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SERVICE CLASSIFICATION NO. 18

GENERAL SERVICE - RETAIL ACCESS PROGRAM

APPLICABLE TO USE OF SERVICE FOR

Commercial customers who would otherwise qualify for the Company's Service Classification Nos. 2 and 12, and who wish to purchase energy and capacity from a provider (Retail Supplier) other than Central Hudson, subject to the penetration levels and timetable set forth below (Similar customers who desire full service from Central Hudson should see Service Classification Nos. 2 and 12):

Percent Load Penetration Level  
Service Classification Nos. 18, 19 & 20

Effective date of tariff to 12/31/98	8
1/1/99 to 12/31/99	16
1/1/00 to 12/31/00	24
1/1/01 to 6/30/01	28

The load penetration levels set forth in this table are estimated maximum loads for the commercial and small industrial classes, which includes Service Classification Nos. 18, 19 and 20, based on the Company's funding obligations of \$3.5 million per year for the commercial and small industrial classes, pursuant to Public Service Commission (PSC) Order issued February 19, 1998 in Case 96-E-0909, and may not be achieved.

Customers taking service under Service Classification No. 18 prior to the effective date of this tariff as participants in the Company's Retail Access Pilot Program, pursuant to Public Service Commission Order in Case 96-E-0948, shall continue taking service under this service classification as a Retail Access customer. All such customers' loads will be included in the determination of the load penetration levels described above.

A customer taking three phase primary service and whose demand exceeds 1,000 Kw. during two (2) consecutive months of the previous twelve (12) months shall not be eligible for this rate and shall be transferred to Service Classification No. 3 or Service Classification No. 20. A customer so transferred shall only be eligible for transfer back to Service Classification No. 2 or Service Classification No. 18 on the annual anniversary of the transfer to Service Classification No. 3 or Service Classification No. 20 and only if the said customer has not exceeded 1,000 Kw. during two consecutive months of the previous twelve (12) months.

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