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12.1 COMPETITIVE METERING

In accordance with the New York State Department of Public Service Commission's Order Concerning Competitive Metering, Cases 00-E-0165 and 94-E-0952, Issued and Effective January 31, 2001, and the Order Providing for Competitive Metering, Issued and Effective February 26, 2001: Central Hudson herein allows customers with eligible sites to obtain meters and metering services from eligible non-utility third-party providers; and, has attached as Addendum-MET, the New York Practices and Procedures for the Provision of Electric Metering in a Competitive Environment (the Manual) together with credits for qualifying customers who are able to secure non-utility metering services. The following is intended to clarify and expand upon the Addendum.

A. CUSTOMER ELIGIBILITY

- (a) any customer with a metered monthly demand greater than 50 kW in two consecutive months during the most recent twelve month period qualifies to have the option of obtaining metering services (at that specific Service Delivery Point, SDP) from Central Hudson; or, from competing, third-party, metering service providers;

B. LIMITATIONS

- (a) a customer with a qualifying metered SDP who opts for a meter from a third-party Meter Service Provider (MSP) must also obtain Meter Data Services from a third-party Provider (MDSP). Central Hudson will not routinely service nor periodically read any meter owned by a third party;
- (b) a multiple-metered customer may obtain competitive metering services only at each metered SDP that meets the 50 kW criteria;

C. CUSTOMER ENROLLMENT

- (a) a customer interested in obtaining competitive metering services should contact the New York State Department of Public Service (NYSDPS) or Central Hudson for a list of eligible MSPs and MDSPs;
- (b) a customer with a qualifying SDP should contact NYS eligible MSPs and MDSPs (that have signed Metering Services Operating Agreements with Central Hudson) to request a statement of terms of conditions that detail the customer's rights, responsibilities and costs;

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