ELECTRIC RULE 1

ADOPTION OF ELECTRIC RULES AND DEFINITIONS

These Electric Rules established by the Board and approved by the City Council are effective throughout the service area of the Electric Utility. They are subject to the following provisions and definitions:

A. All rules are subject to change. Copies of the rules currently in effect will be kept in the offices of the Public Utilities Department. Customers or others contemplating any expenditures or activities governed by these rules should assure themselves that they have the current version by contacting the Customer Services office of the Public Utilities Department.

B. For the purpose of these rules, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

Applicant: A person, persons, firm, association, governmental agency, corporation or other concern that submits a request for electric service from the Utility and who will be responsible for all related charges.

Billing Demand: The load or demand, measured in kilowatts, used for computing charges under rate schedules based on the size of the Customer’s load or demand. It may be connected load, the measured maximum demand, or a modification of either as provided for by the applicable rate schedule.

Board: Board of Public Utilities of the City of Riverside

Business: Any lawful commercial endeavor to engage in the manufacturing, purchase, sale, lease or exchange of goods and/or the provision of services.

City: City of Riverside.

City Council: The City Council of the City of Riverside, designated by the City Charter as the governing body of the City.

General Service: Electric service for Premises devoted primarily to Business activities.

Connected Load: The sum of the rated capacities of all of the Customer’s equipment that can be connected to the Utility’s lines at any one time as more completely described in the rate schedules.
Customer: The person, persons, firm, association, governmental agency, corporation or other concerns who use, are entitled to use, or benefit from the use of electricity from the Utility.

Date of Presentation: The date upon which a bill or notice is mailed or delivered by the Utility to the Customer.

Department: Public Utilities Department of the City of Riverside.

Director: Director or General Manager of the Public Utilities Department of the City of Riverside.

Distribution Lines: Overhead pole lines and underground facilities consisting of conduit and cable which are operated at distribution voltages.

Energy Diversion: Electricity being received by a Customer without registering through the meter due to either tampering with the meter or bypassing the meter.

HP: Horsepower.

kW: Kilowatt.

kWh: Kilowatt-hour.

Line Extension: All facilities, excluding transformer, service connection and meter, required to extend electric service from the Utility's existing permanent facilities to the point of delivery to the Customer.

Multi-Family Dwelling Unit: A building, or portion thereof, designed for occupancy by two or more families living independently of each other and containing two or more dwelling units.

Nominal Voltage: The nominal voltage of a circuit is the approximate voltage between conductors in a circuit or system of a given class, assigned for the purpose of convenient designation. For any specific nominal voltage, the operating voltage actually existing at different points and times on the system will vary.

On-Site Facilities: On-site facilities include the facilities located on the premises as well as those in adjacent rights-of-way, easements and a proportionate share of any facilities on adjacent property used to provide service to the premises.
Otherwise Applicable Tariff (OAT): The Utility rate schedule that would otherwise apply to the Customer from time to time for electrical services to the premises.

Person: Any individual, partnership, corporation, public agency or legal entity.

Premises: All real property, buildings, and appurtenances upon an integral parcel of land undivided by a street, highway or other public thoroughfare.

Reliability Charge: A monthly flat charge which is used to recover the actual costs to improve the reliability of Riverside’s internal transmission system and provide internal generation of power and energy to service Riverside’s Customers. Such charge is calculated either by the Customer’s maximum rated electric service entrance panel capacity or through a combination of such panel capacity and actual usage, in accord with the Customer’s applicable tariff.


RkVAh: Reactive kilovolt-ampere-hour.

Service Wires or Connection: The group of conductors, whether overhead or underground, connecting the service entrance conductors of the Customer to the Utility’s supply line, regardless of the location of the Utility’s meters or transformers.

Single-Family Dwelling Unit: A dwelling designed for occupancy by one family and located on one lot delineated by front, side and rear lot lines.

Utility: Public Utilities Department of the City of Riverside.