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SECTION 3 - FARM SERVICES

3.1 Applicability - to the extension of service to any standard farmstead, large farm, greenhouse, feedlot or other qualified farm operation, including those located on Indian Reserves, to livestock watering facilities or to seasonally operated irrigation systems of 1000 kVA or less in size used exclusively for agricultural purposes.

3.2 Corporation Investment

3.2.1 Standard Farm (less than 50 kV.A)

3.2.1.1 Single Phase - the Corporation will invest the first \$1,300.00 towards the cost of any permanent service extension meeting normal design standards to any standard farm site, but will invest none of the additional costs of the following "optional extras":

- a) service facilities operating above 15 kV.
- b) service extensions exceeding normal design standards, i.e., additional points of delivery, customer preferred location of point of service attachment, preferred line routing, etc.
- c) temporary service extensions, including the installation and removal labour and unsalvageable material.
- d) Farm Standby Power Centres required for the safe operation of a customer-owned standby power system.
- e) winter construction for underground distribution extensions, where service is specifically requested and subsequently provided during the winter season.

3.2.1.2 Three Phase (New Service) - where a new three phase service extension is requested, the Corporation's investment will be as in "Section 3.2.1.1 Single Phase", plus an amount equal to three years of anticipated revenue to be derived from that portion of the three phase load which, in the Corporation's judgment could not be adequately served single phase. However, such additional investment shall not exceed the additional cost of the three phase service extension.

3.2.1.3. Three Phase (Conversion from Single Phase) - where a request is received to convert an existing single phase service to three phase, the Corporation will invest an amount equal to three years of anticipated revenue to be derived from that portion of the three phase load which, in the Corporation's judgment could not be adequately served single phase plus the cost of any single phase capacity increase which might otherwise have been required.

3.2.2 Large Farm (greater than 50 kV.A) - the Corporation will invest an amount equal to one and one half years (18 months) of anticipated revenue towards the cost of any permanent service extension meeting normal design standards to any large

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farm service, but will invest none of the additional costs of the following “optional extras”:

- a) service extensions exceeding normal design standards, i.e., additional points of delivery, customer preferred location of point of service attachment, preferred line routing, etc.
- b) temporary service extensions, including the installation and removal labour and unsalvageable material.
- c) winter construction of underground distribution extensions, where service is specifically requested and subsequently provided during the winter season.

3.2.3 Farm Livestock Watering Facilities

3.2.3.1 SaskPower Grid Extension - the Corporation will invest the first \$1,300.00 towards the cost of any permanent service extension meeting normal design standards to livestock watering facilities, but will invest none of the additional costs of the following “optional extras”:

- a) service extensions exceeding normal design standards, i.e., additional points of delivery, customer preferred location of point of service attachment, preferred line routing, etc.
- b) temporary service extensions, including the installation and removal labour and unsalvageable material.
- c) Farm Standby Power Centres required for the safe operation of a customer-owned standby power system.
- d) winter construction of underground distribution extensions, where service is specifically requested and subsequently provided during the winter season.

3.2.3.2 Non-Utility Wind or Solar Power Supply - in lieu of a grid line extension to a farm livestock watering facility investment, the Corporation will provide a grant equal to 50% of costs above \$500 to a maximum amount of \$500 towards a customer's purchase and installation of a wind or solar powered pumping unit from a Saskatchewan based supplier.

3.2.4 Farm Irrigation - the Corporation will invest a maximum amount equal to two years of anticipated revenue towards the cost of a permanent service extension meeting normal design standards to any farm irrigation customer of 1000 kVA or less in size (main pumping stations, booster pumps, pivot systems, etc.). However, the Corporation will invest none of the additional costs of the following “optional extras”:

- a) a temporary service extension, including the installation and removal labour and unsalvageable material.

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- b) a service extension exceeding normal design standards i.e. additional points of delivery, customer preferred location of point of service attachment, preferred line routing, etc.
- c) winter construction of underground distribution extensions, where service is specifically requested and subsequently provided during the winter season.

3.2.5 System Improvement Investment for Distribution Connected Services – in addition to the above noted investment that may be applicable to permanent services, which meet normal design standards, the Corporation will also invest as a system improvement investment on customer connect services those costs that are based on the following principles:

- a) that portion of the cost to serve a new or increased load that would not have been spent if that were the only load on the line;
- b) the cost of either an already approved capital system upgrade or a defined upgrade based upon the facility's age, less the cost of advancing this upgrade from a future year to the current year;
- c) the cost of any SaskPower preferred routing, design, or construction methods that exceed minimum customer needs and/or minimum Corporate standards.

3.3 Customer Contribution Determination - the applicant will be required to contribute any amount by which the total estimated service extension costs exceed the Corporation's investment as outlined in Section 3.2.

3.4 Customer Contribution Payment - customers will normally be required to make a cash deposit towards any required contribution at the time of their acceptance of our quotation amounting to the greater of:

- a) the total construction charge amount up to \$2,000, or
- b) 25% of the required construction charge.

The balance of the required amount will be invoiced to the customer after completion of construction, and payment of the invoice is subject to the same Late Payment Charges applicable to delinquent energy accounts.

Federal, provincial and municipal governments, school boards, oil companies, grain elevator companies and other companies operating on a national or provincial basis are exempt from the deposit requirements.

3.5 Construction Charge Financing Option – customers may be eligible for financing of their construction charge for new service installations, capacity increase installations or temporary service installations subject to the following:

- a) a minimum 25 percent down payment;

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- b) the minimum financing per customer is one thousand dollars, net of the down payment to a maximum of two million dollars, net of the down payment, per customer;
- c) a credit rating acceptable to SaskPower
- d) provision of security acceptable to SaskPower

3.5.1 Financing Terms – the customer will have an option of a one year to a five year term for net financing of one thousand dollars to five thousand dollars and an option of a one year to a five year term or a ten year term for net financing of five thousand dollars to two million dollars. Interest rates will vary with the term and size of the financing and will be periodically revised by SaskPower; however the interest rate will be fixed for the full term of each individual financing.

3.6 Construction Charge Rebates

3.6.1 Standard Farm - where a "normal" construction charge (i.e. excluding charges for "optional extras") is assessed for the extension of standard farm service that contribution is eligible for rebate, in whole or in part, should the extension be utilized by another customer within a period of five years from the date of service. The rebate amount will be calculated on a "shared cost of shared line" principle, proportional to the individual loads of the new and existing customers.

3.6.2 Large Farm - where a "normal" construction charge (i.e. excluding charges for "optional extras") is assessed for the extension of large farm service that contribution is eligible for rebate, in whole or in part, should the extension be utilized by another customer within a period of five years from the date of service. The rebate amount will be calculated on a "shared cost of shared line" principle, proportional to the individual loads of the new and existing customers.

3.6.3 Farm Livestock Watering Facilities - whenever a "normal" construction charge (i.e. excluding charges for "optional extras") is assessed for the extension of permanent electric service, that contribution is eligible for rebate, in whole or in part, should the extension be utilized by another customer within a period of five years from the date of service. The rebate amount will be calculated on a "shared cost of shared line" principle proportional to the individual loads of the new and existing customers.

3.6.4 Farm Irrigation - whenever a "normal" construction charge (i.e. excluding charges for "optional extras") is assessed for the extension of permanent electric service, that contribution is eligible for rebate, in whole or in part, should the extension be utilized by another customer within a period of five years from the date of service. The rebate amount will be calculated on a "shared cost of shared line" principle proportional to the individual loads of the new and existing customers.

3.7 Billing Commencement - energy account billing on all new service extensions will normally commence on the earlier of:

- a) the date the customer requests delivery of energy, or
- b) 60-days after completion of the project.

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- 3.8 Capacity Increase - where additional capacity not involving a change in electrical characteristics is required at an individual farm site, the cost of providing the additional transformer capacity will be absorbed by the Corporation.

Should the location of the additional load dramatically alter the location of the farmyard load centre, thus requiring a relocation of the supply transformer, the cost of such relocation (excluding alterations to customer-owned distribution) shall be shared equally by the Corporation and the customer.

Where the additional load involves a change in the electrical characteristics or is located beyond the practical electrical limits of a single supply point, the situation shall be considered a new service application.

- 3.9 Disconnection, Salvage and Restoration of Farm Service - service to any standard farm or farm livestock watering facility will be physically disconnected upon receipt of a written request from the customer for such disconnect. Future electric service requirements should be discussed with the farm owner at that time, and where he provides the Corporation with written salvage authorization, the service extension is subject to immediate removal. Where the owner will not provide written salvage authorization (and will not assume billing responsibility) he must be advised in writing that he has one year from the date of disconnect to determine if he wants to retain service to the site. After expiry of the one year "grace period" (and failing service reconnection) the owner must be given written notification of our intention to salvage the service extension.

Any request to reconnect service during the one year "grace period" (or thereafter, provided it's prior to salvage of the service) by the same owner(s) is subject to the Corporation's standard seasonal reconnect fee provisions. Furthermore, the applicant must be advised in writing that future provision of service will not include another "grace period" option and that retention of the service facilities is subject to continuous billing as long as he owns the farm. In other words, subsequent disconnect requests will subject the service extension to immediate salvage unless another customer assumes account billing responsibility or the property is sold.

Any request to re-electrify a farm site following an authorized salvage of the service extension, in whole or in part, shall be considered a new service application.

Under no circumstances will a request for disconnection or salvage of a farm service extension involve a refund of any portion of the original or subsequent construction contributions.

- 3.10 Provision of Auxiliary Service Equipment (Existing Services)

3.10.1 Splitter Compartment - where a single phase farm customer not exceeding 200 amps capacity installs underground distribution, requiring a splitter box for the connection of the underground circuits, the Corporation is prepared to provide and install a Farm Power Centre, either pole or pedestal mounted, complete with a splitter compartment, with charges assessed as follows:

- a) Pole mounted - no charge.

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b) Pedestal mounted - \$250 plus the material cost of the connecting cable from the pole to the pedestal.

3.10.2 Standby Plant Transfer Switch - where a single phase farm customer not exceeding 200 amps capacity installs a standby power system, requiring a double-pole, double-throw transfer switch for its safe operation, the Corporation is prepared to provide and install a Farm Standby Power Centre, complete with a transfer switch, and the customer will be assessed an amount equal to the material cost difference between the Farm Standby Power Centre and the Farm Power Centre.

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