



## STANDARD INSTALLATION AND EXTENSION RULES

### Section 5.01 SERVICE CONNECTION

The Customer, without cost to the Company, grants the Company and its successors and assigns a perpetual easement and right-of-way on, over, across and under the Customer's property for the installation, operation, maintenance, repair, extension and removal of equipment necessary to provide electric service, such as overhead or underground Transmission and Distribution lines, service conductors and other equipment, and necessary fixtures and all other devices in connection therewith; together with the right to permit the attachment of other wires to the poles or in a common trench for purposes of telecommunications or cable communication systems.

The Customer further grants the Company and its successors and assigns the right and perpetual easement to place, position and locate the butts of the main poles, pole structures or underground wires over, across or under the Customer's property in such manner and location as the Company and the Customer may mutually agree. The Company shall have the right of ingress and egress at all reasonable times, for the purpose of the perpetual rights and easements granted, and shall have the right to cut down and trim trees and vegetation as reasonably necessary to keep the wires of the Company's electric lines clear, so as to be maintained in accordance with the Company's standards of construction and maintenance. The Customer agrees to provide, without cost to the Company, such other rights of way or permits (including railroad permits), as may be necessary to provide electric service.

The Customer will also provide and maintain on its property, at a location satisfactory to the Company, proper space for the Company's transformers, metering equipment, and other equipment. The Customer will ensure the safekeeping of the Company's Meters and other facilities and reimburse the Company for the cost of any alternations to the Company's lines, Meters, or other facilities requested by the Customer and for any loss or damage to the Company's property located at the service location, except when such loss or damage is beyond the reasonable control of the Customer.

Where the Customer has blocked or restricted access to the Company facilities through plantings, construction, pavement, or other object(s), all costs of obtaining access for maintenance, repairs or replacement of the facilities, whether underground or overhead, together with all costs of site restoration including, but not limited to, trenching, tree removal, earth removal, reconstruction or repaving, shall be the responsibility of the Customer.



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If the Company is required to change the service lines or its equipment used to provide electric service to the Customer for any reason other than normal maintenance or inadequate Capacity, the Customer shall pay all costs connected with the change.

Where the Customer requests electric service and service is provided by means of an underground service lateral, owned and installed by the Company, the Customer shall, except for backfilling, assume, at its own expense, the necessary land restoration, including, but not limited to, yard maintenance, grass planting, and trench leveling.

Except as may be agreed in writing, title and ownership of all lines, extensions and equipment furnished by the Company shall be and remain in the Company, and shall not be owned by nor become a part of the property of the Customer. The service conductors as installed by the Company from the Distribution line to the point of connection with the Customer's service entrance conductors will be the Company's property and will be maintained by the Company at its own expense. The Customer will allow the Company access to the service conductors to perform maintenance.

In the event of the failure of the Customer to make payment for service provided by the Company and service is disconnected, as permitted by these General Rules and Regulations in Section 3.01, the Company may remove any and all equipment, extensions of lines and other property installed by the Company on the Customer's property.

Transformers, service conductors, Meters, and other equipment used in furnishing electric service to a Customer have a definite Capacity. Therefore, the Customer shall make no material increase in load or equipment without first making arrangements with the Company for the additional electric supply.