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THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
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**IN THE MATTER OF A REDUCTION IN THE RATES OF THE POTOMAC
ELECTRIC POWER CO.**

P. U. C. No. 2708/6. FORMAL CASE NO. 152

ORDERED: (1) That the rates to be charged monthly by the Potomac Electric Power Co. for electric service in the District of Columbia shall be in accordance with the following schedules. (For riders and general instructions see pp. 8, 11, and 13 of this order.)

RESIDENTIAL SCHEDULE A

This rate is for electric service used for any residential purpose. Schedule A may not be used for auxiliary, emergency, or breakdown service.

For electricity consumed.....per kilowatt-hour..... ^{Cents} 5.2

The above rate applies when monthly bills are paid within 15 days from date of rendition. If the bills are not paid within 15 days from date of rendition, the rates of charge are 10 per cent more than those stated above.

Minimum charge will be \$0.75 per month for each meter installed, unless different minimum bill is arranged for in accordance with rider No. 7 or No. 8. After the expiration of the contract period, the minimum bill will be \$0.75 per month for each meter installed.

Standard riders, Nos. 1, 7, and 8.

Period of contract shall be one year, unless a different period is arranged for in accordance with rider No. 7 or No. 8. Contract continues in force, after specified period, until either party gives to the other party 10 days' notice in writing of a desire to terminate the agreement.

General terms and conditions, see pages 11 and 12.

Where the service is installed permanently under Schedule A without rider or with rider No. 1, and the consumer has no use for the service during certain months, the meter will be temporarily disconnected on receipt of written notice from the consumer, and on notice will be reconnected. The minimum service charge will be waived during the period of temporary disconnection, provided it is for one month or more.

RESIDENTIAL SCHEDULE A-O

This rate is for electric service used for any residential purpose. Schedule A-O may not be used for auxiliary, emergency, or breakdown service.

This schedule is the same as previous Schedule A and is included for the purpose of permitting its use by subscribers whose use of electric energy is so extensive as to have advantage of the secondary rate. This schedule is optional to Residential Schedule A.

For the electricity consumed during the first 120 hours' use, monthly, of the connected load.....	Cents per kilowatt-hour	5.9
For the electricity consumed monthly in excess thereof.....	do	4.6

The above rates apply when monthly bills are paid within 15 days from date of rendition. If the bills are not paid within 15 days from date of rendition, the rates of charge are 10 per cent more than those stated above.

Minimum charge will be \$0.75 per month for each meter installed, unless different minimum bill is arranged for in accordance with rider No. 7 or No. 8. After the expiration of the contract period, the minimum bill will be \$0.75 per month for each meter installed.

Standard riders, Nos. 1, 7, and 8.

Period of contract shall be one year, unless a different period is arranged for in accordance with rider No. 7 or No. 8. Contract continues in force, after specified period, until either party gives to the other party 10 days' notice, in writing, of a desire to terminate the agreement.

General terms and conditions, see pages 11 and 12.

Where the service is installed permanently under Schedule A, without rider or with rider No. 1, and the consumer has no use for the service during certain months, the meter will be temporarily disconnected on receipt of written notice from the consumer, and on notice will be reconnected. The minimum service charge will be waived during the period of temporary disconnection, provided it is for one month or more.

COMMERCIAL SCHEDULE B

This rate is for separately metered electric service used for any commercial purpose other than lighting, as, for instance, battery charging, electric motors, welding, etc. Schedule B may not be used for auxiliary, emergency, or breakdown service.

For the electricity consumed during the first 30 hours' use, monthly, of the connected load.....	Cents per kilowatt-hour	5.2
For the electricity consumed monthly in excess thereof.....	do	4.0

The above rates apply when monthly bills are paid within 15 days from date of rendition. If the bills are not paid within 15 days from date of rendition, the rates of charge are 10 per cent more than those stated above.

Minimum charge will be \$2 per month for each meter installed, unless different minimum bill is arranged for in accordance with rider No. 8. After the expiration of the contract period, the minimum bill will be \$2 per month for each meter installed.

Standard riders, Nos. 1 and 8.

Period of contract shall be one year, unless a different period is arranged for in accordance with rider No. 8. Contract continues in force, after specified period, until either party gives to the other party 10 days' notice, in writing, of a desire to terminate the agreement.

General terms and conditions, see pages 11 and 12.

Where the service is installed permanently under Schedule B without rider or with rider No. 1, and the consumer has no use for service during certain months, the meter will be temporarily disconnected on receipt of written notice from the consumer, and on notice will be reconnected. The minimum service charge will be waived during the period of temporary disconnection, provided it is for one month or more.

COMMERCIAL SCHEDULE C

This rate is for separately metered electric service for public lighting and motors in apartment houses and office buildings only and is applicable to public portions of the building for the lighting of lobbies, halls, corridors, stairways, exits, and reception rooms; and for the operation of elevators, house pumps, multiple refrigerator systems, oil burner and stoker motors, and other motor applications used in the general operation of the building. Schedule C is available only where the electric service furnished to or used by individual tenants is separately contracted for with the company and individually metered and charged for by the company under the schedule which applies to the purpose for which the service is furnished or used. Schedule C is not available for auxiliary, emergency, or breakdown service.

	Cents per kilowatt-hour	
First 400 kilowatt-hours monthly consumption.....		5.1
Next 450 kilowatt-hours monthly consumption.....		4.0
Next 1,000 kilowatt-hours monthly consumption.....		3.0
Electricity consumed monthly in excess of 1,850 kilowatt-hours.....		2.1

The above rates apply when monthly bills are paid within 15 days from date of rendition. If the bills are not paid within 15 days from date of rendition, the rates of charge are 10 per cent more than those stated above.

Minimum charge will be \$0.75 per month, unless different minimum bill is arranged for in accordance with rider No. 8. After the expiration of the contract period, the minimum bill will be \$0.75 per month.

Standard riders, Nos. 1 and 8.

Period of contract shall be one year, unless a different period is arranged for in accordance with rider No. 8. Contract continues in force, after specified period, until either party gives to the other party 10 days' notice, in writing, of a desire to terminate the agreement.

General terms and conditions, see pages 11 and 12.

COMMERCIAL SCHEDULE D

This rate is for electric service used for general lighting, power, and other commercial purposes. Schedule D may not be used for auxiliary, emergency or breakdown service.

	Cents per kilowatt-hour	
First 450 kilowatt-hours monthly consumption.....		5.1
Next 1,500 kilowatt-hours monthly consumption.....		4.5
Next 1,500 kilowatt-hours monthly consumption.....		3.5
Electricity consumed monthly in excess of 3,450 kilowatt hours.....		2.5

The above rates apply when monthly bills are paid within 15 days from date of rendition. If the bills are not paid within 15 days from

date of rendition, the rates of charge are 10 per cent more than those stated above.

Minimum charge will be \$0.75 per month, unless different minimum charge is arranged for in accordance with rider No. 8. After the expiration of the contract period, the minimum bill will be \$0.75 per month for each meter installed.

Standard riders, Nos. 1, 7, 8, and 10.

Period of contract shall be one year, unless a different period is arranged for in accordance with rider No. 8. Contract continues in force, after specified period, until either party gives to the other party 10 days' notice, in writing, of a desire to terminate the agreement.

General terms and conditions, see pages 11 and 12.

COMMERCIAL SCHEDULE E

This rate is for electric service used for any commercial purpose where the demand contracted for is not less than 20 kilowatts.

<i>Fixed charge (for each month)</i>	Per kilowatt
First 20 kilowatts of consumer's demand.....	\$2.75
Next 30 kilowatts of consumer's demand.....	2.25
Next 50 kilowatts of consumer's demand.....	2.00
Next 100 kilowatts of consumer's demand.....	1.75
Excess of 1,000 kilowatts of consumer's demand.....	1.50

<i>Energy charge (for each month)</i>	Cents per kilowatt-hour
First 750 kilowatt-hours consumption.....	4.0
Next 1,000 kilowatt-hours consumption.....	3.5
Next 12,000 kilowatt-hours consumption.....	1.3
Next 25,000 kilowatt-hours consumption.....	1.3
Next 150,000 kilowatt-hours consumption.....	1.1
Excess of 188,750 kilowatt-hours consumption.....	.95

The "fixed" and "energy" charges included in this schedule are independent of each other, the former covering the demand for which the consumer requires the company to provide, the latter covering the electricity used.

The above rates apply when monthly bills are paid within 15 days from date of rendition. If the bills are not paid within 15 days from date of rendition, the rates of charge are 10 per cent more than those stated above.

Minimum fixed charge will be \$55 per month, unless different minimum bill is arranged for in accordance with rider No. 8. After the expiration of the contract period, the minimum fixed charge shall be not less than \$55 per month.

Standard riders, Nos. 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, and 10.

Measurement of the maximum demand is first estimated, and this estimated demand is the basis for the fixed charge until such time as the actual demand is determined by a reading of a recording meter, or the combined readings of recording meters installed by the company. The fixed charge for any month is then, and during the remaining and unexpired portion of the first year of the contract, based on the highest recorded demand. After the expiration of the first year of the contract, and as long as the contract continues in force, the fixed charge for any month is based on the maximum de-

mand which has been recorded during the previous 12 months. In determining the maximum demand upon which the fixed charge is based, momentary peaks are not considered. Upon extraordinary occasions for a certain limited period, the company, at its option, may give permission to exceed the determined maximum load by a stated amount without increasing the established demand upon which the fixed charge is based.

Period of contract shall be one year, unless a different period is arranged for in accordance with rider No. 5, 6, or 8. Contract continues in force, after specified period, until either party gives to the other party 10 days' notice, in writing, of a desire to terminate the agreement.

General terms and conditions, see pages 11 and 12.

COMMERCIAL SCHEDULE F

This rate is for electric service used for industrial motors and battery charging. Schedule F may not be used for auxiliary, emergency, breakdown service, or elevators.

	Cents per kilowatt-hour
First 1,000 kilowatt-hours monthly consumption.....	5.2
Next 500 kilowatt-hours monthly consumption.....	4.5
Next 500 kilowatt-hours monthly consumption.....	3.5
Electricity consumed monthly in excess of 2,000 kilowatt-hours.....	3.0

The above rates apply when monthly bills are paid within 15 days from date of rendition. If the bills are not paid within 15 days from date of rendition, the rates of charge are 10 per cent more than those stated above.

Minimum charge will be \$22.50 per month, unless different minimum bill is arranged for in accordance with rider No. 8. After the expiration of the contract period, the minimum bill will be \$22.50 per month. Minimum charge waived during three consecutive months each year (selected in advance by consumer). The exact period of waiver begins with the regular meter reading date in the month immediately preceding the first month selected.

Standard riders, Nos. 1 and 8.

Period of contract shall be one year, unless a different period is arranged for in accordance with rider No. 8. Contract continues in force, after specified period, until either party gives to the other party 10 days' notice, in writing, of a desire to terminate the agreement.

General terms and conditions, see pages 11 and 12.

COMMERCIAL SCHEDULE G

This rate is for electric service used for industrial motors. Schedule G may not be used for auxiliary, emergency, breakdown service, or elevators.

	Cents per kilowatt-hour
For the first 50 hours' use, monthly of the maximum demand.....	5.2
For all electricity used monthly in excess of 50 hours' use of the maximum demand.....	3.0

The "maximum demand" as used in this schedule is assumed to be equal to a certain percentage of the total capacity in horsepower of

motors connected, as indicated by the manufacturers' standard normal rating, such percentage varying according to the following:

	Per cent
Installations up to and including 50 horsepower.....	100
Installations over 50 horsepower but not less than 50 horsepower.....	85

The above rates apply when monthly bills are paid within 15 days from date of rendition. If the bills are not paid within 15 days from date of rendition, the rates of charge are 10 per cent more than those stated above.

Minimum charge will be \$1 per month per horsepower or fraction thereof of rated capacity (lowest minimum under this schedule \$25), unless different minimum bill is arranged for in accordance with rider No. 8. After the expiration of the contract period the minimum bill will be \$1 per month per horsepower or fraction thereof of rated capacity (lowest minimum \$25). Minimum charge waived during three consecutive months each year (selected in advance by consumer). The exact period of waiver begins with the regular meter-reading date in the month immediately preceding the first month selected.

Standard riders, Nos. 1, 8, 9, and 10.

Period of contract shall be one year, unless a different period is arranged for in accordance with rider No. 8. Contract continues in force, after specified period, until either party gives to the other party 10 days' notice, in writing, of a desire to terminate this agreement.

General terms and conditions, see pages 11 and 12.

COMMERCIAL SCHEDULE H

This rate is for electric service used for commercial heating and cooking purposes only. Schedule H may not be used for auxiliary, emergency, or breakdown service.

	Cents
First 10 kilowatt-hours monthly consumption.....per kilowatt-hour..	5.2
Electricity consumed monthly in excess of 10 kilowatt-hours.....do.....	3.0

The above rates apply when monthly bills are paid within 15 days from date of rendition. If the bills are not paid within 15 days from date of rendition, the rates of charge are 10 per cent more than those stated above.

Minimum charge will be \$0.50 per month, unless different minimum bill is arranged for in accordance with rider No. 8. After the expiration of the contract period, the minimum bill will be \$0.50 per month as indicated above.

Standard riders, Nos. 1 and 8.

Period of contract shall be one year, unless a different period is arranged for in accordance with rider No. 8. Contract continues in force, after specified period, until either party gives to the other party 10 days' notice in writing of a desire to terminate the agreement.

General terms and conditions, see pages 11 and 12.

RESIDENTIAL SCHEDULE K

This rate is for separately metered electric service used for any residential purpose other than lighting, as for instance, heating,

cooking, battery charging, electric motors, etc. Schedule K may not be used for auxiliary, emergency, or breakdown service.

	Cents per kilowatt-hour
First 10 kilowatt-hours monthly consumption.....	5.2
Electricity consumed monthly in excess of 10 kilowatt-hours.....	3.0

The above rates apply when monthly bills are paid within 15 days from date of rendition. If the bills are not paid within 15 days from date of rendition, the rates of charge are 10 per cent more than those stated above.

Minimum charge will be \$0.50 per month for each meter installed unless different minimum bill is arranged for in accordance with rider No. 8. After the expiration of the contract period, the minimum bill will be \$0.50 per month as indicated above.

Standard riders, Nos. 1 and 8.

Period of contract shall be one year, unless a different period is arranged for in accordance with rider No. 8. Contract continues in force, after specified period, until either party gives to the other party 10 days' notice in writing of a desire to terminate the agreement.

General terms and conditions, see pages 11 and 12.

COMMERCIAL SCHEDULE L

This rate is for high-tension electric service used for any commercial purpose where the demand contracted for is not less than 20 kilowatts.

The class of electric service furnished under this schedule is 3-phase, 25 or 60 cycle, at 6,600 or 13,200 volts (nominal). This class of electric service is not "regulated" for lighting purposes.

Fixed charge (for each month)

	Per kilowatt
First 20 kilowatts of consumer's demand.....	1.00
Next 30 kilowatts of consumer's demand.....	1.70
Next 50 kilowatts of consumer's demand.....	1.50
Next 900 kilowatts of consumer's demand.....	1.30
Excess of 1,000 kilowatts of consumer's demand.....	1.10

Energy charge (for each month)

	Cents per kilowatt-hour
First 750 kilowatt-hours consumption.....	3.0
Next 1,000 kilowatt-hours consumption.....	2.2
Next 12,000 kilowatt-hours consumption.....	1.5
Next 25,000 kilowatt-hours consumption.....	1.0
Next 150,000 kilowatt-hours consumption.....	.9
Excess of 188,750 kilowatt-hours consumption.....	.7

The "fixed" and "energy" charges included in this schedule are independent of each other, the former covering the demand for which the consumer requires the company to provide, the latter covering the electricity used.

The above rates apply when monthly bills are paid within 15 days from date of rendition. If the bills are not paid within 15 days from date of rendition, the rates of charge are 10 per cent more than those stated above.

Minimum fixed charge will be \$55 per month, unless different minimum bill is arranged for in accordance with rider No. 8. After the expiration of the contract period the minimum fixed charge shall be not less than \$55 per month. Standard riders, Nos. 1, 3, 5, 6, and 8.

Measurement of the maximum demand is first estimated, and this estimate demand is the basis for the fixed charge until such time as the actual demand is determined by a reading of a recording meter, or the combined readings of recording meters installed by the company. The fixed charge for any month is then, and during the remaining and unexpired portion of the first year of the contract, based on the highest recorded demand. After the expiration of the first year of the contract, and as long as the contract continues in force, the fixed charge for any month is based on the maximum demand which has been recorded during the previous 12 months. In determining the maximum demand upon which the fixed charge is based, momentary peaks are not considered. Upon extraordinary occasions for a certain limited period, the company, at its option, may give permission to exceed the determined maximum load by a stated amount without increasing the established demand upon which the fixed charge is based.

Period of contract shall be one year, unless a different period is arranged for in accordance with rider No. 5, 6, or 8. Contract continues in force, after specified period, until either party gives to the other party 10 days' notice, in writing, of a desire to terminate the agreement.

General terms and conditions, see pages 11 and 12.

DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS

When it becomes necessary to disconnect service to a consumer because of nonpayment of account and when payment is made and reconnection requested, the company shall charge the consumer \$2 for each such reconnection.

General terms and conditions, see page 12, paragraph 3.

RIDERS

Weekly payments—Rider No. 1.—If the bills for electric service are to be rendered weekly, the word "monthly," wherever it appears in the application or schedule form, is changed to the word "weekly," and the figures based on a month's period of time are changed to seven-thirtieths thereof. The time within which bills may be paid at the schedule rates is changed from 15 to 10 days.

Off-peak service—Rider No. 3.—If the consumer's business is of such a nature that it will be practicable for the consumer to reduce his demand during the company's "peak period" (4.30 p. m. to 8.30 p. m., during the months of November, December, January, and February) to an amount which will be not more than two-thirds of the consumer's actual maximum demand, and if the consumer agrees to keep his demand during the said "peak period" below this amount, then the fixed charges are based on two-thirds of the actual maximum demand; if, however, the demand during said "peak period" is in excess of two-thirds of the consumer's maximum demand, the fixed charges are based on the actual maximum demand for the month during which such excess is recorded.

Summer service—Rider No. 5.—Where service is not used during the period from November 1 to March 31, or is used during such period in cases of breakdown or emergency only, the charges are in accordance with Schedule E for low-tension service and Schedule L for high-tension service, except that during the period from April 1 to September 30 the fixed charges are reduced to \$1 per month per kilowatt of demand in the case of low-tension service and 75 cents per month per kilowatt of demand in the case of high-tension service, estimated or measured as provided for, and where the service is used during the month of October the fixed charge will not be reduced during that month but all charges will be in accordance with Schedule E in the case of low-tension service and Schedule L in the case of high-tension service.

Emergency or breakdown service—Rider No. 6.—Where the service is to be used in emergency or for protection only, the charges are in accordance with Schedule E for low-tension or primary service except that the fixed charges in the schedule become 50 cents per month per kilowatt of capacity contracted for, and in accordance with Schedule L for high-tension service except that the fixed charges in the schedule become 37½ cents per month per kilowatt of capacity contracted for, and an automatic circuit breaker or fuse limiting the consumer's demand to this amount is installed by the company at the consumer's expense, and controlled by the company.

The company will not make any long or expensive extensions or enlargements of its service equipment to supply breakdown or throw-over service unless a contract is entered into whereby the consumer guarantees to the company a revenue that will justify the necessary investment.

Temporary service—Rider No. 7.—Where the service is to be used temporarily and a service connection is already installed the minimum monthly guarantee is \$5 if the contract is for one month, and \$2.50 per month if the contract is for two months, the contract continuing in force, however, after the expiration of the specified period, under the usual terms and conditions. Where it is necessary to establish a special-service connection, the cost of the connection and removal of same, less the salvage value of the returned material, is charged to the consumer, and the service is furnished under the terms and conditions governing temporary service for premises already connected.

Service for building, or similar construction work, and seasonal service, such as summer amusement parks, and summer cottages, and residences and apartments, are not classed as temporary service, provided that the contract is to cover a period of not less than two months.

If the use of the service in any of the above excepted cases is for less than two months and the actual consumption of electricity amounts to less than the minimum charge for two months, then the minimum charge for such shorter period shall be an amount equal to the regular monthly minimum charge for two months.

Extension of service mains—Rider No. 8.—When application is made for the extension of service mains to serve a premises with electricity, the company will extend its mains without cost to the applicant or applicants a distance of 35 feet in length per customer to be connected for underground construction or 250 feet for

overhead construction, provided such extension is sufficient to reach premises.

In cases where these lengths are not sufficient to reach the premises, the company will make investigation along the route of the extension requested to ascertain the probable extent to which electricity will be used. Where, in the judgment of the company, it is found that there will be sufficient use to justify the investment, the extension of the service mains will be made without cost to the applicant. Where, in the judgment of the company, it is found that the probable demand for service will not be sufficient to justify the company in making the entire extension free of cost to the applicant, the following procedure will be followed:

(a) In cases where the lengths above mentioned are not sufficient to reach the premises, the company will make the entire extension, provided the applicant or applicants, deposit with the company \$3.25 per lineal foot for underground construction and 40 cents per foot for overhead construction for the length of the extension in excess of the free amount of extension per customer. This deposit will bear no interest, but will be returned by the company to the depositor at the rate of \$114, in the case of underground construction, and \$100 in the case of overhead construction, for each additional customer served from the extension for which said deposit has been made, or from any further extension from and connected to the extension covered by the deposit, until the original principal amount of the deposit is returned, but in no event will the amount refunded exceed the amount of the original deposit.

The free allowances stated in the first paragraph of this rider do not apply in cases where, to serve the applicant's premises, the company must extend its mains from extensions on which there remain unrefunded deposits or portions of deposits. In such cases the allowances by the company of 35 feet per customer, in case of underground construction, or 250 feet per customer, in case of overhead construction is applied at the respective rates per foot of \$3.25 and 40 cents, as aforementioned, to refund of the existing deposit or deposits in the chronological order in which such deposits are made. Where refunds are to be made in accordance with the above, to two or more parties having deposits on the same extension and made at the same time, the amounts of the aggregate refunds are at the rates hereinbefore stated, but the amount of each individual refund is in proportion to the amount each party has on deposit. After the deposit or deposits on an extension have been entirely refunded, no further refund or allowance will be made for further connections to, or extensions from, such an extension; or,

(b) At the request of the applicant, the company at its option may enter into a contract with the applicant to make an extension in excess of the distances beyond the free limit at its own cost, in which case the applicant shall guarantee to the company a minimum monthly payment for 36 consecutive months, equal to one thirty-sixth of the cost of the extension beyond the free limit. This guarantee will be in addition to the regular monthly minimum charge called for in the schedule under which current is supplied. Where the original application is made by more than one customer, the additional minimum monthly guarantee for the period mentioned will be equitably divided between the applicants.

If, during the period covered by such agreement additional customers are secured, service connection for which is made from the extension to which the guarantees apply, the combined minimum monthly guarantees of the original customer or customers will be reduced \$3 per month for the unexpired period for each additional customer served; the guarantee or guarantees, however, shall never be reduced to an amount less than the regular minimum monthly guarantee or guarantees called for in the schedule under which current is furnished. After the expiration of the 36 months' period herein mentioned, the regular minimum monthly guarantee called for by the schedule then in force will apply and the contract will thereafter continue in force under such schedule until the customer gives to the company 10 days' notice in writing to discontinue the service.

Where a conduit or pole line is in the street or other thoroughfare adjacent to the applicant's property, but where there are no poles or wires installed from which the kind or quantity of service required to serve the applicant can be furnished an allowance will be made by the company of \$114 on the cost of the underground cable installation (being the cost of the free extension of 35 feet of underground construction) or an allowance of \$100 on the cost of overhead wire installation (being the cost of the free extension of 250 feet of overhead construction). In cases where the cost of the cable or overhead wire installation exceeds \$114 or \$100, respectively, the excess will be provided for by the applicant under the provisions of paragraph a or b, above, as the case may be, with like refunds or abatements for additional customers served.

High-tension service—Rider No. 9.—Where the company furnishes 25 or 60 cycle high-tension current (either 25 cycle current at 6,000 volts or 13,200 volts nominal, or 60-cycle current at 13,200 volts nominal) directly from its transmission system the customer providing at his own expense all necessary transformers or other converting apparatus, switches, disconnectors, regulators, etc., the current is metered on the primary side, and the company allows a discount of 25 per cent of the amount of the bill at the schedule rate. The minimum bill rendered under this rider will be \$250 each month.

Primary service—Rider No. 10.—Where the company furnishes primary current (60-cycle current, either single or 3 phase at 2,300 volts nominal or 4,000 volts nominal as may be available at the premises served) directly from its distribution system, the customer providing at his own expense all necessary transformers or other converting apparatus, switches, disconnectors, regulators, etc., the current is metered on the primary side and company allows a discount of 10 per cent of the amount of the bill at the schedule rate. The minimum bill rendered under this rider will be \$200 each month.

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

General terms and conditions which are a part of the agreement between the consumer and the company for the furnishing of electric service.

1. The consumer agrees not to use the current for any purpose or for any additional equipment other than that provided for in this contract without first having notified the company in writing and

having received the company's consent thereto. It is expressly understood and agreed that electric service furnished to the consumer shall be for his (her or their) own use and may not be re-metered (or submetered) by the consumer for the purpose of selling electric service to another or others.

2. The consumer, on demand by the company, agrees to give a guarantee satisfactory to the company, or deposit with the company a sum that the company may deem sufficient to guarantee the payment of bills for service furnished under this contract.

3. The consumer authorizes and empowers the properly authorized agents of the company, at all reasonable hours, to have free access to the said premises for the purpose of examining, repairing, or removing meters, wires, and other material and appliances, furnished and installed at the company's expense, which appliances and apparatus are not sold under this contract, but are provided for use of the consumer upon the considerations herein set forth, and are and shall remain the property of the company. The consumer agrees that the company's apparatus and appliances may be removed and the supply of electric current cut off whenever any bills for electric service or supplies are in arrears, or upon violation of any of the terms or conditions of this contract or of any other contract between the parties hereto, or for any just cause, and when so disconnected, the cost of reconnecting the service will be paid by the consumer before the service is restored.

4. The consumer agrees to provide space for and protect from injury the meters, wires, and all other appliances belonging to the company, in said premises, and further agrees that no one who is not an agent of the company, or otherwise lawfully entitled so to do, shall be permitted to inspect, remove, or tamper with said meters, wires, appliances, etc. Where it is found by the company that such meters, wires, appliances, etc., have been tampered with or any other means employed whereby the proper registration of the electricity consumed has been interfered with, it is expressly understood and agreed that the company reserves the right to discontinue the supply of electricity without notice where necessary and not to restore it until the improper condition has been corrected and a settlement made for the amount of electricity used but not metered.

5. It is expressly understood and agreed that the company does not guarantee a constant supply of electricity, and reserves the right to shut off the supply of electricity and disconnect its lines at any time for necessary repairs or extensions; and will not be liable for damages to the consumer for temporary failure to supply electricity to said premises.

6. The consumer agrees to provide at all times, at his or her own expense, apparatus and appliances to conform to the system or systems at any and all times operated by the company.

7. If the company by act of the consumer is prevented from making the connection and rendering service, there shall immediately become due and payable to the company from the consumer the amount expended by the company in preparing for connection to the consumer's premises; such amount to be stipulated damages and not penalty.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Service connections (underground).—Where the service is to be supplied from underground mains, the company will furnish and install, without charge, the necessary conduit and cable connection; provided, however, that where the service mains are in an alley, the applicant will contribute toward the expense of the connection an amount equal to the cost of the conduit connection from the boundary line of the applicant's property to the point of entrance of the service, and where the service mains are in a street the applicant will contribute toward the expense of the connection an amount equal to the cost of the conduit connection from the curb to the building to be supplied, such contribution to be not less than \$5 in any instance, the company to own and control all of the service-connection equipment and to bear all expense of maintenance.

Copies of the schedule showing the rate of expense per foot for underground connections are on file with the Public Utilities Commission of the District of Columbia; copies are also publicly posted in the offices of the company. Information regarding this schedule will be furnished on request.

Service connections (overhead).—Where the service is to be supplied from overhead mains, the company will furnish, install, and maintain, the necessary connecting equipment without charge to the consumer, provided that the point of attachment of the service is not over 100 feet from the boundary line of the applicant's property nearest to the company's mains. Where this distance is over 100 feet, the applicant will contribute toward the expense of the connection an amount equal to the cost of furnishing and installing the equipment required for that part of the connection in excess of such 100 feet of distance, the company to own and control all of the service-connection equipment and to bear all expense of minor maintenance, such as reconnecting fallen wires and tree trimming, but not replacements, which will be made only at the expense of the consumer, the consumer assuming the responsibility of notifying the company as soon as such replacements become necessary.

Should the applicant desire an underground connection from an overhead line, such connection will be made providing the applicant reimburses the company for the amount expended to provide this special connection.

Meters.—The company will furnish and install without expense to the consumer only as many meters as, in the judgment of the company, are necessary to properly measure the electricity supplied, and the consumer will be required to have the wiring in the premises arranged to accommodate the number of meters which the company deems necessary.

Adjustment of bills.—If the seal of the company's meter is broken, or if the meter, from any cause, does not properly register, a bill will be estimated on the basis of a special meter reading taken after the meter has been adjusted or, if necessary, replaced. This special reading is taken after a sufficient period has elapsed to secure a record of the average daily consumption since the adjustment or replacement; the average daily consumption during the month immediately preceding the period for which the bill is to be rendered is also computed, and the average of these two amounts is taken to be a fair estimate of the average daily consumption during the

period which the estimated bill is to cover. This average amount is then taken as the basis for computing the bill.

Signatures to applications for service.—All forms of application for service must be signed by the party who is to pay the bills, or his, her, or their properly authorized agent, evidence of such authority being presented at the time the application is signed. If the applicant is a corporation, the title of the officer or agent signing the application must be stated beneath the signature. If the applicant is the owner of the premises to be supplied the words "Owner of premises" should be added beneath the signature.

Trial installations.—In some cases of new applications of electricity it may be impossible to determine the relative advantages of electric service as compared with other sources of energy unless by trial. The company, provided it has spare generating and line capacity at the time, may, at its option, in such cases furnish current for a trial installation under the schedule which would be applied to such service under a yearly agreement. The period for such trial must be as short as possible for the demonstration, and must be specified in the agreement; the agreement being made for the usual term, with the right on the part of the consumer to terminate the same at the end of the specified trial period. If not terminated at such time by written notice given in advance by the consumer, the agreement shall remain in full force and effect for the remainder of the usual contract term.

Special regulations.—In order to prevent interference with the proper operation of its system and as a precaution to the furnishing of satisfactory service to all of the consumers, the company has adopted certain rules with reference to the connection of equipment to its lines. The rules governing any specific kind of equipment will be explained to anyone on request. The company will not be liable for refusal to supply service unless it has been duly notified regarding the purpose for which the service is to be used and has given its written consent thereto.

Demonstration equipment furnished at company's expense.—The company may at any time, at its option, with the consent of a consumer, arrange at the company's expense, to adapt any of the consumer's apparatus to the use of electricity, and the company may in such instances furnish such apparatus as may be necessary on the consumer's premises, the company retaining title thereto. Such installations shall be regarded as demonstration equipment for disseminating information as to the uses of electricity, and the company shall not be compelled to make any such installation for demonstration which the company may not think necessary or advisable.

(2) That this order become effective on all bills based on meter readings taken on and after January 1, 1929.

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