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## **GENERAL RULES**

## 18. Competitive Metering Service Providers

## 18.1 Eligibility of Competitive Metering Service Providers

To provide Competitive Metering Services to Customers, Meter Service Providers ("MSPs") and Meter Data Service Providers ("MDSPs") must have received a letter of eligibility from the State of New York Department of Public Service and have executed a Competitive Metering Services Agreement with Con Edison.

An MSP or MDSP providing services to Customers must comply with the applicable requirements, performance standards and regulations as set forth in New York Practices and Procedures for the Provision of Electric Metering in a Competitive Environment (the "Meter Manual") as adopted by the Public Service Commission in Case Nos. 00-E-0165 and 94-E-0952 and as may be amended from time to time by the Commission. The Meter Manual requires, among other things, that meters physically interface with the service end points of the Company's distribution system and be capable of developing and supplying billing determinants in a manner and timeframe consistent with the requirements of the Company. The Meter Manual is set out in Addendum-MET to this Rate Schedule.

Each MSP and MDSP offering competitive metering services in the Company's service territory shall agree to indemnify, defend and save harmless the Company from and against any and all liabilities, losses, damages, costs, expenses, causes of action, suits, judgments and claims, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees and the costs of investigation, (collectively "claims"), in connection with any action, suit or proceeding by or on behalf of any person, firm, corporation or other entity arising from, caused by or relating to the metering services and meter data services provided or to be provided by the MSP or MDSP.