CITY OF VERNON

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

RULES FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE

Rule No. 1: **DEFINITIONS**

- **A. General.** For the purpose of these Rules the terms and expressions listed below shall have the meanings set forth opposite them when initially capitalized in the text:
 - 1. <u>Added Facilities</u>: Added Facilities shall consist of the following:
 - Facilities requested by a Customer which are in addition to or in substitution for standard facilities. Standard facilities consist of those which the City would normally provide for delivery of service at one point, through one meter, at one standard Nominal Voltage under its Rate Schedules, or
 - b. A pro rata portion of the facilities requested by a Customer, allocated for the sole use of such Customer, which would not normally be allocated for such sole use.
 - 2. <u>Application</u>: A written request to the City for electric service as distinguished from an inquiry as to the availability or charges for such service.
 - 3. <u>Billing Demand</u>: The load or demand used for computing charges under rate schedules based on the size of the Customer's load or demand. It may be the connected load, the measured maximum demand, or a modification of either as provided for by the applicable Rate Schedule.
 - 4. <u>Billing Period</u>: The time interval between two consecutive meter readings that are taken for billing purposes.
 - 5. <u>City Council</u>: The City Council of the City of Vernon.
 - 6. <u>City's Operating Necessity</u>: The utilization, under certain circumstances, of facilities or practices not ordinarily employed which contribute to the overall efficiency of the City's operations; it does not refer to Customer convenience nor to the use of facilities or adoption of practices required to comply with applicable laws, ordinances, rules or regulations, or similar requirements of public authorities.
 - Connected Load: The sum of the rated capacities of all of the Customer's equipment that
 can be connected to the City's lines at any one time as more completely described in the
 Rate Schedules.
 - 8. <u>Customer:</u> The Person in whose name service is rendered as evidenced on the Application, contract, or agreement for that service, or, in the absence of a signed instrument, by the receipt and payment of bills regularly issued in the Customer's name regardless of the identity of the actual user of the service.

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- Customer's Mailing Address: The address specified in a Customer's Application or contract, or any other address subsequently given to the City by the Customer, to which any notice or other communication is to be mailed.
- 10. <u>Date of Presentation</u>: The date upon which a bill or notice is mailed or delivered by the City to the Customer.
- 11. <u>Distribution Line</u>: Overhead pole lines and/or underground facilities consisting of cable and duct system (including conduits, ducts, manholes and vaults) which are operated at nominal distribution voltages as specified in Rule No. 2.
- 12. <u>Domestic Service</u>: Service for residential use at a dwelling.
- 13. <u>General Service</u>: Service to any Customer except those eligible for Domestic, Street Lighting, Outdoor Area Lighting, Traffic Control, or Standby Service.
- 14. <u>Line Extension</u>: All facilities, excluding transformer, Service Wires, and Meter required to extend electric service from the existing permanent facilities to the Point of Delivery to the Customer.
- 15. <u>Maximum Demand</u>: The average kilowatts during the specified time interval when the Customer's use of energy is greatest in the billing period as indicated or recorded by the City's Meter.
- 16. <u>Meter</u>: The instrument owned, installed and maintained by the City and used for measuring the electricity delivered to the Customer.
- 17. <u>Nominal Voltage</u>: The approximate voltage between conductors in a circuit or system of a given class, assigned for the purpose of convenient designation. For any specific Nominal Voltage, the operating voltage actually existing at various points and at various times on the system is subject to normal distribution variation.
- 18. <u>Permanent Service</u>: Service which, in the opinion of the City, is of a permanent and established character.
- 19. <u>Person</u>: Any individual, partnership, corporation, public agency, or other organization operating as a single entity.
- 20. <u>Point of Delivery</u>: The point where conductors of the City are connected to the conductors of the Customer, regardless of the location of the City's Meters or transformers.
- 21. <u>Premises</u>: The area of land employed in a single enterprise, as determined by the City, whether or not divided by a dedicated street, highway, other public thoroughfare, or a railway.
- 22. Rate Charges: Charges in the Rate Schedules may include the following:
 - **a.** Customer Charge: That portion of the charge for service which is a fixed amount

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- without regard to Connected Load, Maximum Demand, or energy consumption in accordance with the Rate Schedule.
- b. Demand Charge: That portion of the charge for service which varies with the Billing Demand in accordance with the Rate Schedule.
- c. Energy Charge: That portion of the charge for service which varies with the quantity of energy consumed in accordance with the Rate Schedule.
- d. Minimum Charge: The least amount for which service will be rendered in accordance with the Rate Schedule.
- e. Service Charge: That portion of the charge for service which is a fixed amount based on connected load in accordance with the Rate Schedule.
- f. Standby Charge: That portion of the charge for Standby Service which is a fixed amount based on the maximum load the City stands ready to supply in accordance with the Rate Schedule.
- 23. <u>Rate Schedule</u>: The Rate Charges, fees and conditions for a particular class or type of service. A Rate Schedule, as referred to herein, shall include all the wording on the applicable schedule, such as, but not limited to, the following headings therein: Schedule Number, Class of Service, Applicability, Territory, Rates, and Special Conditions.
- 24. Rules: These "Rules for Electric Service" which set forth the administration of all Rate Charges, fees and services.
- 25. <u>Service Wires</u>: The group of conductors, whether overhead or underground, necessary to connect the service entrance conductors of the Customer to the City supply line, regardless of the location of the City's Meters or transformers.
- 26. <u>Standby Service</u>: Service supplied to Customers who normally obtain their power requirements from sources other than the City. Under this service the City provides a Permanent Service connection to supply the Customer's contracted load in accordance with the provisions of the standby schedule.
- 27. <u>Street Lighting Service</u>: Service to any lighting apparatus used primarily for the illumination of streets, alleys, highways, or other public ways.
- 28. <u>Temporary Service</u>: Service for enterprises or activities which are temporary in character or where it is known in advance that service will be of limited duration. Service, which in the opinion of the City, is for operations of a speculative character or the permanency of which has not been established, also is considered Temporary Service.
- 29. <u>X-Ray Service</u>: Service to any apparatus transforming electric energy into radiations similar to light but having wave lengths of from .0006 to 2 angstroms.

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