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COMPETITIVE ELECTRIC SUPPLY GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

APPLICABILITY: Applicable to all retail choice customers of the Utility.

1. DEFINITIONS: The following terms and abbreviations, when used in these General Terms and Operating Conditions and the Rate Schedules, shall have the following meaning:
  - A. Ancillary Services: Those services necessary to support the transmission of capacity and energy from electric supply resource(s) to Customer while maintaining reliable operation of the transmission provider's transmission system in accordance with good utility practice.
  - B. Competitive Electric Supplier: An entity, licensed by the Commission, offering to sell electricity to retail customers in the state of Montana.
  - C. Competitive Supply Service: Service provided to a Customer who has entered into a contract with a Competitive Electric Supplier.
  - D. Customer: Customer receiving competitive supply service.
  - E. Default Supply Service: Service provided to a Customer who has not entered into a contract with a Competitive Electric Supplier.
  - F. Electric Supply: The electricity load, in kWh, of Customers receiving electric service either from the Utility as Default Supplier or from a Competitive Electric Supplier.
  - G. Electric Supply Service: Service provided to Customer receiving electric supply either from the Utility as Default Supplier or a Competitive Electric Supplier.
  - H. General Service – 1 Primary Service: Service delivered on a high voltage circuit (2.4 to 34.5 kV) of some length between the substation and Customer's point of delivery, which is metered at that delivery voltage.
  - I. General Service – 1 Secondary Service: Primary service with an additional transformation to Customer's delivery voltage and consumption is metered at secondary voltage level. Secondary level of service includes all Customers where the Utility supplies the transformation between the primary distribution system and Customer.
  - J. General Service – 2 Substation Level: Service where a Company-owned substation provides a transformation from transmission level service to Customer's delivery voltage at the substation.

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- K. General Service – 2 Supplementary Service: Service above that level specified in the Contract for electric service.
- L. General Service – 2 Transmission Level: Service delivered and metered at transmission voltages of 50 kV or greater. This level of service shall apply to Customers who take delivery directly from the transmission system, either through a Customer-owned transmission line or through a Customer-owned substation.
- M. Load Profiling: A process that utilizes typical customer load shapes, monthly meter reads, and other data to estimate the hourly Electric Supply needs of Customers without hourly demand meters.
2. APPLICATION OF RATES:  
Monthly Bill Components: Each month, Customers' Utility bills shall include an Electric Supply Charge; a Transmission Services Charge(s); all relevant charges contained on other applicable rate schedules including, but not limited to, competitive transition charges (CTC) and universal systems benefits programs (USBC); and a Delivery Services Charge (DSC). Customers may be billed either entirely by the Utility, or in part by the Competitive Electric Supplier, in accordance with the Contract between the Utility and Competitive Electric Supplier, or the Competitive Electric Supplier and its Customer.
3. CUSTOMER GUIDELINES: A Customer, electing to move between Default Supply Service and Competitive Supply Service shall follow the procedures and guidelines established by the Public Service Commission as set forth in Schedule No. ECCGP-1.
4. Special Metering Requirements:  
a) A customer whose previous calendar year's average monthly billing demand is less than 500 kW shall not require any special metering and the customers' scheduling and balancing data will be provided through load profiling.  
b) A customer, or the customer's competitive electric supplier on its behalf, may request the Utility to install an interval meter for a service that is less than 500 kW. The Utility will install the interval meter for the service and bill the customer for the cost of the meter and its installation. The Utility will also bill the customer or its competitive electric supplier a monthly fee to cover the costs related to data collection, processing, and reporting.  
c) The customer will be required to provide and maintain a phone connection to the interval meter. In this case, the actual hourly interval data will be used for load balancing.  
d) A customer whose previous calendar year's monthly average billing demand is 500 kW or greater shall use interval metering. The schedule and balancing data will exist hourly. Customer will be required to provide and maintain a phone connection to the interval meter.

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e) A customer's un-metered service kWhs will be equal to operating hours per month times the load in watts, divided by 1000. The customer's scheduling and balancing data will be provided through load profiling.

5. CUSTOMER RESPONSIBILITY:

Customer shall be solely responsible for soliciting and evaluating proposals for all electric supply requirements from Competitive Electric Suppliers and for securing their electric supply. The electric supply must include losses incurred in moving the supply from its delivery on the Utility transmission system to the Customer's metering point. The electric supply charge shall be determined through negotiations and agreements between the Customer and Competitive Electric Supplier. All proposals shall meet the requirements of the Commission guidelines and those set forth in Schedule No. ECCGP-1. The Utility shall not be responsible for the failure of other parties to provide electric supply to the Utility's system. The Customer shall also be responsible for securing transmission of supply across the Utility transmission system as described under "Responsibility for Transmission". Customer shall agree to allow the Utility to provide Customer's meter read information to the Competitive Electric Supplier if needed by the Competitive Electric Supplier for billing and supply scheduling functions.

6. COMPETITIVE ELECTRIC SUPPLIER RESPONSIBILITIES:

- A. Competitive Electric Supplier(s) shall be responsible for providing firm service to meet the electric supply requirements of each Account so served and to deliver the capacity and energy to a point or points on the Utility's transmission system, as well as provide for any and all ancillary services required to serve such loads.
- B. The Competitive Electric Supplier shall execute an agreement with the Utility specifying the terms and conditions of supply operations, delivery of transmission and distribution losses, billing settlements, and all other necessary terms and conditions, consistent with the provision of this tariff.

7. RESPONSIBILITY FOR TRANSMISSION: Either the Competitive Electric Supplier or the Customer shall be responsible for securing transmission services (including ancillary services) across Utility's transmission system under the terms of the Utility's FERC filed Open Access Transmission Tariff.

- A. Customers with loads of 1 MW or greater may execute a transmission agreement with the Utility and be directly responsible for their own transmission services under the FERC Open Access Transmission Tariff. Alternatively, these large customers may receive transmission services indirectly from their Competitive Electric Supplier as a part of their agreement with their Competitive Electric Supplier.

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- B. Customers with Loads less than 1 MW and larger customers who so choose will receive transmission services as a part of the supply agreement with their Competitive Electric Supplier. The Competitive Electric Supplier must execute a transmission agreement with the Utility for these loads and will be responsible for transmission services under the FERC Open Access Transmission Tariff.
- 8. LICENSING: Competitive Electric Suppliers shall be required to be licensed by the Commission.
- 9. CHANGE IN COMPETITIVE ELECTRIC SUPPLY SERVICE:
  - A. Any change of Competitive Electric Suppliers initiated by Electric Supply Service Customer shall occur on the first day of Customer's next billing cycle following a ten-day notice of change to the Utility. Customer may elect to change Competitive Electric Suppliers earlier than this date provided Customer agrees to pay a special meter read fee of \$16.00 per meter. Special meter reads shall be provided by Utility during normal business hours.
  - B. Competitive Electric Suppliers shall provide notification to the Utility as soon as possible of all changes by Customer, including documentation showing Customer's written request for such change.

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

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