

## ORDINANCE NO. 19-19

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Richland amending Section 14.24.060 of the Richland Municipal Code related to electric retail rates.

WHEREAS, the City is responsible for recovering the costs of operating its electric utility primarily through retail rates; and

WHEREAS, additional revenues are required to fund the increasing operating costs of the electric utility primarily due to the increase in the cost of wholesale power from the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA); and

WHEREAS, the Utility Advisory Committee (UAC) has thoroughly reviewed staff recommendations, including consideration of the Cost of Service Analysis (COSA), multi-year rate program methodology, the electric utility's current and projected financial status, levels of rate-financed capital, debt service coverage ratios, rate structures and projected revenue and expense requirements; and

WHEREAS, the UAC voted unanimously to endorse staff recommendations for retail rate increases; and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive customer communications program has been implemented to explain the need for rate increases and to allow for customer input.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Richland as follows:

Section 1. Section 14.24.060 of the Richland Municipal Code, titled Retail electrical rates, as originally enacted by Ordinance No. 90, and last amended by Ordinance No. 35-17, is hereby amended to read as follows:

### **14.24.060 Retail electrical rates.**

Rates for electricity are summarized by class of service as listed below. Rates are effective with the first bill received in ~~January 2018~~ June 2019 and apply to all usage during the billing period.

#### **SCHEDULE 10: General Residential**

- A. Availability: In all territory serviced by the city's electrical utility.
- B. Applicability: To domestic uses of electric energy by all residential customers not eligible under other rate schedules.
- C. Character of Service: Sixty hertz alternating current of such phase and voltage as the electric utility may have available.
- D. Delivery Point: The following rates are based upon the supply of service to the entire premises through a single delivery and metering point. Separate supply for the same customer at other points of consumption shall be separately metered and billed.

E. Rates:

Daily Service Charge:

Single-phase service: ~~\$0.64~~ 0.69/day

Multiphase service: ~~\$0.91~~ 0.98/day

Monthly Energy Charge: ~~\$0.0686~~ 0.0741/kWh

- F. For electrical service supplied to residential customers qualifying as low income senior or low income disabled citizens, the service charge shall be waived and the energy charge shall be discounted 15 percent of Schedule 10. Qualifications and other information regarding low income senior or low income disabled citizens can be found in Chapter 3.29 RMC (finance).

**SCHEDULE 20: Small General Service**

A. Availability: In all territory served by the city's electric utility.

B. Applicability: To all nonresidential uses supplied through a single meter where anticipated monthly maximum demand does not exceed 50 kilowatts and the load is not eligible under other rate schedules.

C. Character of Service: Sixty hertz alternating current of such phase and voltage as the electric utility may have available.

D. Rates:

Daily Service Charge:

Single-phase service: ~~\$0.80~~ 0.86/day

Multiphase service: ~~\$1.07~~ 1.16/day

Monthly Energy Charge: ~~\$0.0648~~ 0.0667/kWh

Monthly Demand Charge: No Charge

**SCHEDULE 22: Medium General Service**

A. Availability: In all territory served by the city's electric utility.

B. Applicability: To all nonresidential uses supplied through a single meter, where anticipated monthly maximum demand is greater than 50 kilowatts, but less than or equal to 300 kilowatts, and the load is not eligible under other rate schedules.

C. Character of Service: Sixty hertz alternating current of such phase and voltage as the electric utility may have available.

D. Rates:

Daily Service Charge:

Single-phase service: ~~\$1.28~~ 1.38/day

Multiphase service: ~~\$1.54~~ 1.66/day

Monthly Energy Charge: ~~\$0.0396~~ 0.0428/kWh

Monthly Demand Charge: \$~~4.79~~ 5.17/kW

#### **SCHEDULE 24: Large General Service**

- A. Availability: In all territory served by the city's electric utility.
- B. Applicability: To all nonresidential uses supplied through a single meter, where anticipated monthly maximum demand is greater than 300 kilowatts, but less than or equal to 1,000 kilowatts, and the load is not eligible under other rate schedules.
- C. Character of Service: Sixty hertz alternating current of such phase and voltage as the electric utility may have available.

D. Rates:

Daily Service Charge:

Multiphase service: \$~~1.86~~ 2.01/day

Monthly Energy Charge: \$~~0.0396~~ 0.0428/kWh

Monthly Demand Charge: \$~~5.17~~ 5.58/kW

#### **SCHEDULE 30: Small Industrial**

- A. Availability: In all territory served by the city's electric utility.
- B. Applicability: To all nonresidential uses supplied through a single meter where anticipated monthly maximum demand is greater than 1,000 kilowatts but less than or equal to 5,000 kilowatts and the load is not eligible under other rate schedules.
- C. Character of Service: Sixty hertz alternating current of such phase and voltage as the electric utility may have available.

D. Rates:

Daily Service Charge:

Multiphase service: \$~~7.72~~ 8.34/day

Monthly Energy Charge: \$~~0.0396~~ 0.0428/kWh

Monthly Demand Charge: \$~~5.48~~ 5.92/kW

#### **SCHEDULE 31: Large Industrial**

- A. Availability: In all territory served by the city's electric utility.
- B. Applicability: To all nonresidential uses supplied through a single meter where anticipated monthly maximum demand is greater than 5,000 kilowatts and the load is not eligible for service under other rate schedules.
- C. Character of Service: Sixty hertz alternating current of such phase and voltage as the electric utility may have available.

D. Rates:



~~\$0.53~~ 0.57/horsepower all horsepower greater than 60, plus:

(1) ~~\$179.72~~ 194.10 single-phase service.

(2) ~~\$239.63~~ 258.80 multiphase service.

#### **SCHEDULE 60: Traffic Lighting**

- A. Availability: In all territory served by the city's electric utility.
- B. Applicability: To municipally owned traffic-regulating signal systems on public streets and highways.
- C. Character of Service: Sixty hertz alternating current of such phase and voltage as the electric utility may have available.
- D. Rates:
  - Daily Service Charge: ~~\$0.64~~ 0.69/day
  - Monthly Energy Charge: ~~\$0.0605~~ 0.0653/kWh

#### **SCHEDULE 90: Cable Television Amplifier**

- A. Availability: In all territory served by the city's electric utility.
- B. Applicability: To owners of cable television amplifiers installed on facilities owned by the city's electric utility.
- C. Character of Service: Sixty hertz alternating current of such phase and voltage as the electric utility may have available.
- D. Rates:
  - Monthly Energy Charge: ~~\$0.0512~~ 0.0553/kWh

#### **SCHEDULE 100: New Large Single Load**

- A. Availability: In all territory served by the city's electric utility.
- B. Applicability: To new large single load customers defined in Public Law 96-501 and as such constitute electrical loads greater than or equal to 10 average megawatts during any consecutive 12-month period and which cause the utility to incur wholesale power costs in excess of normal rates.
- C. Character of Service: Sixty hertz alternating current of such phase and voltage as the electric utility may have available.
- D. Rates: Terms and conditions of negotiated rate will be by contract.

Section 2. This ordinance shall be published in the official newspaper of the City of Richland on March 24, 2019, and take effect on June 1, 2019.

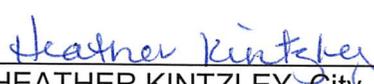
PASSED by the City Council of the City of Richland, Washington, at a regular meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019.

  
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ROBERT J. THOMPSON  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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DEBBY BARHAM, Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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HEATHER KINTZLEY, City Attorney

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