

2.2 AGREEMENT

An Agreement is deemed to exist between a customer and the Company for the supply of electric power and energy or for the provision of Distribution System Access, as applicable, at appropriate rates and payment therefore in accordance with these regulations by virtue of:

- (a) the customer applying and receiving approval for electric service; or
- (b) the customer consuming or paying for electric service from a date that the customer who is a party to an agreement pursuant to clause (a) (the customer of record) moves out of the premises, in which case the customer of record shall remain jointly and severally liable for the electric service account up to the date the Company is notified that the customer of record wishes to terminate the supply of electric service to the customer.

For certainty, the provision of Distribution System Access is deemed to constitute an electric service from the Company.

3.3 SEASONAL ELECTRIC SERVICE

The contract period for all seasonal accounts is from May 1 to October 31, in any calendar year. Electric service to seasonal customers will remain connected during the winter period from November 1, to the following April 30 and the base charge will not be billed during these winter months, nor will bills be rendered. Energy used beyond October 31 will be billed on the first regular billing after May 1, or the final bill, whichever comes first. A disconnection charge, as set forth in the Schedule of Charges, will be applied when the seasonal electric service is physically disconnected at the request of the customer. The standard connection charge will apply if electric service is subsequently reconnected.

Seasonal domestic electric service will apply to any self-contained electric service (i.e. summer homes, cottages, hunting or fishing camps), occupied on an intermittent basis, and the Company is satisfied that it is not the customer's permanent or primary residence.

Seasonal commercial electric service will apply to self-contained seasonal commercial businesses (i.e. campgrounds, ice cream barns, tourist bureaus, fixed and mobile canteens, kiosks, and federal/provincial park entrance booths). Seasonal commercial service is only available to customers taking service under the Small General Rate and the Company is satisfied that the electric service is being used on a seasonal basis, not year round.

5.1 METER READING

When reasonably possible, meters shall be read bi-monthly; however, the Company may read meters on a monthly basis.

POST CARD METER READING

In the event that the Company is unable to obtain meter readings, for billing purposes, during the Company's normal business hours, having exercised due diligence in the usual practice of meter reading, it may leave a prepaid postage card on the premises which will indicate the normal reading date, and upon which the Customer shall without delay record the reading of the meter, thereafter immediately returning the card to the Company.

ESTIMATED METER READING

If the Company is unable to obtain a meter reading due to circumstances beyond its control, or due to the failure of the Customer to return a post card reading, then the amount of power and energy used by the Customer shall be estimated by the Company using the best available data. In the event that estimated meter readings are required five (5) consecutive times, then the Customer shall make suitable arrangements to ensure that the meters are read by the Company during the Company's normal business hours. Should the Customer fail to make such suitable arrangements, the Company may disconnect the supply of electric service to the Customer or may require that the Customer relocate the meter in accordance with the Regulation 4.1.

In the event that actual meter readings are obtained subsequent to estimated readings, the Company shall make the necessary adjustments.

METER READING IN RURAL AREAS

Where electric service is supplied to a Customer in a rural area, the Company may adopt a post card meter reading system of monthly or bi-monthly meter reading. Under such system, the Company shall supply the Customer with prepaid postage cards upon which the Company shall indicate the date upon which the meter shall be read by the Customer ("reading date"). The Customer shall record on the postcard the reading showing on the meter as of the reading date and shall immediately return the card to the Company. In these circumstances, the Company may consider postcard meter reading to be actual meter readings.

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In those rural areas where the post card meter reading has been adopted, should the Customer fail to return the prepaid postage card, then the amount of power and energy used by the Customer shall be estimated by the Company using the best available data.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, an actual reading must be taken by the Company at least once within a twelve-month period for meters which are read bi-monthly and once within a six-month period for meters which are read monthly.