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State of Idaho
Idaho Public Utilities Commission
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Case No. AVU-E-21-__

I.P.U.C. No. 28 – Electric Service

Dear Commission Secretary:

In accordance with Case No. GNR-U-20-01, Order No. 34602, which suspends the requirement to file physical copies, the Company has attached for electronic filing with the Commission the following revised tariff sheet:

Twenty-Fourth Revision Sheet 51E	canceling	Twenty-Third Revision Sheet 51E
Twenty-Second Revision Sheet 51F	canceling	Twenty-First Revision Sheet 51F
Twenty-Third Revision Sheet 51G	canceling	Twenty-Second Revision Sheet 51G
Twenty-First Revision Sheet 51H	canceling	Twentieth Revision Sheet 51H
Twenty-Second Revision Sheet 51N	canceling	Twenty-First Revision Sheet 51N
Twenty-Second Revision Sheet 51O	canceling	Twenty-First Revision Sheet 51O

The Company requests that the proposed tariff sheets be made effective May 15, 2021. These tariff sheets reflect the Company's annual electric Line Extension filing. Detailed information related to the Company's request is included in the attached Application and supporting workpapers.

The Company will issue a notice to its effected customers through a letter in the April 2021 timeframe. A copy of the letter has been included in the Company's filing.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact Tia Benjamin at (509) 495-2225 or Joe Miller at (509) 495-4546.

Sincerely,

/s/ Joe Miller

Joe Miller
Sr Manager of Rates and Tariffs

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SCHEDULE 51 - continued

- 5) "Share of Previous Extension" applies only to Primary Circuits less than five years old. If part of a previous line extension is used to serve a new Customer, the new Customer must pay a share of the previous Primary Circuit cost and Transformer cost, if shared, to the Company before the start of construction. The amount paid by the new Customer will be refunded to existing Customers in relation to their share of the Primary Circuit and Transformer, if shared. The Company will refund appropriate shares to the bearers of Extension Certificates when the Certificates are presented for payment and the connection of the subsequent Customer has been verified. The Company will make a reasonable attempt to inform the bearer of the Certificate when a refund is due. Bearers of Extension Certificates must apply for refunds before the original line extension becomes six years old. Unclaimed refunds will be returned to the contributor.

EXAMPLE:

1. First Customer pays \$10,010 for 1,000 feet of primary underground circuit (\$10.01 per foot).
2. Second Customer takes service within five years using 600 feet of the original extension.
3. Both Customers share the first 600 feet equally:
 $600 \text{ ft} \times \$10.01/\text{ft} \times \frac{1}{2} = \$3,003$.
4. The Second Customer's payment of \$3,003, will be refunded to the First Customer to reduce his investment in the 600 feet to \$3,003. The First Customer's investment in the remaining 400 feet remains at \$4,004. ($\$10,010 - \$3,003 - \$3,003 = \$4,004$)

EXCEPTION: If the refund to an existing Customer is less than \$100 each, the new Customer will not be required to pay that share and the existing Customer will not receive a refund.

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SCHEDULE 51 - continued

4. RULES AND CHARGES FOR UNDEVELOPED RESIDENTIAL LOTS

- a. A development is a group of neighboring undeveloped lots separated by no more than streets and under the ownership or legal control of a single party as determined by the Company. Both the General Rules and the following rules apply to line extensions within residential developments.
- b. Before Company facilities will be installed, the developer must submit a written application for service, a copy of the plat as approved by the governing agency depicting dedicated utility easements approved by the serving utilities and must pay an extension cost to the Company which is computed as follows:

	Basic Cost
+	Customer-Requested Costs
-	Cost Reductions
-	(one) Design Fee of \$150 (if paid)
=	extension cost within development
+	cost of extension to development
+	<u>Share of Previous Extension</u>
=	extension cost

- 1) "Basic Cost" will be computed from the following rate per lot when the Development serves single phase loads, has at least six lots and the average frontage is no more than 175 feet per lot. The Basic Cost includes the cost of the Primary Circuit, the Transformer and the Secondary Circuit in the utility easement or public right-of-way, but does not include the Service Circuit from the point of connection with the Secondary Circuit to the Point of Delivery.

Developments: \$1,350 per Lot

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The Basic Cost for all other Developments will be computed from the rates listed in this Schedule for Service Circuits, Secondary Circuits, Transformers and Primary Circuits.

- 2) "Cost Reductions, "Customer-Requested Costs, and "Share of Previous Extension" are described under Rules for Individual Customers.
 - 3) "Extension to development" is the line extension between the Company's existing energized electric facilities and the boundary of the development. The Rules for Individual Customers apply to the extension to the development.
- c. In lieu of a cash payment of the Basic Cost in a Development, the Company will accept a letter of credit, a contractor's performance bond, or another credit instrument agreeable to the Company for \$1,350 per lot upon execution of a written agreement with the Developer. The agreement shall prescribe the requirements for such a credit instrument and shall permit the face amount of the instrument to be reduced annually as new customers are connected within the Development. The Developer will provide ditching within the Development.
- d. There will be no charge to the builder for the installation of the Service Circuit to serve a duplex or multiplex dwelling.
- e. A Developer who pays the extension cost described in 4.b.1) may apply for a refund annually for each permanent Customer connected within the Development during the first five years after the extension is completed. The Company will make a reasonable attempt to inform the bearer of the certificate when a refund is due. The Company will pay the refund to the bearer of the Extension Certificate when it is presented to the Company for payment and the connection of the permanent Customer has been verified.

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For Developers who have made a cash payment to the Company for the Basic Cost in the development, the sum of all refunds shall not exceed the total Basic Cost paid by the Developer or \$1,350 per lot multiplied by the number lots, whichever is less. The developer must apply for the refunds before the line extension becomes six years old.

- f. In a Development where primary taps may be required into some lots to provide adequate service or where the loads are not clearly defined, the Company may elect to install only an initial Primary Circuit through the Development (no Transformers or Secondary Circuits). The Rules for Individual Customers will be used to establish the extension cost of the Primary Circuit and that cost must be paid in advance by the Developer.

The permanent Customer on each lot must meet the Rules for Individual Residential Customers for the extension into the lot, except they will not pay a share of the cost of the Primary Circuit through the Development or a share of previous extensions outside the Development. The applicable Allowance will be credited first to the Basic Cost to serve the permanent Customer. The Developer will be refunded only the portion of the Allowance not granted or applied to the permanent Customer.

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SCHEDULE 51 - continued

Single-Phase Overhead Primary Circuit:

Fixed Costs:	\$4,677 per Customer
Variable Costs:	\$9.17 per foot

Underground Primary Circuit:

Fixed Costs:	\$1,920 per Customer
Variable Costs:	\$10.01 per foot

- g. "Secondary Circuit" is the electrical facility from the Company's Transformer to a handhole or connectors from which one or more Service Circuits originate. The Secondary Circuit is single phase, is operated at less than 600 volts to ground and may include conductors, connectors, conduit, handholes, and ditch. The Basic Cost of the Secondary Circuit shall be computed using the following rates.

Single Phase Underground Secondary Circuit:

Fixed Costs:	\$394 per customer
Variable Costs:	\$8.60 per foot

Single Phase Overhead Secondary Circuit:

Fixed Costs:	\$1,936 per customer
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- h. "Service Circuit" is the electrical facility between the Company's Transformer, connectors, or handhole and the Point of Delivery for a single Customer or building. The Service Circuit is single phase*, is operated at less than 600 volts to ground and may include conductors, connectors, conduit, and ditch. The Basic Cost of the Service Circuit shall be computed using the following rates. These rates do not include meters and metering facilities which are used by the Company for billing purposes.

Single Phase Overhead Service Circuit:

Variable Costs: \$4.27 per foot

Single Phase Underground Service Circuit:

Variable Costs: \$8.43 per foot

- i. "Transformer" Basic Cost shall be computed using the following rates for single phase transformers.

Single Phase Overhead Transformer Costs: \$2,345 per Customer

Single Phase Padmount Transformer Costs: \$3,477 per Customer

- j. "Underground Facilities" may include primary cable, secondary and service cable, secondary and service connections, surface-type (pad-mount) Transformers, pads, enclosures, terminations, and conduit where necessary. These facilities will be owned, operated and maintained by the Company unless otherwise provided for by agreement.

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