

RULE NO. 19

STAND-BY AND AUXILIARY SERVICE

1. This Rule applies to Generating Facilities installed after the effective date of this Rule 19 that will operate only when isolated from the Utility’s distribution system. These Generating Facilities are not subject to Rule 15 nor are standby rate schedules applicable to such facilities. Generating Facilities installed prior to the effective date of this Rule shall be governed by the requirements of the rule in effect at the time the Generating Facilities were installed and any existing interconnection agreement.

2. Except as otherwise set forth in a particular rate schedule or rule, the Service to be supplied by the Utility shall cover all of the electric power and energy requirements of the Customer, except that the Customer shall have the right to install a “standby” or emergency plant for use whenever the Utility is unable to provide Service. In such cases, the Customer must utilize his standby plant only during the periods when the Utility is unable to deliver Service or during testing of the standby plant. Testing must be coordinated with Utility at reasonable intervals, as requested by Customer, to ensure operation of Customer’s standby plant when needed.

3. Parallel Operation of the Customer’s standby plant with the Utility’s electric system will not be allowed and the Customer’s wiring must be arranged so that such Parallel Operation will not be possible. Transitioning load to isolated operation will be accomplished by one of the two following methods:
 1. Break-before-make transfer switch that is either manual or automatic that disconnects the Customer’s load from the Utility prior to making a connection with on-site Generating Facilities; or
 2. Momentary parallel where a control system starts the Customer’s on-site Generator, parallels the Generator with the Utility’s distribution system, ramps the Generator output to meet the Customer’s demand and then disconnects the load from the Utility, all within 900 cycles (fifteen seconds) or less. For momentary parallel greater than 600 cycles (ten seconds) Customer and Utility shall identify the procedures and any other requirements to safely allow connection. Existing customers wanting to change their transition time to 900 cycles must verify changes with Utility to avoid inadvertent trip of their feeder(s).

4. Except as otherwise set forth in a particular rate schedule or rule, the Utility will not supply Standby Service to a Customer whose Premises are regularly served with electric power and energy from a source of supply other than the Utility.

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