BYLAW NO. 3273/2000

Being a bylaw of The City of Red Deer, Alberta to provide for the regulation of the supply and delivery of electric power service;

WHEREAS, the Electric Utilities Act and regulations pertaining thereto provide for deregulation of the supply and the restructuring of the delivery of electric power service within the Province of Alberta;

AND WHEREAS, those regulations require that a municipality provide for various tariffs which will govern the cost of the supply and the delivery of electric utility services within the municipality;

COUNCIL ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1 This bylaw may be called the “Electric Utility Bylaw”.

Definitions

2 In this bylaw:

"Manager" shall mean the Manager of the Electric, Light and Power Department of The City.

Tariffs and Schedules of Fees

3 The tariffs and schedules of fees listed below and attached as appendices to this bylaw are hereby approved as the basis on which the electric utility services described in those tariffs and schedules will be provided:

   (1) Distribution Tariff - Appendix A
   (2) Distribution Access Services Schedule of Fees - Appendix B
   (3) Regulated Rate Tariff – Energy Price Setting Plan – Appendix C
   (4) Regulated Rate Tariff - Appendix D
   (5) Regulated Rate Tariff Fee Schedule - Appendix E
   (6) Default Supplier – Rate Schedule – Appendix F
   (7) Default Supplier – Fee Schedule – Appendix G

3.1 Notwithstanding anything contained in any Tariff or Schedule of Fees approved hereunder, where it is provided by any Alberta Statute or Regulation that a particular charge must be that prescribed by the Minister, then the Tariff or Schedule of Fees approved hereunder will be deemed to contain the particular charge prescribed by the Minister from time to time rather than the charge that may be shown in the Tariff or Schedule of Fees, and such charge shall be effective as at the date it is prescribed by the Minister to be effective.

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1 3273/A-2004, 3273/C-2006
2 3273/C-2003
3 3273/C-2003
4 3273/B-2012
5 3273/B-2012
6 3273/A-2001
Terms and Conditions

4 The City Manager is authorized to prepare, issue and modify from time to time the terms and conditions for distribution access services, retail access services, and regulated rate option services as required by legislation. In addition, the City Manager shall prepare customer service guidelines and retail access service agreements as required.

Capital Contribution Fee

5 (1) Anyone who wishes to connect to The City’s electricity distribution system shall pay a capital contribution fee which is intended to be a contribution to the capital cost of providing electrical distribution services. The amount of the fee shall be calculated by the Manager from time to time, taking into account the current cost of material, equipment, labour and overheads.

(2) The capital contribution fee shall be calculated and shown on the work order for the installation and shall be signed by the customer and on behalf of The City by the Manager or his duly authorized representative.

(3) The capital contribution fee shall be payable on demand.

Transformers

6 Where a non-residential customer applies to connect to The City’s electricity distribution system, and if a transformer is required in order to provide service, the Manager may require that the customer provide the necessary space to locate the transformer on the customer's parcel by one of the following methods:

(a) In a transformer vault having minimum dimensions of 8’ x 12’ with 7’ clear head room, situated inside the customer's premises and built in compliance with the Canadian Electrical Code, and if the transformers to be installed will not be owned by the customer but by The City, such vault shall connect directly to the exterior of the building so as to be accessible at all times to The City, its officers, employees or agents for the purpose of installation, servicing and repairs;

(b) On a pad outside of the premises provided that such pad shall not be placed within any setback required by the Land Use Bylaw;

(c) In an underground vault having minimum dimensions of 8’ x 12’ with 7’ clear head room outside the premises; or

(d) In such other manner as the Manager may approve.

7 Where a customer applies to connect an apartment, house or any other building containing multiple residential dwelling units to The City’s electricity distribution system, the customer must provide a transformer pad on the customer’s site at a location approved by the Manager.
8 Where a transformer is located on or adjacent to the customer's land, the customer shall supply and install at his own expense, all secondary conductors, connectors and enclosures from the customer's electrical service entrance to the City's transformer terminals.

Overhead or Underground Service

9 Where a person wishes to connect to The City's electricity distribution system in an area where overhead service is in place, the Manager may nevertheless require the customer to connect by underground service where this is required for technical reasons or because the area is being upgraded to underground service.

Service Interruptions

10 (1) The City does not guarantee that the flow of electricity to a customer will be continuous and uninterrupted and reserves the right at any time without notice to shut off electricity if this is required in connection with the maintenance or operation of The City's electricity distribution system. Neither The City nor its officers, employees or agents shall be liable for any damages of any kind due to such interruption or shutting off of electrical supply.

(2) The City is not responsible for the supply, maintenance or repair of any breakers, cables, transformers or power consuming devices or other electrical facilities which are not owned by The City.

(3) When electrical service is disconnected for any reason, it is the responsibility of the owner or occupant of the parcel to ensure that the appropriate switches or circuit breakers owned by the owner or occupant have been turned off to avoid a hazard to life or property when service is restored.

11 This bylaw shall come into effect on January 1, 2001.