### **RULE NO. 17.1**

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Unauthorized use is the use of energy in noncompliance with the Company's tariffs or applicable law. It includes, but is not limited to, meter tampering, unauthorized connection or reconnection, theft, fraud, or intentional or unintentional use of energy whereby the Company is denied full compensation for service provided.

Where the Company determines there has been unauthorized use, the Company may disconnect without notice as authorized in Rule 12.D. The Company shall have the legal right to recover, from the person who caused or benefited from such unauthorized use, the estimated undercharges for the full period of that person's unauthorized use. The estimated bill shall indicate unauthorized use for the most recent 3 years and, separately, unauthorized use beyond the 3 year period for collection as provided by law.

Nothing in this rule shall be interpreted as limiting the Company's rights under any provisions of any applicable civil or criminal law.

#### В. ADJUSTMENT OF BILLS FOR UNAUTHORIZED USE

### 1. Actual Usage

If accurate meter readings are available for the unauthorized use period, they will be used for billing purposes.

#### 2. Estimate Usage

If accurate meter readings are not available or the electric usage has not been accurately measured, the Company may estimate the energy usage for billing purposes. The basis for the estimate may include, without limitation and for illustrative purposes only, the physical condition of the metering equipment, available meter readings, records of historical use, or the general characteristics of the load and operation of the Customer or person being billed, with consideration of any appropriate seasonal adjustment.

### C. RECOVERY OF ASSOCIATED COSTS

The Company may recover the associated costs resulting from the unauthorized use including, but not limited to, investigative and equipment damage costs and costs incurred by the Company to remove the unauthorized use situation.

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## D. DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE

In accordance with the provisions of Rule No. 11, where the Company determines unauthorized use is occurring, the Company may refuse or discontinue service without further notice.

If any part of the Customer's wiring or any other equipment, or the use thereof, is determined by the Company or any other authorized public agency to be unsafe or in violation of applicable laws, ordinances, rules or regulations of public authorities, or is in such condition as to endanger the Company's service facilities, the Company may discontinue service without further notice. The Company will refuse to restore service until all safety concerns have been addressed and all wiring or equipment complies with applicable laws, ordinances, rules or regulations.

The Company may also discontinue service in accordance with the provisions of its tariffs, for nonpayment of a delinquent billing for unauthorized use and for associated costs, including nonpayment under an amortization agreement.

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