

Chapter 6

Specific Service Charges

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- At present there is a lack of consistency in the circumstances used by distributors for the application of SSC's



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Questions of Scope

- No questions of scope were identified

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Consensus Reached

- SSC's are an integral part of a distributor's approved schedule of rates for the distribution of electricity
- SSC's are for activities that are over and above the distributor's standard level of service as described in the Distribution System Code. The costs of providing the standard level of service are recovered in the regular distribution rates



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Consensus Reached

- A standard set of SSC's and corresponding rates or methodologies should be developed
- Distributors should be allowed to make application for any unique SSC if adequately justified
- Distributors should be allowed to waive the application of an SSC provided this is done in a consistent manner such that the practice does not become discriminatory



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Unresolved Issues (Crossover Issue)

- We need to work with the “Revenue Requirement” group to ensure that there is no duplication of revenues from SSC’s



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Unresolved Issues (Work Continuing)

- Develop pre-determined and clearly defined nomenclature for the specific service charges to the extent possible
- Further discussion on direct or fully allocated costing
- Develop predetermined fixed amounts for like recoverable activities that can be selected by the distributor for approval
- Develop formula that distributors can use to apply for unique SSC's



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Recommended Path

- Further discussion in the work group, and possible argument

