5.0 Responsibility for Costs of Interconnecting a Facility

5.1 Review and Study Costs

The Interconnecting Customer shall be responsible for the reasonably incurred costs of the review by the Company and any interconnection studies conducted as defined by Table 2 ("Fee Schedules") of Section 3 of this Interconnection Tariff solely to determine the requirements of interconnecting a facility with the Company EDS.

5.2 Interconnection Equipment Costs

The Interconnecting Customer shall be responsible for all costs associated with the installation and construction of the facility and associated interconnection equipment on the Interconnecting Customer's side of the PCC.

5.3 System Modification Costs

The Interconnecting Customer shall be responsible for all costs reasonably incurred by Company attributable to the proposed interconnection project in designing, constructing, operating and maintaining the system modifications. Calculation of initial and on-going system modification costs shall be consistent with principles underlying Company's line extension and facility upgrade policies.

5.4 Separation of Costs

Should the Company combine the installation of system modifications with additions to the Company's EDS to serve other Customers or Interconnecting Customers, the Company shall not include the costs of such separate or incremental facilities in the amounts billed to the Interconnecting Customer for the system modifications required pursuant to this Tariff. The Interconnecting Customer shall only pay for that portion of the interconnection costs resulting solely from the system modifications required to allow for safe, reliable parallel operation of the Interconnecting Customer's facility with the Company EDS.
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5.5 Normal Payment Procedure

All application, study fees and system modification costs (except as noted below) are due in full prior to the execution of the work as outlined in this Tariff. If the anticipated costs exceed $25,000, the Interconnecting Customer is eligible for a payment plan. At the request of the Interconnecting Customer, the Company will break the costs into phases in which the costs will be collected prior to Company expenditures for each phase of the study and/or construction including ordering materials and equipment. The payment plan will be attached as an exhibit to the Interconnection Service Agreement or relevant study agreements.

5.6 Security and Creditworthiness

In order for the Company to agree to any payment plan where some work may be performed in advance of payment, the Company may require the Interconnecting Customer to provide evidence of creditworthiness. In the event that Interconnecting Customer cannot provide such evidence to the satisfaction of the Company, then the Company may require the Interconnecting Customer to provide sufficient security in order to take advantage of a payment plan. Interconnecting Customer acknowledges that it will be responsible for the actual costs of the system modifications described in the attached exhibit to the Interconnection Service Agreement, whether greater or lesser than the amount of the payment security provided under this section.