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Section 2.02 SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

RESIDENTIAL SERVICE: A Residential Service rate may be applied only to an individual residence, private apartment, mobile home, fraternity house or sorority house; including garages and other auxiliary buildings on the service location and used by the Residential Customer for noncommercial use. A residence containing not more than one light housekeeping unit in addition to the principal Residential unit may be classified as a single unit.

Pursuant to South Dakota Administrative Rules Chapter 20:10:26, master metering will not be permitted on any multi occupancy building, mobile home park or trailer court where construction began after June 13, 1980.

The prohibition against master metering shall not apply to hospitals; nursing homes; transient hotels and motels; dormitories; campgrounds; other Residential facilities of a purely transient nature; Residential duplexes where the owner occupies one of the two units; multiple occupancy buildings with central heating or cooling systems, central ventilating systems or central hot water systems provided the Customer has notified the Commission of the claimed exception and the Commission has not required the Customer to obtain a variance to its rules; mobile home courts or trailer parks or any multiple occupancy building where construction began before June 13, 1980; or any multiple occupancy building constructed, owned or operated with funds appropriated through the Department of Housing and Urban Development, or any other federal or state government agency if formal regulation of the funding agency requires master metering.

Existing multiple occupancy buildings with permitted master metering that are being substantially remodeled or renovated for continued use as such, will be permitted to continue to have master metering only if the owner can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission that conversion to individual metering would be impractical, uneconomical or infeasible. Each multiple dwelling building with permitted master metering that is served on the Residential Service Rate will be charged the applicable Monthly Minimum Customer Charge (as stated in the Residential Service rate schedule), plus usage charges calculated at the applicable block rate for usage, per dwelling unit, regardless of whether all the dwelling units are occupied or not.

On application by the Customer for master metering of service, the Company shall determine whether master metering is permissible. An owner or builder of a new or substantially remodeled building may, however, petition the Commission for a variance from its rules to



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permit master metering of electric service, if application for master metering is denied by the Company. The Commission may grant the variance if the owner or builder demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Commission that converting to or using individual Meters is impractical or infeasible.

Where the owner, proprietor, operator, or his or her designee of a Commercial enterprise occupies living quarters in the same building as the Commercial enterprise, he or she may, at his or her option, have the electricity used in the living quarters separately metered and billed at the applicable Residential rate, or the electricity may be included in the central metering to the Commercial enterprise, in which case billing shall be at the applicable nonresidential rate.

FARM SERVICE: The Farm Service Rate shall apply to any Customer carrying on normal farming operations regardless whether the Farm is situated within or without the corporate limits of any city or village.

Two or more families living either in the same farmhouse or in separate buildings but all concerned in the normal operation of the Farm may be centrally metered through one Meter and billed at the regular Farm rate, subject to the limitations contained in the Farm rate.

A residence located adjacent to a Farm, but not being a part of the Farm operation shall be considered simply as a residence in a rural area and shall be metered separately and billed at the proper applicable rate.

A Customer occupying Residential buildings, on a single Farm, for Residential and Farm purposes may have the Farm and Residential use measured by a single Meter and billed on the applicable Farm service rate. The Customer also has the option for separate metering of the Residential and Farm use, in which case the electricity consumed through each Meter will be billed at the applicable rate.