated under supplemental review, any or all of the following fees may be assessed by the EDU:
 - (a) The twenty-five hundred dollar supplemental review deposit, adjusted following study completion to reflect the cost of engineering work billed at actual costs.

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(b) The actual cost of any minor modification of the electric distribution utility's system that would otherwise not be done but for the applicant's interconnection request.

Level 3 standard review procedure

(A) Level 3 standard review qualifying criteria

In order for the application to be approved by the EDU under the level 3 review procedure, the following conditions must apply:

- (1) The generation facility does not qualify or failed to meet the level 1 or level 2 interconnection review requirements.
- (2) The generation does not utilize equipment that is certified in compliance with IEEE 1547 standard and UL 1741 standard as set forth in rule 4901:1-22-03 of the Administrative Code.
- (3) The generation facility has a nameplate capacity of twenty megawatts or less.

(B) Level 3 approval criteria

- (1) Level 3 standard review procedure shall use the determinations made in the scoping meeting and any feasibility, system impact, or facilities study defined in rule 4901:1-22-09 of the Administrative Code for technical analysis of the applicant's proposed distributed generation facility installation.
- (2) The EDU shall approve an application for interconnection under level 3 review procedures if the EDU determines that the safety and reliability of the public utility's transmission or distribution system will not be compromised by interconnecting with the generation facility.

(C) Level 3 fees

- (1) The EDU's tariff for level 3 standard review fees will include the following:
 - (a) An application fee of up to one hundred dollars, plus two dollars per kilowatt of the system's nameplate capacity.
 - (b) In addition to the level 3 standard review application fee, any or all of the following fees may be assessed by the EDU.
 - (i) The cost of engineering work done as part of any feasibility, system impact or facilities study, billed at actual cost.
 - (ii) The actual cost of any modifications of the EDU's system that would otherwise not be done but for the applicant's interconnection request.
- (2) Within five business days after completion of the level 3 standard procedure including any applicable feasibility, system impact or facilities studies leading to the EDU's approval for interconnection of the applicant's proposed distributed generation facility installation and collection by

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the EDU of all the actual costs for the studies as billed to the applicant, the EDU shall provide the applicant with a standard interconnection agreement.

Scoping meeting and interconnection studies

(A) Scoping meeting

(1) A scoping meeting will be held within ten business days after the interconnection application is deemed complete, or as otherwise mutually agreed to by the parties. The EDU and the applicant may bring to the meeting personnel, including system engineers and other resources as may be reasonably required to accomplish the purpose of the meeting.

(2) The purpose of the scoping meeting is to discuss alternative interconnection options, to determine potential points of common coupling, to examine the applicant's proposed point of interconnection on the EDU's distribution system, or to review an applicant's pre-application report or existing studies relevant to the interconnection application. The parties shall further discuss the appropriate level 3 interconnection studies required to evaluate the interconnection of the proposed distributed generation facility to the EDU's distribution system.

(3) The scoping meeting may be waived by mutual agreement if the parties decide to proceed directly to the level 3 interconnection studies.

(B) Queuing

(1) When an interconnection request is complete, the EDU shall assign the application a queue position to establish the order in which the interconnection request will be reviewed in relation to other interconnection requests on the same or nearby sections of the EDU's distribution system.

(2) The queue position of an interconnection request shall be used to determine the cost responsibility necessary for the construction of any facilities to accommodate the interconnection in relation to other interconnection requests on the same or nearby sections of the EDU's distribution system.

(3) The EDU shall notify the applicant at the scoping meeting about other higher-queued applicants.

(C) Interconnection study requirements

(1) One or more interconnection studies may be required by the EDU prior to interconnection including a feasibility study, a system impact study, and a facilities study.

(2) Each type of study required will include an EDU interconnection tariff fee schedule approved by the commission as set forth in rule 4901:1-22-08 of the Administrative Code.

(3) Each type of study will be the subject of a written study agreement between the applicant and the EDU that includes the following:

(a) A target date for completion of any required feasibility study, system impact study, and facilities study.

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- (b) A provision to share the results of the study by the EDU with the applicant.
- (c) A clear explanation of all estimated charges.
- (d) A good faith estimate of the total number of hours needed to complete the study.
- (e) An estimate of the total interconnection study fee.

(4) A written study agreement may include an alternative provision that allows the required studies related to the interconnection of the generating facility(s) to be conducted by a qualified third party with the consent of the EDU.

(5) By mutual agreement of the parties, a feasibility study, a system impact study, or a facilities study under level 3 procedures may be waived by the EDU.

(6) When the EDU determines, as a result of the studies conducted under a level 3 review, that it is appropriate to interconnect the distributed generation facility, the EDU shall provide the applicant with a standard distributed generation interconnection agreement.

(7) If the interconnection request is denied, the EDU shall provide a written explanation within five business days from the denial. The EDU must allow the applicant thirty business days to cure the reasons for denial while the applicant's position in the queue is maintained.

(D) The feasibility study

(1) No later than five business days after the scoping meeting, the EDU shall provide the applicant with a feasibility study agreement in accordance with the EDU's tariff to determine the feasibility of interconnecting the applicant's proposed distributed generation facility at a particular point on the EDU's system. The study shall include both of the following:

- (a) An outline of the scope of the study.
- (b) A non-binding good faith estimate of the cost to perform the study.

(2) A feasibility study shall include the following analyses for the purpose of identifying a potential adverse system impact to the EDU's system that would result from the interconnection:

- (a) Initial identification of any circuit breaker short circuit capability limits exceeded as a result of the interconnection.
- (b) Initial identification of any thermal overload or voltage limit violations resulting from the interconnection.
- (c) Initial review of grounding requirements and system protection.
- (d) A description and nonbinding estimated cost of facilities required to interconnect the distributed generation facility to the EDU's system in a safe and reliable manner.

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(3) When an applicant requests that the feasibility study evaluate multiple potential points of interconnection, additional evaluations may be required.

(4) The actual cost of the EDU's additional evaluations shall be paid by the applicant.

(E) The system impact study

(1) No later than five business days after the completion of or a waiver of the feasibility study, the EDU shall provide a distribution system impact study agreement to the applicant, using a form of system impact study agreement in accordance with the EDU's tariff that includes an outline of the scope of the study and a nonbinding good faith estimate of the cost to perform the study.

(2) If the feasibility study concludes there is no adverse system impact, or the study identifies an adverse system impact but the EDU is able to identify a remedy, no system impact study is required.

(3) A system impact study shall evaluate the impact of the proposed interconnection on the safety and reliability of the EDU's system. The study shall:

(a) Identify and detail the system impacts that result when a distributed generation facility is interconnected without project or system modifications.

(b) Consider the adverse system impacts identified in the feasibility study, or potential impacts including those identified in the scoping meeting.

(c) Consider all generating facilities that, on the date the system impact study is commenced, are directly interconnected with the EDU's system.

(d) Consider pending higher queue position of facilities requesting interconnection to the system, or consider pending higher queue position of facilities requesting interconnection having a signed interconnection agreement.

(4) A system impact study performed by the EDU shall consider the following criteria:

(a) A load flow study.

(b) A short circuit analysis.

(c) A stability analysis.

(d) Voltage drop and flicker studies.

(e) Protection and set point coordination studies.

(f) Grounding reviews.

(5) The EDU shall state the underlying assumptions of the study and show the results of the analyses to the applicant, including the following:

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- (a) Any potential impediments to providing the requested interconnection service.
- (b) Any required distribution system upgrades and provide a nonbinding good faith estimate of cost and time to construct the system upgrades.

(F) The facilities study

(1) Within five business days of completion of the system impact study, a report will be transmitted by the EDU to the applicant with a facilities study agreement in accordance with the EDU's interconnection tariff.

(2) When the parties agree at the scoping meeting that no system impact study is required, the EDU shall provide to the applicant, no later than five business days after the scoping meeting, a facilities study agreement in accordance with the EDU's interconnection tariff that enables the EDU to determine the interconnection facilities needed to interconnect the applicant's proposed distributed generation facility at a particular point on the EDU's system.

(3) The facilities study agreement shall include both of the following:

- (a) An outline of the scope of the study.
- (b) A nonbinding good faith estimate of the cost to perform the study to cover the cost of the equipment, engineering, procurement and construction work, including overheads, needed to implement the conclusions of the feasibility study and/or the system impact study to interconnect the distributed generation facility.

(4) The facilities study shall identify all of the following:

- (a) The electrical switching configuration of the equipment, including transformer, switchgear, meters, and other station equipment.
- (b) The nature and estimated cost of the EDU's interconnection facilities and distribution upgrades necessary to accomplish the interconnection.
- (c) An estimate of the time required to complete the construction and installation of such facilities.

(5) The parties may agree to permit an applicant to separately arrange for a third party to design and construct the required interconnection facilities under the following conditions:

- (a) The EDU may review the facilities to be designed and constructed by a third party under provisions included in the facilities study agreement for that purpose.
- (b) The applicant and the third party separately arranging for design and construction agree to comply with security and confidentiality requirements.

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(c) The EDU shall provide the applicant with all relevant information and required specifications available to permit the applicant to obtain an independent design and cost estimate for the facilities, which must be built in accordance with the specifications.

Uniform requirements for interconnection agreements

(A) The EDU shall provide the customer with a standard interconnection agreement for distributed generation within five business days following completion of project review. If applicable, the applicant must pay for the interconnection facilities and distribution upgrades identified in the facilities study.

(B) The customer shall have thirty business days or another mutually agreeable time frame after the standard interconnection agreement is received to sign and return the interconnection agreement to the EDU.

(C) When the customer does not sign the agreement within thirty business days, the interconnection request will be deemed withdrawn unless the applicant requests an extension of the deadline in writing. The request for extension shall not be denied by the EDU, unless conditions on the EDU system have changed.

(D) Milestones for construction

(1) When construction is required, the interconnection of the distributed generation will proceed according to any milestones agreed to by the parties in the standard interconnection agreement.

(2) The interconnection agreement may not become effective until the milestones agreed to in the standard interconnection agreement are satisfied, including the following:

(a) The distributed generation is approved by electric code officials with jurisdiction over the interconnection.

(b) The applicant provides a certificate of completion to the EDU; or there is a successful completion of an on-site operational test within ten business days or at a mutually convenient time, unless waived. The operational test shall be observed by EDU personnel or a qualified third party with sufficient expertise to verify that the criteria for testing have been met.

(E) Insurance

(1) Any EDU interconnection agreement with the customer shall not require additional liability insurance beyond proof of insurance or any other suitable financial instrument sufficient to meet its construction, operating and liability responsibilities in accordance with the EDU's tariff with respect to this rule.

(2) At no time shall the EDU require the customer to negotiate any policy or renewal of any policy covering any liability through a particular insurance agent, solicitor, or broker.

(F) Alternative dispute resolution

The EDU or the applicant who is a nonmercantile, nonresidential customer may seek resolution of any disputes which may arise out the EDU tariffs filed under these rules, in accordance with Chapter 4901:1-26 of the Administrative Code, for alternative dispute resolution procedures.

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(G) Site testing

The applicant must provide the EDU a reasonable opportunity to witness the testing of installed switchgear, protection system, and generator as included in the applicant's installation test plan and maintenance schedule that has been reviewed and approved by the EDU.

(H) Periodic testing

(1) Any periodic tests of the interconnection equipment (including any relays, interrupting devices, control schemes, and batteries that involve protection of the EDU's system) as recommended by the applicant's equipment manufacturer or required by the institute of electrical and electronics engineers (IEEE) 1547 standards, effective as set forth in rule 4901:1-22-03 of the Administrative Code, shall be the responsibility of the applicant.

(2) Such periodic tests shall be included in the applicant's installation test plan and maintenance schedule that has been reviewed and approved by the EDU.

(3) The applicant shall make copies of the periodic test reports or inspection logs available to the EDU for review.

(4) Upon a written request, the EDU is to be informed of the next scheduled maintenance and be able to witness the maintenance program and any associated testing.

(I) Disconnection of the applicant's facility

Except as provided for in paragraph (J)(2) of this rule, when the EDU discovers the applicant's equipment is not in compliance with IEEE 1547 standards, effective as set forth in rule 4901:1-22-03 of the Administrative Code, and such noncompliance has the potential to adversely affect the safety and reliability of the electric system, the EDU may disconnect the applicant's facility according to the following procedures:

(1) The EDU shall provide a notice to the applicant with a description of the specific noncompliance condition.

(2) The disconnection can only occur after a reasonable time to cure the noncompliance condition has elapsed.

(J) Other disconnection of the unit

(1) The applicant retains the option to temporarily disconnect from the EDU's system at any time. Such temporary disconnection shall not be a termination of the interconnection agreement unless the customer exercises its termination rights under the interconnection agreement.

(2) The EDU shall have the right to disconnect the applicant's unit(s) without notice in the event of an emergency or to eliminate conditions that constitute a potential hazard to the EDU personnel or the general public. The EDU shall notify the applicant of the emergency as soon as circumstances permit.

(K) Service interruption

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During routine maintenance and repairs on the EDU's system consistent with Chapter 4901:1-23 of the Administrative Code, or other commission order, the EDU shall provide the applicant with a seven-day notice of service interruption.

(L) Effective term and termination rights of an interconnection agreement

(1) An interconnection agreement becomes effective when executed by both parties and shall continue in force until terminated under any of the following conditions:

(a) The customer terminates the interconnection agreement at any time by giving the EDU sixty calendar days prior notice.

(b) The EDU terminates the interconnection agreement upon failure of the applicant to generate energy from the applicant's facility in parallel with the EDU's system by the later of two years from the date of the executed interconnection agreement or twelve months after completion of the interconnection.

(c) Either party terminates by giving the other party at least sixty calendar days prior written notice that the other party is in default of any of the material terms and conditions of the interconnection agreement, so long as the notice specifies the basis for the termination and there is reasonable opportunity to cure the default.

(2) All applicants' installations existing on or before the effective date of this rule are exempted from the changes instituted by this rule.

(3) Upon termination of an interconnection agreement, the applicant's facilities will be disconnected from the EDU's system.

(4) The termination of the interconnection agreement shall not relieve either party of its liabilities and obligations, owed or continuing at the time of the termination.

Backup electricity supply

Replacement electric power for the applicant shall be supplied in accordance with division (C) of section 4928.15 of the Revised Code, by either of the following:

(A) The EDU either at a tariff rate or at the market price as provided for in its tariff.

(B) By the applicant's competitive retail electric service provider at a rate to be determined by contract.

Complaints

All formal complaints brought by applicants or interconnection service customers pursuant to section 4905.26 of the Revised Code, will be handled according to the procedural standards set forth in Chapters 4901-1 and 4901-9 of the Administrative Code. Each EDU must provide to the commission utilities department the name and telephone number of a contact person to assist the commission staff with the resolution of informal complaints regarding provisions in Chapter 4901:1-22 of the Administrative Code.

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Exceptions

Except where rule requirements are mandated by federal or state law, the commission may waive any provision contained in this chapter for good cause upon its own motion or upon application by a company.

Special Terms and Conditions of Service

This tariff is subject to the Company's Terms and Conditions of Open Access Distribution Service and all provisions of the OAD service schedule under which the customer takes service. If applicable, the customer shall also take the appropriate service under the provisions of the applicable Residential or General Service Schedule and/or Schedule OAD-NEMS.

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