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PART II - RULES AND REGULATIONS

7. DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE (Cont'd)

G. DISCONTINUANCE OF RETAIL SERVICE DUE TO FRAUD

If tampered equipment is found on the Retail Customer's premises, or if any fraud upon the Distribution Provider is practiced by the Retail Customer upon the Retail Customer's premises, the Distribution Provider may, after giving notices required by law, and complying with applicable PSC regulations, discontinue the delivery of electric energy to the Retail Customer and remove the meter, apparatus and wires on its premises. The Distribution Customer is responsible for paying all damages occasioned by such fraud, including the full costs and expenses of removing and restoring the meter, apparatus and service lateral.

H. DISCONTINUANCE OF RETAIL SERVICE DUE TO ILLEGAL HIGHWAY SIGNS

Upon receipt of a written notification and request for discontinuance of service, signed by an authorized official of the New York State Department of Transportation, the delivery of electricity to outdoor advertising signs, displays or devices, which have been declared illegal under Section 88(8) of the New York State Highway Law, shall be discontinued, provided such discontinuance will not have any adverse effect upon electric service delivered for any other purpose.

The written notification from the Department of Transportation shall state:

- (1) That the necessary finding has been made and the required 30-day notice has been given in accordance with Section 88(8) of the Highway Law;
- (2) That the 30-day statutory notice has not been stayed, modified or revoked;
- (3) The anticipated removal date of the illegal sign by the Department of Transportation; and
- (4) That the Department of Transportation will reimburse the Distribution Provider for the full costs and expenses of discontinuing service to the illegal sign.

The written notification shall be furnished to the Distribution Customer and the Distribution Provider at the earliest possible date, and the Department of Transportation and the Distribution Provider shall cooperate in scheduling the discontinuance at a mutually convenient time. In any event, the Distribution Provider shall be allowed up to fifteen (15) business days to effect the discontinuance of service following receipt of the written notice.

I. <u>DISCONTINUANCE OF RETAIL SERVICE DUE TO FAILURE OF RETAIL CUSTOMER TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO PREMISES</u>

Failure by a Retail Customer to provide the Distribution Provider reasonable access to the premises served for any necessary or proper purpose in connection with rendering electric service, including installation, reading, testing, maintenance and removal of meters, and the securing of the Distribution Provider's property may result in discontinuance of service. The Distribution Provider shall not discontinue service under this Rule if the Distribution Customer has advised the Distribution Provider of a third party who controls access to the meter(s).

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