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PSC NO: 220 ELECTRICITY NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION INITIAL EFFECTIVE DATE: APRIL 27, 2009 LEAF: 351 REVISION: 0 SUPERSEDING REVISION:

## **SERVICE CLASSIFICATION NO. 1 (Continued)**

## SPECIAL PROVISIONS (CONT.)

B. Customers, in good standing, have the option with the consent of the Company of paying for service under the Company's Monthly Budget Plan. The plan covers up to twelve months billing and can be started at the customer's option either with the next bill or as of the last bill. If the customer starts budget billing as of the last bill, the last bill is canceled and rebilled under budget billing. The initial budget amount is based on an average of the preceding twelve months of actual and estimated energy related charges.

Monthly budget amounts are reviewed on a ongoing basis and may be changed, as needed, to produce level budget billings through the end of the budget period. The difference between the actual and billed charges will be maintained as a deferred balance. If the Customer decides to end involvement with the program or end service with the Company, the deferred balance will be settled or rolled over for all customers in the twelfth month.

Budget bills are due and payable. Full payment must be received on or before the date shown on the bill to avoid a late payment charge of one and one-half percent (1 1/2%) pursuant to Rule 26.4. If the customer fails to pay the monthly Budget Amount or upon discontinuance of service, the Monthly Budget Payment Plan will be canceled and any deficiency shall be due and payable at once, including any late payment charges assessed. Any overpayment shall be credited to the customer's account. The customer can cancel the plan at any time effective with his next regularly scheduled billing.

The Company will make available a budget brochure explaining how the Monthly Budget Payment Plan works.

- C. Customers converting to electric space heating without complying with the Company's minimum insulation requirements, Rule 3.1.3.3, or found in non-compliance with the appropriate minimum insulation requirements for new dwellings contained in Rule 3.1.3.2 will be required to pay a surcharge of 25 percent of their total bill for electric service. Refer to Rule 3.1.3.2.5 or 3.1.3.3.4, Penalties for Non-Compliance, for the application of the surcharge.
- D. <u>Quarterly Payment Plan</u> Effective November 29, 1985, as required by Public Service Law S38, the Company shall offer any residential customer, 62 years of age or older, a plan for payment on a quarterly basis of charges for service rendered provided that such customer's average annual billing is not more than \$150.
- E. Residential status will not begin earlier than the October, 1991, meter reading for customers eligible for service under this service classification based on the following applicability clause:

"residential purposes in a multiple occupancy building where not more than two individual flats, apartments or divided living spaces are available".