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GENERAL RULES

15. Collection, Reconnection and Meter Recovery Charges

The Customer shall pay the following charges as a condition of the continuation or re-establishment of service in the following circumstances:

15.1 Collection Charge

A \$29.00 collection charge, if, after a lawful notice of discontinuance of service for non-payment, the Customer has failed to pay all of the amount due within the time specified in the notice and the Company thereafter sends an employee to the Customer's premises to collect payment; however, if more than one visit is made to the Customer to collect or to disconnect service, this charge shall be collected no more than twice in the same transaction regardless of the number of visits made to the Customer to collect or to disconnect service. The collection charge is not applicable to a Customer taking service under SC 1 or to any other Customer who uses such service primarily for his or her residential purposes and has so notified the Company.

15.2 Reconnection Charge

A reconnection charge for the re-establishment of service, if service to the same Customer at the same meter location has been discontinued for non-payment of a deposit or of any rates and charges billed pursuant to this Rate Schedule, including service disconnected due to evidence of tampering with Company apparatus, within twelve months of the Customer's request to re-establish service. The charge for re-establishment of service, except as modified in General Rule 15.4, during the hours of 8 A.M. to 4 P.M. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, shall be \$26.00, and \$28.00 at all other times, except that, if service was disconnected due to evidence of tampering or when service was disconnected in the street, the reconnection charge shall be \$271.00. The reconnection charge when service was disconnected due to evidence of tampering or when service was disconnected in the street is not applicable to a Customer taking service under SC 1 or to any other Customer who uses such service primarily for his or her residential purposes and has so notified the Company.

During each Rate Year that commences January 1, the reconnection charge will be waived for Customers enrolled in the Company's Low Income Program under Rider S, subject to the following provisions:

- (a) no waiver will be granted once the Company has waived \$547,000 (the "target cost") during that Rate Year;
- (b) no waiver will be granted to an individual Customer more than once during a Rate Year, unless, on a case-by-case basis, good cause is shown and the Company does not forecast that it will waive more than the target cost during that Rate Year; and
- (c) if waivers are expected to exceed the target cost, the Company may file a tariff change to reduce the reconnection charge waiver to 50 percent of the total reconnection charge.

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