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UPLIFT PROGRAM RIDER

DESCRIPTION	RATE CODE
Residential	MUPRS
Farm	MUPFM
General Service	MUPGS
Large General Service	MUPLG
OPA	MUPOP

RULES AND REGULATIONS: Terms and conditions of this electric rate schedule and the General Rules and Regulations govern use of this rider.

APPLICATION OF RIDER: The rider is applicable to electric service under Rate Schedule Sections 9.01, 9.02, 9.03, 10.01, 10.02, 10.03, 10.04, 10.05, 10.06, 10.07, 11.02, and 11.05. Customers, as defined in Minn. Stat. 216B.16, Subd. 15, shall be assessed the surcharge. Customers with Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) designation in the Company's billing system at the time of billing shall be exempt from the surcharge.

COST RECOVERY CHARGE: The Uplift Surcharge Rate shall be calculated using the total non-LIHEAP customer count from the prior calendar year. The total customer charge for each applicable customer class will be divided by the aggregate of customer charges for all applicable classes to obtain a percent of total customer charge for each class. The percent of customer charge for each class will be multiplied by the total estimated Uplift Credit and then divided by the class customer count to obtain a flat monthly fee for the applicable class.

RATE:

Service Category	Section	Monthly Charge
Residential	9.01, 9.02	\$0.24
Farm	9.03	\$0.47
General Service	10.01, 10.02, 10.03, 10.07	\$0.54
Large General Service	10.04, 10.05, 10.06	\$2.30
OPA	11.02, 11.05	\$0.50

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UPLIFT SURCHARGE ADJUSTMENT: There shall be added to each nonexempt Customer's bill a monthly surcharge, which shall be the Uplift Surcharge Rate and will be prorated based on the number of days within the monthly billing. The Uplift Surcharge will be included in the Resource Adjustment line item on the Customer's bill.

DETERMINATION OF UPLIFT CREDIT APPLICATION: Applications received shall be reviewed for completeness and to ensure the customer has been approved for LIHEAP. Customers approved for the Uplift Program will receive a credit based on kWh usage at their service location for the 12 months prior to application approval. For locations with less than 12 months of kWh history, Otter Tail will place approved customers at the Tier 2 Level until the next annual Uplift review when they have established 12 months of kWh usage.

1. In order to determine customer eligibility for the Uplift Credit under this Rider, the Company will review customer's LIHEAP approval status and Uplift application.
2. Customers eligible for the Uplift Credit will be encouraged to participate in Otter Tail's energy conservation programs.
3. The LIHEAP eligible customer must be listed on the electric service account.
4. Qualified Customers are eligible to receive a credit under this Rider at only one residential location at any one time, and the Uplift Credit applies only to a qualified Customer's primary residence.
5. It is the Customer's responsibility to notify the Company if there is a change of address or eligibility status.
6. Bills rendered prior to the customer's Uplift Program acceptance date will not qualify for Uplift Program credits.
7. If the participating Customer misses two consecutive payments, the Customer will be removed from the Uplift Program and will no longer be eligible for the monthly credit. The account will become subject to standard collection activities for any past due amounts.



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8. Refusal or failure of a Customer to provide documentation of eligibility acceptable to the Company may result in Customer removal from the Uplift Program.
9. Retention reviews of Uplift customers will be completed in May to ensure customers have been approved for LIHEAP benefits. Uplift participants who have been approved for LIHEAP will be automatically re-enrolled in the Uplift Program for the next year. Customers who have not been approved for LIHEAP will be removed from the Program and can reapply for the Uplift credit after October 1.
10. Applications for the Uplift Program will be reviewed in the order they are received. Because funding is restricted to the amount received from the surcharge, the number of bill credits available each year will also be limited. When funding for the program year is projected to be claimed in full by the participants, no other applications will be approved until funding becomes available due to participants becoming ineligible or voluntarily withdrawing from the Program.
11. An eligible Uplift customer receives a credit on each monthly bill according to the chart below. Credits applied shall not exceed the current monthly bill.

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TIER	ANNUAL USAGE	MONTHLY CREDIT
Tier 1	=>12000 kWh Annually	\$40
Tier 2	> 7500 and < 12000 kWh Annually	\$25
Tier 3	<=7500 kWh Annually	\$15

12. This Uplift Program Rider shall meet the conditions of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 216B.16, Subd. 15 on low-income affordability programs.

MANDATORY AND VOLUNTARY RIDERS: The amount of a bill for service will be modified by any Mandatory Rate Riders that must apply and by any Voluntary Rate Riders selected by the Customer, unless otherwise noted in this rider. See Sections 12.00, 13.00 and 14.00 of the Minnesota electric rates for the matrices of riders.