



Proposed Tariff Changes for Colorado Springs Utilities' 2015 Fall Rate Filing

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Objective

- Review in advance of filing the various proposed Rate Schedule and Utilities Rules and Regulation Tariff changes
 - Preliminary - Additional modifications may occur prior to filing
- Proposed Tariff changes will be filed with the 2015 Rate Filing
 - Rate Filing – October 14
 - Rate Hearing – November 25
 - Decision and Order – December 9
- Proposed changes are effective January 1, 2015

Community Solar Garden Bill Credit (Pilot Program)

Detail

- Updates the CSG Pilot Program blended bill credit to reflect recent rate increases and takes the rate out to four decimal places.
- Program garden capacity sunset established (June 30, 2015)
- One developer can own up to 1.5 MW

Benefits/Impact

- Updates bill credit to 2015 levels and facilitates future updates as base rates change.
- Establishes end of capacity availability for the Pilot program
- Increases amount one developer can own to facilitate completion of garden capacity allotment.

Detail

- Add rates to bill credit table:
 - Residential Time of Use
 - Commercial Time of Use
 - Industrial Service - Time of Day –Transmission Voltage rates to bill credit table.
- Add tariff language to exclude certain other classes and tariffs from the Bill Credit program

Benefits/Impact

- Allows additional electric service customers to participate in the Bill Credit program.
- Clarifies tariff to specifically exclude certain rates and programs which do not make sense to be on the Bill Credit Program.

Detail

- Add tariff language to state that a positive ECA cannot result in a credit to the customer. Update standard price for wind per new wind purchase (if it occurs).

Benefits/Impact

- Clarifies tariff; minimizes potential for false customer expectations regarding treatment of ECA in regards to Wind Power.

Detail

- Removes language from the URR that permits the tenants of master metered premises to make current payments on the master meter account once an account is posted for discontinuance.

Benefits/Impact

- This has never been used by tenants
- Current process confusing to tenants/customers
- Simplifies Notice requirements
- Simplifies administration

Detail

- Currently CSU does not collect past debts/write-offs prior to starting service for a prior customer. Want to require payment of debt before service is started.

Benefits/Impact

- Financial benefit associated with reduced write offs and minimized collections activities
- Inherent risk in implementing a standard that does not have established governing law.

Budget Billing True-up (language revision)

Detail

- Revise Budget Billing so that True-ups can be performed regularly to minimize significant bill impacts for customers.

Benefits/Impact

- Improve Customer Satisfaction with Budget Billing program – minimizes large pick-up bills
- May improve participation in the Budget Billing program

Contract Services - Woody Biomass Option Pilot Program (Extension)

Detail

- In relation to the Drake fire, requesting that CSU extends the term of the pilot from current expiration date of 12/31/14 to 12/31/15. Fort Carson wants to extend contract.

Benefits/Impact

- Pilot Program was established and coordinated with Ft. Carson. Testing of biomass fuel at Drake was planned independently of this Pilot. Pilot offsets costs to meet the customer's renewable desires. Fort Carson is the only Customer participating and only eligible customer.