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CHAPTER IV

EMERGENCY ENERGY CONSERVATION PLAN

A. GENERAL

The purpose of this plan is to define actions that will be taken when an imminent fuel shortage threatens the ability of the Company to continue services which are essential to the health and well being of the Company's Customers.

The Plan will be a two phase plan, with the second phase being implemented in the event Phase I fails to provide adequate reduction in energy consumption. The Plan will be implemented as necessary and in the order shown. Should conditions deteriorate rapidly, Phase II may be implemented before any or all steps in Phase I have been completed.

B. PHASE I

1. Elimination of all non-essential Company consumption.
2. Voluntary elimination of all non-essential lighting, including but not limited to:
 - Homes
 - Stores
 - Educational Institutions
 - Industries
 - Commercial Buildings
 - Street Lighting
 - Outdoor Advertising
 - Parking Lot Lighting
3. A voluntary 20% reduction in consumption for educational institutions, museums, art galleries and historic buildings.
4. Voluntary elimination of all night-time sporting events and other recreational uses.
5. Interruption of service to all Customers served on interruptible rates as provided in the respective rate or contract.
6. Voluntary reduction by industrial Customers which will result in a 20% reduction in energy consumption.
7. Voluntary reduction in the use of home heating equipment and appliances to the lowest use necessary to maintain life support systems.

In the event the steps implemented in Phase I do not provide adequate reduction in consumption to mitigate the imminent fuel shortage, State and Federal regulatory commissions or other appropriate authority will be requested to authorize The Empire District Electric Company to implement Phase II procedures as they become necessary to preserve the Company's fuel inventory and maintain essential services.

C. PHASE II

1. Mandatory elimination and reduction as outlined in Phase I.

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- 2. Mandatory elimination of consumption by all educational institutions, museums, art galleries and historic buildings.
- 3. Voltage reduction of 5% for all Customers.
- 4. Rotating two-hour service interruption on selected feeder lines. The System Operator will be responsible for implementing and controlling the interruptions, and, where possible, will avoid interruption of circuits which serve critical needs of the community.

The Company Energy Curtailment Plan will be reviewed on an annual basis by those responsible for its implementation so as to make any changes which may be either necessary or desirable, and in order to maintain the desired degree of familiarity with the plan.

D. ESSENTIAL SERVICES

The following Customers will be exempt from full compliance with the plan as outlined in Phase II due to the essential nature of the service they provide. Although exempted from the mandatory provision of this plan, such Customers would be expected to cooperate to the fullest extent possible consistent with the continued operation of the essential service for which the Customer is responsible.

- 1. Any facility whose function is known to the Company to be necessary to the support of life.
 - a. Certain hospital services and nursing homes.
 - b. Non-hospital facilities which may have iron lung or kidney machines.
- 2. Any facility whose function is necessary for National, State or local security.
 - a. Civil Defense facilities.
 - b. Other Governmental activities essential to national defense.
- 3. Any facility whose function is known to be necessary to provide essential public services.
 - a. Police and fire control facilities.
 - b. Public utilities - water, telephone, cellular communication, gas, sewage disposal facilities.
 - c. Transportation facilities.
 - d. Communications media - newspapers, radio and television stations.
 - e. Coal mining and related functions.
 - f. Petroleum refining and pipeline facilities.
 - g. Food processing, storage and distribution facilities.
 - h. Medical supply facilities.

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