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SCHEDULE 92

LOW-INCOME RATE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

APPLICABLE:

To residential Customers in the State of Washington where the Company has electric service available. The rate adjustment assessed for the Low-Income Rate Assistance Program (LIRAP) is applicable to all retail customers for charges for electric energy sold and to the flat rate charges for Company-owned or Customerowned Street Lighting and Area Lighting Service. This rate adjustment is designed to recover costs incurred by the Company associated with providing LIRAP bill assistance.

AVAILABILITY:

LIRAP bill assistance is available to all income-gualified residential Customers, applicable only to their primary residence. Income-gualified is defined as customers with a gross household income, inclusive of deductions in alignment with the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), at or below 200% Federal Poverty Level (FPL) or 80% Area Median Income (AMI), whichever is greater.

LIRAP provides bill assistance to eligible customers. Program eligibility and benefit determination are conducted by Community Action Agencies (CAAs) and the Company, as described herein. Specific LIRAP Guidelines, including program activities, development and refinement, and Customer protections, are created in coordination with the CAAs and in consultation with the Energy Assistance Advisory Group (EAAG).

MONTHLY RATE:

The energy charges of the individual rate schedules are to be increased by the following amounts:

| Schedule 1, 7 & 8 Schedules 11, 12 13, 17, & 18 Schedules 21, 22 & 23 Schedules 25 & 25I (First 500,000 kWh) Schedules 25 & 25I (Next 5,500,000 kWh) Schedules 25 & 25I (Over 6,000,000 kWh) Schedules 31 & 32 Schedules 41-48 | \$0.00607 per kWh \$0.00717 per kWh \$0.00622 per kWh \$0.00428 per kWh \$0.00428 per kWh \$0.00000 per kWh \$0.00428 per kWh \$0.02649 per kWh | (I)(N) (I)(N) (I) (I) (I) (I) (I) |
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LOW-INCOME RATE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – Continued

ANNUAL TRUE-UP:

On or before September 1 each year, if annual program revenues need to be adjusted, the Company will file to adjust rates collected for the necessary program revenue with an effective date of November 1.

LIRAP COMPONENTS:

The following bill assistance options may be available for each household based on the income level declared by the Customer:

| Tier | Household Income | Bill Discount | Arrearage Assistance |
|------|-------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1 | Zero to 5% FPL | 94% | Arrearage Forgiveness |
| 2 | 6 to 50% FPL | 75% | |
| 3 | 51 to 100% FPL | 35% | Arrearage Management Program (AMP) |
| 4 | 101 to 150% FPL | 20% | |
| 5 | 151-200% FPL or 80% AMI | 15% | |

Bill Discount – Available to all income-qualified customers, as defined above. The Bill Discount is designed to lower a household's energy burden to 6 percent or less of annual household income, and will be applied to a participating Customer's monthly net bill, after all other energy assistance has been applied.

<u>Arrearage Management Plan (AMP)</u> – Available to Customers with incomes at 51% to 200% FPL or 80% AMI, whichever is greater. Reduces Customer past due balance, or "arrearage," owed over a 12-month period by providing an incentive for regular, ontime payment of their current bill plus a portion of their past due balance. Maximum annual benefit of \$2,500; exceptions to maximum benefit may be made for extreme, extenuating Customer situations, as determined in collaboration with the Company's EAAG, not to exceed \$5,000.

Arrearage Forgiveness: Available to Customers with incomes at 0-50% FPL. Provides forgiveness of past due balances, not to exceed a maximum annual benefit of \$2,500; exceptions to maximum benefit may be made for extreme, extenuating Customer situations, as determined in collaboration with the Company's EAAG, not to exceed \$5,000.

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