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# **45. EMPIRE ZONE RATE**

#### Purpose

This service is provided in cooperation with the New York State Department of Economic Development ("NYSDED"), the New York State Public Service Commission and the local Empire Zone certification board to assist in the revitalization of economically distressed geographic areas in the Company's service territory.

### **Eligibility**

Service under this Section will only be available to customers who have been certified, and maintain such certification, as Empire Zone ("EZ") eligible by the New York State Commissioner of Economic Development.

A customer who is certified as EZ eligible must have an account established under Service Classification Nos. 2, 3 or 13 of this Rate Schedule.

### **Application for Service**

EZ Rate participation shall be site specific. All separately metered service accounts within a customer's premises whereby electricity consumption is not otherwise served directly through facilities owned by the customer shall be provided at the standard tariff provisions of such account's applicable Service Classification under this Rate Schedule.

The NYSDED shall provide the Company with written notice of a customer's certification or decertification as EZ eligible and the effective date of such action. Service will be initiated or terminated under this Section pursuant to such effective date.

## **Rates and Charges**

Customers taking service under this Section will be subject to the rates, charges and terms of service, including the determination of billing demand and energy, contained in their applicable Service Classification under this Rate Schedule except that the portion of a customer's load that qualifies for EZ rates, as determined pursuant to the NYSDED and General Information Section 41:

- 1. will not be billed for the Revenue Decoupling Mechanism Adjustment, as described in General Information Section 36.G; and,
- 2. for any customer previously certified in an EZ located in another utility's service territory where that utility's tariff grants exemptions from the existing surcharges comparable to the Company's surcharges and that customer acquires a business in an EZ located in the Company's service territory will not be billed for System Benefits Charge, which includes the Clean Energy Fund and Energy Efficiency Tracker, as described in General Information Sections 36.A and 36.H; and,
- 3. will be billed the Excelsior Jobs Program energy delivery or demand delivery charges set forth in General Information Section 41.