

CHAPTER 11

NON-COMPETITIVE ELECTRICITY CHARGES

11.1 INTRODUCTION

The Retail Settlement Code (“RSC”) and the Distribution System Code (“DSC”) contain a number of items which have direct rate impacts. This chapter provides guidelines on the rate implication issue of these Codes.

The RSC was established to outline the relationship between an electricity distribution utility and an electricity retailer. The purpose of the RSC is to set the minimum obligations that a utility must meet in determining the financial settlement costs of electricity retailers and consumers, and in facilitating service transaction requests where a retailer provides service to a consumer.

Below is an outline of some of the anticipated rate issues that will be addressed in this chapter. Upon completion, the Board will issue revised Handbook pages.

11.2 BILLING SERVICES

11.2.1 Consolidated Billing

The RSC requires that an electricity distribution utility provide a consolidated billing option to electricity energy retailers. This service includes billing and collections, and the recovery of non-payment risk premiums.

11.2.2 Split Billing

This section will contain rate implementation requirements for providing the retailer with billing information.

11.2.3 Meter Reads

This section will contain guidelines on approval of special meter read charges related to retail services.

11.2.4 Time of Use Settlement Capacity

This section will provide rate guidelines for electricity distribution utilities' who choose to provide TOU settlements.

11.3 SERVICE TRANSACTION REQUESTS

This section will contain guidelines on rates for the transaction requests of retailers to switch service providers, switch in meter services, or a switch in billing services.

11.3.1 Information Requests

This section will contain guidelines on information requests.

11.4 IMO SETTLEMENT COSTS

This section will address the next phase of unbundling COP into its transmission and IMO services costs.

11.5 SERVICE AGREEMENTS AND SPECIAL SETTLEMENT SERVICES

This section will address service agreements and special settlement services.

11.6 RETAIL SETTLEMENT VARIANCE ACCOUNT

This section will provide guidelines on the use of the RSVA in settling customer accounts.

11.7 CONNECTION CHARGES

This section will define the standard connection charge for a new customer on the existing line and other issues related to contributions in aid of construction.