

Rule 15

**GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS – ACTIONS TAKEN BY COMPANY
TO CONSERVE ENERGY AT TIMES OF DEFICIENCY OF RESOURCES**

I. GOVERNMENT PROCLAIMED REGIONAL DEFICIENCIES:

Where there exists a government designated authority to proclaim power emergencies, actions will be implemented by the Company in accordance with proclamation of such authority. Action by the Company to interrupt, suspend, or otherwise curtail service to customers will be integrated with actions of other utility systems in the region taken to meet regional deficiencies. Such actions include the Company directing a Customer to curtail its load in addition to both manual and automatic operation of the electrical system. The following curtailment sequence will be used to the extent permitted by the operating characteristics of the electrical system unless it is necessary, in the sole judgment of Company, to vary said sequence in order to protect system performance, integrity, reliability or stability.

CURTAILMENT SEQUENCE:

- 1) Large industrial and commercial Customers to the extent that this can be done after considering Customer's load and system conditions and then, if necessary;
- 2) Selected distribution feeders throughout the service area for short periods of time, alternating among circuits and avoiding, if practicable, interruptions at facilities which are essential to the public welfare, such as hospitals, other health facilities, airports, police stations, fire stations, communication facilities, domestic water pumping stations, defense installations, civil defense centers, sewage disposal plants and others and then, if necessary;
- 3) Selected distribution feeders throughout the service area for longer periods of time with less alteration among circuits while continuing to avoid, if practicable, interruptions at facilities which are essential to the public welfare and then, if necessary;
- 4) Customers whose functions are essential to the public welfare beginning with those Customers whose service is least essential and continuing to those whose functions are progressively more essential.

To the extent permitted by the operating characteristics of the system, Company will restore service to Customers in reverse sequence to that set out above unless it is necessary in the sole judgment of Company to vary said sequence in order to protect system performance, integrity, reliability or stability.

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II. OTHER DEFICIENCIES:

In absence of a government designated authority or proclamation of such authority where one exists, the Company may, if it deems it essential to maintaining the integrity of its system or its ability to provide a power supply, implement the actions enumerated hereinafter. Action by civil authorities and by the Company to obtain load curtailment by Customers other than Major Use Customers are intended to effect approximate equality of curtailment amongst all customers. If curtailment actions are undertaken, then to the extent permitted by the operating characteristics of the electrical system, such actions will be accomplished as given in the following curtailment sequence unless it is necessary in the sole judgment of the Company to vary said sequence in order to protect system performance, integrity, reliability or stability. The enumerated actions may also be taken simultaneously, or within a short period, as the situation may require.

A. CURTAILMENT SEQUENCE:

Curtailment by voluntary curtailment of nonessential uses:

- 1) Initiate curtailment of all nonessential Company use.
- 2) Request to public news media that all Customers voluntarily curtail all nonessential uses.
- 3) Request curtailment of nonessential use by governmental agencies and institutions at all levels.
- 4) Request voluntary curtailment of nonessential use in all large buildings.
- 5) Direct specific requests to Major Use Customers for voluntary curtailment of nonessential use.

If additional curtailment is required (If possible Step (6) would be implemented in advance of the time it is predicted that involuntary curtailment may be needed.):

- 6) Intensify request to the public, including request to curtail less essential uses, and with notice that if curtailment does not occur, mandatory curtailment would be required.

In the event it appears that the above actions will not provide the required load curtailment, the Company will take the following actions, after giving notice to the Commission:

- 7) Implement nonvoluntary curtailment in accordance with governmental directives or, in absence thereof, implement nonvoluntary curtailment of all Major Use Customers by a percentage of Base Period load, which percentage shall be identical for all such Customers.

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- 7) Provide on request Base Period load and current consumption figures to civil authorities.
- 8) Inform all Customers other than Major Use Customers of the recommended means of achieving comparable load curtailment.
- 10) In addition to the foregoing, the Company may utilize operational procedures, including voltage reduction and interruption of service, as necessary to maintain integrity of service. Public notice will be given through news media before such operational procedures are implemented.

B. DEFINITIONS:

As used in this rule:

- a. "Major Use Customer" is a Customer who used 75,000 kWh in any monthly billing cycle in the Base Period, or who would use 75,000 kWh (without curtailment) in any monthly billing cycle in the 12-month period beginning the previous August 1.
- b. "Base Period" is the corresponding monthly billing cycle in a 12-month period ending the previous July 31.

C. BASE PERIOD ADJUSTMENTS:

- a. The Base Period loads of Major Use Customers will be adjusted to take into account any installed increase in normal load. Customers becoming Major Use Customers in the period after August 1 of the curtailment year by reason of increased usage shall have a Base Period load determined by the Company on the basis of the projected usage before curtailment.
- b. The Base Period loads of Customers other than Major Use Customers may be modified where additional load requirements have occurred and where such additional load cannot be avoided during the curtailment period. A Customer desiring such modification shall notify the Company with description of reasons therefore.

Prior to implementing Step (7), the Company will establish the Base Period load for Major Use Customers in consultation with such customers, where required.

- c. In the event a Customer and the Company cannot agree on the Base Period load, the matter may be submitted by the Customer to the Commission, and, pending final decision by the Commission, the Base Period load shall be that determined by the Company.

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D. STEP (7) PERCENTAGE ADJUSTMENTS:

- a. The percentage specified for mandatory curtailment under Step (7) may be increased or decreased, as system conditions require.
- b. If competent public authority determine that differing percentage curtailment should apply to different uses of power, the percentages provided for under Step (7) will be modified accordingly.

E. HARDSHIP:

Any Customer who considers that curtailment in accordance with the provisions of this rate schedule shall impose an unusual and excessive hardship upon them may present their reasons therefore, and a statement of the facts supporting such reasons, to the Commission.

F. SCHEDULING:

Customers may schedule load curtailment in any period and in any manner to minimize economic costs, hardship or inconvenience, provided that the required load curtailment (if determined on other than a daily basis) shall be assured within each period, such period not to be longer than one month.

G. INSPECTIONS:

The Company shall have the right to inspect the Customer's facilities and operating schedules to determine whether the Customer has complied with load curtailment required under Steps (7) through (9). If a Customer has not so complied and continues to fail to comply after receiving notice of noncompliance from the Company and adequate time to cure, the Company may discontinue service to such Customer until it is assured that the Customer will comply with directed load curtailment.