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**PART V**  
**CONTRACT AND ENFORCEMENT REGULATIONS**

- 5.1 CUTOFF REGULATIONS - Bills for service are payable monthly, unless otherwise stated in rate schedules, and are considered delinquent after the expiration of twenty (20) days from the date of mailing or delivery by the utility. If not paid at the Company's office or other designated place by the delinquent date, the Company at any time thereafter may suspend service after giving five (5) day's written notice to the customer of such delinquency and of the Company's intention to discontinue service. Such written notice will be separate and apart from any bill for service. If the amount due remains unpaid after suspension of service, the Company may treat the contract as canceled and at an end.
- 5.2 EXTENSION OF TIME FOR PAYMENT OF BILL - The Company may, however, extend the time for paying any one or more bills, or any part thereof, and its action in so doing shall be without prejudice to its rights thereafter to suspend service as provided in these rules; and by so doing, the Company shall not be held or considered as waiving its rights or its option thereafter to suspend service and/or treat the contract as canceled and at an end.
- 5.3 RESTORATION CHARGE - When the service of a Customer has been discontinued after violation of rules, all amounts due for service up to the date of discontinuance thereof shall become due and must be paid before service will be reconnected and the Company shall require the Customer to pay a restoration charge before reconnecting. The restoration charge shall be determined as follows:
- (1) \$60.00 if the service is restored at the meter during normal business hours.
  - (2) \$80.00 if the service is restored at the meter after hours.
  - (3) \$100.00 if the service is restored because of an inaccessible meter.
- 5.4 PREMISE VISIT CHARGE - Whenever payment for service is delinquent and a field service representative is required to call at the Customer's premise, and service is not suspended, a \$30.00 fee shall be charged.
- 5.5 FAULTY WIRING ON CUSTOMER'S PREMISES - The Company reserves the right to disconnect from its lines, or to refuse to connect to its lines, any Customer or applicant whose wiring is not in accordance with standard good practice; however, the Company does not assume any responsibility for installation or maintenance inspection of Customer's wiring or installation.
- 5.6 MEDICALLY ESSENTIAL SERVICE - For purposes of this section, a Medically Essential Service Customer is a residential customer whose electric service is medically essential, as affirmed through the certificate of a doctor of medicine licensed to practice in the State of Florida. Service is "medically essential" if the customer has continuously operating electric-powered medical equipment necessary to sustain the life of or avoid serious medical complications requiring immediate hospitalization of the customer or another permanent resident at the service address. The Physician's certificate shall explain briefly and clearly, in non-medical terms, why continuance of electric service is medically essential, and shall be consistent with the requirements of the Company's tariff. A customer who is certified as a Medically Essential Service Customer must renew such certification periodically through the procedures outlined above. The Company may require certification no more frequently than 12 months.

The Company shall provide Medically Essential Service Customers with a limited extension of time, not to exceed thirty (30) days, beyond the date service would normally be subject to disconnection for non-payment of bills (following the requisite notice pursuant to Rule 25-6.105(5) of the Florida Administrative Code). The Company shall provide the Medically Essential Service Customer with written notice specifying the date of disconnection based on the limited extension. The Medically Essential Service

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Customer shall be responsible for making mutually satisfactory arrangements to ensure payment within this additional extension of time for service provided by the Company and for which payment is past due, or to make other arrangements for meeting medically essential needs.

No later than 12 noon one day prior to the scheduled disconnection of service of a Medically Essential Service Customer, the Company shall attempt to contact such customer by telephone in order to provide notice of the scheduled disconnect date. If the Medically Essential Service Customer does not have a telephone number listed on the account, or if the utility cannot reach such customer or other adult resident of the premises by telephone by the specified time, a field representative will be sent to the residence to attempt to contact the Medically Essential Service Customer, no later than 4 p.m. of the day prior to scheduled disconnection. If contact is not made, however, the Company may leave written notification at the residence advising the Medically Essential Service Customer of the scheduled disconnect date; thereafter, the Company may disconnect service on the specified date. The Company will grant special consideration to a Medically Essential Service Customer in the application of Rule 25-6.097(3) of the Florida Administrative Code.

In the event that a customer is certified as a Medically Essential Customer, the customer shall remain solely responsible for any backup equipment and/or power supply and a planned course of action in the event of a power outage. The Company does not assume, and expressly disclaims, any obligation or duty: to monitor the health or condition of the person requiring medically essential service; to insure continuous service; to call, contact, or otherwise advise of service interruptions; or, except expressly provided by this section, to take any other action (or refrain from any action) that differs from the normal operations of the Company.

**PART VI**  
**UNDERGROUND DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES**

6.1 **DEFINITIONS.** The following words and terms, when used in these Rules, shall have the meaning indicated:

**APPLICANT** - Any person, partnership, association, corporation, or governmental agency controlling or responsible for the development of a new subdivision, commercial project or individual enterprise and applying for the construction of underground electric distribution facilities.

**BUILDING** - Any structure, within a subdivision, designed for residential occupancy and containing less than five (5) individual dwelling units.

**COMMISSION** - The Florida Public Service Commission.

**DIRECT BURIAL** - A type of construction involving the placing of conductors in the ground without the benefit of conduit or ducts. Other facilities, such as transformers, may be above ground.

**DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES** - Electric service facilities consisting of primary and secondary conductors, service laterals, transformers, and necessary accessories and appurtenances for the furnishing of electric power at utilization voltage.

**FEEDER MAIN** - A three-phase primary installation which serves as a source for primary laterals and loops.