

THE EMPIRE DISTRICT ELECTRIC COMPANY

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For ALL TERRITORY

RULES AND REGULATIONS

9. Notwithstanding any provision of this rule, Company shall postpone a discontinuance for a time not in excess of twenty-one (21) days if the discontinuance will aggravate an existing medical emergency of the Customer, a member of his/her family or other permanent resident of the premises where service is rendered. Any person who alleges an emergency, if requested, shall provide Company with reasonable evidence of the necessity.
 10. Notwithstanding any other provision of this rule, Company may discontinue any service temporarily for reasons of maintenance, health, safety or a state of emergency.
 11. Upon the Customer's request, Company shall restore service consistent with all other provisions of this chapter when the cause for discontinuance has been eliminated, applicable restoration charges have been paid, and if required, satisfactory credit arrangements have been made. At all times, a reasonable effort shall be made to restore service upon the day restoration is requested, but no later than 7:00 p.m., and in any event, restoration shall be made not later than the next working day following the day requested by the Customer. Company shall charge the Customer a fee for restoration of service based on if the reconnect is done remotely or onsite as provided in Schedule CA, Credit Action Fees.
- G. COLD WEATHER MAINTENANCE OF SERVICE: Provision of Residential Heat-Related Utility Service During Cold Weather 4 CSR 240-13.055
1. This rule protects the health and safety of residential Customers receiving heat-related utility service by placing restrictions on discontinuing and refusing to provide heat-related utility service from November 1 through March 31 due to delinquent accounts of those Customers.
 2. This rule takes precedence over other rules on provision of heat-related utility service from November 1 through March 31 annually.
 3. Notice Requirements. From November 1 through March 31, prior to discontinuance of service due to nonpayment, Company shall:
 - a. Notify the Customer, at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the proposed discontinuance, by first class mail, and in the case of a registered elderly or disabled Customer the additional party listed on the Customer's registration form of Company's intent to discontinue Service. The contact with the registered individual shall include initially two (2) or more telephone call attempts with the mailing of the notice;
 - b. Make further attempts to contact the Customer within ninety-six (96) hours preceding discontinuance of service either by a second written notice as in subsection 3.a., sent by first class mail; or a door hanger; or at least two (2) telephone call attempts to the Customer;
 - c. Attempt to contact the Customer at the time of the discontinuance of service in the manner specified in Section F.8 (4 CSR 240-13.050(8))
 - d. Make a personal contact on the premises with a registered elderly or disabled Customer or some member of the family above the age of fifteen (15) years, at the time of the discontinuance of service; and
 - e. Ensure that all notices and contacts required in this subsection describe the terms for continuance of service under this rule, including the method of calculating the required payments, the availability of financial assistance from the Family Support Division and social service or charitable organizations that have notified Company that they provide that assistance, and the identity of those organizations.