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**GENERAL INFORMATION (Cont.)**

**X. METERING**

Unless and until such time as the Commission determines otherwise, the following metering provisions shall apply. Customers that choose to take part in retail access programs may continue to use the same metering equipment that is in place at the time of their applications for retail access. Such customers, however, may request the installation of a different Commission-approved meter, with the cost of such meter and installation to be borne by the customer and with the Company retaining sole control of the meter and responsibility for the installation, maintenance and compliance with Commission regulations. Customers electing to have such meters installed will be billed, for retail access purposes, based on the data collected from these meters. The Company shall own such meters.

**XI. DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE**

**A. Voluntary Discontinuance of ESCO/Marketer Operations in the Company's Service Area**

1. An ESCO/Marketer may discontinue operations (in whole or significant part) in the Company's service territory at will (subject to any penalties or sanctions that may arise due to contractual obligations), upon submission of a written notice to the Company and the ESCO/Marketer's customers at least 15 calendar days prior to the discontinuance date. The notice to retail customers shall inform them:
  - (a) that the discontinuance shall occur at the first meter reading date or the first of the month after the notice period expires (if timely), or the Company may estimate the readings at the discontinuance date or provide a special reading;
  - (b) of their option either to select another ESCO/Marketer to be their energy service provider or to return to regulated utility service;
  - (c) that if they do select other ESCO/Marketers, those entities will file switch requests with the Company on their behalf, and there will be no fee charged by the Company for the switches;
  - (d) that after the discontinuance and unless/until new ESCO/Marketers are selected and the switches are completed, service will be provided by the Company under its applicable tariff rate, unless the Company has notified the customer that delivery services will be terminated on or before the discontinuance date; and

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