

ENERGY EMERGENCY DEFERRED BILLING PROGRAM

I. AVAILABILITY

This rider is available to any consumer receiving service under any cooperative residential rate schedule and certain governmental agencies meeting the Application requirements.

II. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

This program is available to residential consumers meeting one of the following requirements:

1. Persons whose income is at or below one hundred fifty (150%) percent of the poverty level as established by the Federal Government and who are sixty-five (65) years of age or older;
2. Persons who receive any one of the following;
 - a. Food stamps
 - b. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
3. Persons whose sole income consists of Social Security payments.
4. Governmental Entities providing vital services as determined by the Commission; the absence of which could result in imminent peril to public health, safety and welfare.
5. Persons certified by a physician as needing life-sustaining electricity operated equipment, or life-sustaining medical treatment that requires electricity in order to live.

An Eligible Consumer must re-certify every two years to continue participation in the program.

III. DEFERRED PAYMENT OPTION

A qualifying consumer may pre-enroll in the Energy Emergency Deferred Billing Program through the filing of completed application, certified by a Certifying Agency, which declares that the customer fulfills the application requirements for participation in this program. This enrollment form and certification must be renewed every two years. Upon declaration by the Louisiana Public Service Commission of an Energy Emergency, the current bill will be reduced by the difference in that bill and the average billing for the past twelve (12) months or actual months connected in less than twelve (12). The difference in the current billing and the reduced billing will be prorated over a period determined as follows:

If the difference is more than \$40 and less than \$250 the period of proration will be three (3) months.

If the difference is between \$250 and \$750 the period of proration will be six (6) months.

If the difference is over \$750 the period of proration will be 12 months.

The terms of this tariff shall remain in effect unless and until the Eligible Customer fails to make the required payment or the customer becomes "ineligible" as defined in Section (I).