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### **45. EMPIRE ZONE RATE**

#### **Purpose**

This service is provided in cooperation with the New York State Department of Economic Development ("NYSDED"), the New York State Public Service Commission and the local Empire Zone certification board to assist in the revitalization of economically distressed geographic areas in the Company's service territory.

# **Eligibility**

Service under this Section will only be available to customers who have been certified, and maintain such certification, as Empire Zone ("EZ") eligible by the New York State Commissioner of Economic Development.

A customer who is certified as EZ eligible must have an account established under Service Classification Nos. 2, 3 or 13 of this Rate Schedule.

### **Application for Service**

EZ Rate participation shall be site specific. All separately metered service accounts within a customer's premises whereby electricity consumption is not otherwise served directly through facilities owned by the customer shall be provided at the standard tariff provisions of such account's applicable Service Classification under this Rate Schedule.

The NYSDED shall provide the Company with written notice of a customer's certification or decertification as EZ eligible and the effective date of such action. Service will be initiated or terminated under this Section pursuant to such effective date.

## **Rates and Charges**

Customers taking service under this Section will be subject to the rates, charges and terms of service, including the determination of billing demand and energy, contained in their applicable Service Classification under this Rate Schedule except that the portion of a customer's load that qualifies for EZ rates, as determined pursuant to the NYSDED and General Information Section 41:

- 1. will not be billed for the Revenue Decoupling Mechanism Adjustment, as described in General Information Section 36.G; and,
- 2. will be billed the Excelsior Jobs Program energy delivery or demand delivery charges set forth in General Information Section 41.

The rates and charges under this Section are increased pursuant to General Information Section 30 to reflect the tax rates applicable within the municipality where the customer takes service.

EZ rates shall not apply to that portion of a customer's delivery service associated with the provision of applicable NYPA programs including, but not limited to, the Recharge New York Power Program as described in General Information Section 40, or that portion of delivery service served under the terms and conditions of an individually negotiated contract or other preferential or discount rate.

The rates and charges under this Section will be subject to periodic review and revision subject to Commission approval.

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