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61.0. TARIFF GOVERNING THE INSTALLATION OF ELECTRIC UNDERGROUND RESIDENTIAL DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS AND UNDERGROUND SERVICE CONNECTIONS

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61.1. APPLICABLE SERVICE AREA

In the Distribution Service area allocated by the Arkansas Public Service Commission ("APSC" or the "Commission") to Entergy Arkansas, Inc. ("EAI" or the "Company"), at any point on Company's existing facilities having adequate capacity and suitable voltage for delivery of service. This schedule may also apply outside the Company's allocated Distribution Service area to customers who have been released to EAI by other electric distribution utilities, when such release for service has been approved by the Commission pursuant to Rule 7.04.(b) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. This schedule is also subject to the jurisdiction of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority where applicable.

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61.2. GENERAL REGULATIONS

61.2.1. SCOPE

- A. This Tariff applies to the installation of underground electric distribution systems, including street lighting facilities, in residential subdivisions and permanent mobile home parks and to underground service connections for use by Company in providing electric service to its Customers, and supersedes all prior policies, rules and regulations pertaining to such underground facilities.
- B. Subdivisions and mobile home parks to be served pursuant to this Tariff shall consist of a single parcel of land arranged and situated so that an underground electric distribution system will be the only electric distribution system required within the subdivision or mobile home park.
- C. Underground service connections from Company's underground or overhead distribution facilities will also be installed pursuant to this Tariff.

61.2.2. REGULATORY APPROVAL

Any line extension provided for herein is subject to Company obtaining, when required, a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity from the Arkansas Public Service Commission.

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61.2.3 DEFINITIONS

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- A. Developer -- A person, partnership, association, corporation, or governmental agency that owns, operates, or develops a subdivision or a mobile home park.
- B. Subdivision -- A single parcel of land subdivided into five or more building lots on which dwelling units are to be built.
- C. Mobile Home Park - A single parcel of land divided into five or more mobile home sites with permanent sewer, water, and individually metered electric connections at each home site designed to be occupied on a year-round basis. A mobile home park which does not meet these requirements is outside of the scope of this Tariff.
- D. Distribution System -- Electric service facilities consisting of primary cables, transformers, secondary cables and necessary accessories and appurtenances for the furnishing of electric power and energy at utilization Voltage to electric Customers but not including service connections.
- E. Service Connections -- The electrical facilities extending from the secondary connection on the distribution system to the point of metering, but not including meters.

61.2.4. GENERAL PROVISIONS

A. Character of Service

The Company will normally provide three-wire, single phase service at 120/240 Volts to subdivision and mobile home Customers. However, three-phase service of 120/240, 120/208Y or 277/480Y Volts may be made available to commercial installations in a subdivision or mobile home park in accordance with the provisions and charges in Paragraphs 61.4.5.A. and 61.4.5.B.

B. Extension of Facilities for Metered Service Across Public Ways

- (1) No facilities on the load side of any meter shall pass under or over any public street, alley or other public way except pursuant to the Commission's General Service Rule 5.20.

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- (2) In the event that an apartment or commercial development is so built that a public way separates the buildings of the project, each individual building or group of buildings so separated shall be treated as a separate development for purposes of installing underground facilities and metering and billing electric service.

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C. Ownership of Facilities

- (1) All facilities provided hereunder by Company will remain the property of Company to be operated and maintained by Company.
- (2) All facilities provided hereunder by Company for which Developer or owner makes either full or partial payment shall remain the property of Company and will be operated and maintained by Company.
- (3) All facilities provided hereunder by Developer or Customer for Company's use under this Tariff will be the property of the Company and will be operated and maintained by Company.

D. Payments and Charges

- (1) All payments due Company from Developer or Customer under this Tariff will be paid in advance of any underground construction. Provided, however, all payments due Company under this Tariff from applicants for permanent individual residential service may, at the Customer's request and if the Company deems appropriate, be billed and paid with the first month's billing for service.
- (2) Payments and/or contributions made or facilities furnished by Developer or Customer pursuant to this Tariff shall not be in lieu of or in substitution for any amounts due Company under Company's Rate Schedule No. 60, Extension of Facilities.
- (3) All facilities provided and/or installed and all trenching and backfilling performed by Developer or Customer shall be provided, installed or performed in accordance with Company's construction standards pursuant to Paragraph 61.3. Any costs incurred by Company to bring such facilities provided, installed or performed by Customer into compliance with Company standards shall be paid by Developer or Customer.

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E. Street Lighting

- (1) When street lights are to be installed in the subdivision at the time of installation of underground distribution system, and the municipality contracts with Company for such street lighting service, Company will furnish, install, own, and maintain the entire street lighting system, including poles, luminaires and underground cable in accordance with the provisions of Company's then effective Municipal Street Lighting Service Rate Schedule and the provisions of Paragraph 61.4.5.
- (2) When the municipality does not contract with Company for street lighting service within the subdivision, any street lighting service furnished by Company will only be supplied in accordance with Company's then effective All Night Outdoor Lighting Service Rate Schedule and provisions of Paragraph 61.4.5.

F. Removal, Relocation or Converting of Existing Facilities

Where Company has overhead facilities located within a subdivision at the time Developer applies for an underground distribution system under this Tariff, Company shall remove, relocate or convert such facilities to underground and Developer shall pay Company in accordance with the charges and provisions of Paragraph 61.4.5.

G. Conflicts

The terms and provisions of this Tariff are subject to the terms and provisions of the Company's Policy Schedule No. 9, Service Regulations and Rate Schedule No. 60, Extension of Facilities unless there is a direct conflict between the terms and provisions of this Tariff and the provisions of the Company's Policy Schedule No. 9 or Rate Schedule No. 60, in which case the terms and provisions of this Tariff shall control.

61.3. CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS

61.3.1. SITE PREPARATION

No underground installation of electric distribution system or service connection facilities will be made until all rough site grading has been completed and final grade is established for the area in which such facilities are to be installed.

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61.3.2. CODES AND STANDARDS

Company's installation of facilities under this Tariff will be in accordance with Company's construction standards which meet or exceed the minimum requirements of the National Electrical Safety Code at the time of installation.

Developer's installation of facilities for Company use under this Tariff shall be in accordance with Company's construction standards.

Customer installation of facilities as a part of the service connections, including a service ground, shall be in accordance with all applicable Company construction standards the National Electrical Code and all state and local codes applicable thereto at the time of installation.

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61.3.3. JOINT OCCUPANCY OF TRENCHES

Joint occupancy of trenches with communication utilities will be used except where not feasible from the standpoint of safety or economics provided that all utilities occupying a trench share equitably in the cost of the trenching and backfilling where the trenching and backfill is not provided by the Developer.

61.4. UNDERGROUND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS IN SUBDIVISIONS AND MOBILE HOME PARKS

61.4.1. APPLICATION BY DEVELOPER

- A. Developer desiring underground electric distribution will submit application to Company before plat of easements and Bill of Assurance are filed for record. It is important that this application be submitted as early in the planning stage as possible so that the installation can be engineered and sufficient facilities constructed in time to serve construction power requirements of the subdivision as needed.
- B. Developer will furnish to Company, before recordation, a plat showing the location and nature of the area to be developed. Developer will, at no cost to Company, provide and record all easements and rights-of-way required by Company and will execute or cause to be executed all other contracts and agreements required by Company.

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- C. Developer will notify all purchasers of lots and/or dwelling units of all provisions of the easements and rights-of-way granted to Company by incorporating same in the Bill of Assurance, plat of easements and other documents which shall be filed for record prior to the sale of any lot.

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61.4.2. LOCATION AND ORIGIN

- A. Company's underground distribution system will originate at its overhead and/or underground terminal(s) located on Developer's property adjacent to the property line at point(s) determined by Company, and will be installed on the street side of all lots except that by agreement Company may take easements on rear property lines for the installation of all or part of its facilities.
- B. In the event that Company's overhead facilities are across the street or otherwise separated from Developer's property and it is requested that facilities be extended to the property line underground instead of overhead, or in the event that it is impossible or impractical to locate a terminal pole on Developer's property, Company will make such extension underground from the closest practical point on its overhead system to the nearest point on Developer's property line in accordance with the provisions and charges of Paragraph 61.4.5.D.

61.4.3. RESPONSIBILITY OF PARTIES

- A. Developer Responsibility
- (1) Developer will furnish and provide completely installed for Company's use all conduits as required, will open all trenches, prepare trench for cable installation and, after installation of cable, close all trenches, all according to Company specifications. Company may by agreement perform the trenching and backfill operations and be reimbursed its estimated cost by Developer.
- (2) Mobile home park Developer will, in addition to providing the items required in Paragraph 61.4.3.A.(1). above, provide a suitable structure at each mobile home location for the meter installation and furnish and install a meter enclosure and the conduit and fittings from the meter enclosure to the service trench adjacent to the structure.

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B. Company Responsibility

- (1) Company will furnish, install, own and maintain a complete distribution system, including all primary cables, transformers, transformer protective devices, secondary cables, and other related equipment, and, if contracted for, street lights and street light cables.
- (2) For mobile home parks, the Company will, in addition to providing the items called for in Paragraph 61.4.3.A.(2) above, furnish, install, own and maintain an underground service connection from the point of attachment to its distribution system up to the point of connection at each meter location.

61.4.4. TEMPORARY SERVICE

Under this Tariff there is no provision for a temporary distribution system to serve Developer and/or building contractors. Temporary service, if required, will be supplied by Company only at the full expense of Developer or building contractors for all installation and removal charges in accordance with Company's Rate Schedules and Policy Schedules.

61.4.5. PAYMENTS TO COMPANY BY DEVELOPER

- A. For single or three-phase distribution, Developer shall pay to Company the difference in the estimated cost of the underground distribution system and the estimated cost of a comparable overhead distribution system prior to installation of underground facilities.
 - (1) If three-phase service is requested initially, Developer will pay to Company, in addition to other applicable charges, the difference between the estimated installed cost of additional equipment and materials necessary to provide three-phase distribution and the estimated installed cost of comparable overhead three-phase facilities.
 - (2) If three-phase service is requested after the single-phase distribution system has been installed, the party requesting three phase-service will pay to Company, in addition to the charges listed in 61.4.5.A.(1) above, the estimated cost of opening and closing the trench, the estimated installed cost of all conduit required, and the estimated cost of crossing or repairing streets and other paved areas.

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- B. For single or three-phase distribution in a mobile home park, Developer will pay to Company the difference in the estimated cost of the underground distribution system and service connections and the estimated cost of a comparable overhead distribution system and service connections.
- C. Where street or all night outdoor lighting is installed in a subdivision or mobile home park under the Company's then effective Rate Schedules, all provisions of the applicable Rate Schedule shall apply except that:
- (1) Where underground street lighting cable is installed in a common trench with the distribution cable at the time the underground distribution is installed, or in a trench which has been opened and closed by Developer, the extra facilities charge applicable to underground street lighting service under the above-mentioned Rate Schedules will not be applied.
 - (2) The extra facilities charge for ornamental poles under the above-mentioned Rate Schedules will not be applied when Developer provides the pole base to Company specifications, and pays Company the difference between the cost of a 30 ft. wood pole included in such Rate Schedule and a standard 17 ft. ornamental pole (as shown in Paragraph 61.6.) for each such street lighting pole installed.
 - (3) Where Developer desires equipment other than that which is standard with Company, and such equipment is acceptable to Company, Developer will pay any cost in excess of the cost to the Company of its standard equipment.
 - (4) Where added costs will be incurred for any other equipment related only to underground construction of the street lighting system that would not be required for overhead construction Developer will pay such costs. Such costs will include but not be limited to the cost of additional transformation, pull boxes and junction cabinets.
- D. Charges to be paid to Company by Developer for underground extension(s) from Company's overhead facilities to terminal point(s) on Developer's property will be computed as the difference between the estimated cost of the underground extension(s) and the estimated cost of comparable overhead extension(s).

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E. Charges to be paid to Company by Developer for removal, relocation or conversion of overhead facilities to underground shall be the net amount of the following debit and credit items.

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(1) Debit Items

- a. The total installed cost (labor, material, and other costs) of the new facility including transformers and metering equipment.
- b. Cost of removing the existing facilities.
- c. Any operating and maintenance expense necessary in connection with the removal, relocation or conversion of the existing facilities.

(2) Credit Items

- a. The cost of any improvement, such as increased capacity not necessary to provide service to the subdivision, made voluntarily by Company as part of the replacement of existing facilities.
- b. Accumulated depreciation on any facility removed based upon its original installed cost including transformers and meters, if any.
- c. Salvage allowance based on estimated remaining life of reusable materials removed including transformers and metering equipment.

(3) Removal of Idle Facilities

No charge or credit will be made for the removal of overhead facilities which are no longer in use to serve any of Company's Customers.

F. Where Company incurs additional cost as a result of changes made in the initial subdivision layout as agreed upon between Company and Developer, Developer shall reimburse Company for all such additional cost.

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61.5. UNDERGROUND SERVICE CONNECTIONS

61.5.1. AVAILABILITY

- A. Service connections from underground distribution systems must be underground.
- B. Underground service connections are available from the Company pursuant to this Tariff, except for temporary service, for any Customer served from Company's overhead or underground distribution facilities. Company will install no single phase underground service connections smaller than 100 Amperes.

61.5.2. APPLICATION BY CUSTOMER

- A. Underground service connections will be installed under an Agreement for Underground Service Connection between the Customer and the Company in substantially the same form as shown in Policy Schedule No. 13, paragraph 13.6. when: (AT)
- B. Customer chooses to be billed for charges calculated pursuant to Paragraph 61.5.6.A. and returns the signed Agreement For Underground Service Connection to Company; and
- C. Customer provides Company with any necessary easements the Company deems necessary.

61.5.3. LOCATION AND ORIGIN

- A. Underground service connection will originate at the secondary conductors on the pole (in the case of an overhead distribution system) or transformer or secondary conductor (in the case of an underground distribution system) located at or near the Customer's property line at a point determined by Company, and will follow the most direct practical route to the agreed upon meter location.

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- B. Where underground service connections are to be provided from overhead facilities and such facilities are located across a street or otherwise separated from Customer's property, the extension to Customer's property line will normally be overhead. However, in the event Customer desires such extension underground and Company deems such feasible, the extension will be made underground and Customer will pay Company all costs in excess of an overhead extension.

61.5.4. METERS AND METER ENCLOSURES

The Company will furnish, install, own, and maintain all meters and metering equipment except as noted below.

- A. Customer will furnish and install at the agreed upon location the meter enclosure for any single or three phase service connection of 320 Amperes or less.
- B. Company will furnish and Customer will install at the agreed upon location the meter enclosure (does not include the current transformer enclosure) for all service connections requiring instrument rated transformers.

All equipment supplied by Customer must be to Company specifications.

61.5.5. RESPONSIBILITY OF PARTIES

A. Customer Responsibility

- (1) The Customer shall be responsible for all trenching and backfilling to Company specifications.
- (2) The Customer shall be responsible for the installation and maintenance of an electrical ground, which meets or exceeds all requirements of the National Electrical Code and of all state and local codes applicable thereto at the time of such installation, and for grounding the neutral bus of the service entrance panel, main disconnecting switch or main circuit breaker.
- (3) The Customer will, at his expense, furnish and install at the agreed upon location the meter enclosure and the conduit and fittings from the meter enclosure to the service trench or junction box at a point adjacent to the building.

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- (4) Installation of service conductors under any area to be paved should be avoided where possible. If it is known that paving will be placed over the service conductors, they shall be placed in conduit under the area to be paved prior to paving.

B. Company Responsibility

- (1) The Company will install service conductors or cable from the meter enclosure to the point of connection to its distribution system including the riser conduit if required and bend at the terminal pole, transformer or secondary conductor and will make the connections at the meter enclosure and at the terminal pole, transformer or secondary conductor.
- (2) In the event the Customer prefers to install, own, and maintain his underground service, Company will make all connections at the terminal pole, transformer or secondary conductor.

61.5.6. CHARGES AND PAYMENTS FOR SERVICE CONNECTIONS TO RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS

- A. Charges to be paid to Company by Customer are an amount equal to the differential cost, if any, between the estimated cost of the underground service connection and the estimated cost of a comparable overhead connection. Such differential costs are shown in Paragraph 61.6. of this schedule.
- B. Charges to be paid Company by Customer for single-phase service connections in excess of 320 Amperes and for three-phase service connections is an amount equal to the difference, if any, between the estimated cost of the underground service connection and the estimated cost of a comparable overhead service connection.

61.5.7. CHARGES AND PAYMENTS FOR SERVICE CONNECTIONS TO INDIVIDUALLY METERED APARTMENTS

- A. Apartment buildings will be served from a single service connection per building. Where permitted by local codes, sections of a building isolated by a fire wall(s) may be considered as separate buildings.

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- B. When the dwelling units in an apartment building(s) are individually metered, with the service entrances and meter enclosures grouped at a single location on an exterior wall of the building, each dwelling unit will be considered a separate residential Customer and provided with the appropriate meter enclosure.
- C. Where national or local codes require a main disconnecting device ahead of a group of individual meters such disconnecting device will be the responsibility of the owner of the premises to furnish, install and maintain.
- D. Charges to be paid to Company by Customer for the installation of underground service connections are the Company's total estimated cost of the installation of such facilities less the estimated cost of comparable overhead facilities.

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61.5.8. CHARGES AND PAYMENTS FOR SERVICE CONNECTIONS FOR NONRESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS

- A. Nonresidential Customers are all Customers not served on residential rate schedules and include apartment buildings served through a single meter under a general service rate schedule.
- B. Charges to be paid to Company by Customer are an amount equal to the difference, if any, between the estimated cost of the underground service connection and the estimated cost of a comparable overhead connection.
- C. The underground service connections to serve a Customer should be installed in the manner resulting in the lowest installed cost. The most economical installation may, in some cases, be underground primary from the Customer's property line to a pad mount or submersible transformer near the building and a secondary run from the transformer to the point of metering.
- D. To determine the cost difference between underground and overhead service connections, the underground cost estimate will be compared with the estimated cost of an equivalent overhead installation. The estimated cost of the underground facilities include the differential cost between the transformer used for underground service and an equivalent overhead transformer installation.

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61.5.9. CONVERSION OF EXISTING OVERHEAD SERVICE CONNECTIONS TO UNDERGROUND

- A. Existing overhead service connections which require a change because load growth makes the existing facilities inadequate will be treated as new service connections.
- B. Removal of an adequate existing overhead service connection and conversion to underground service by the Company will be performed on the following basis:
 - (1) Customer will be responsible for all trenching and backfilling to Company specifications.
 - (2) Customer will reimburse the Company for the cost of all materials and labor required to provide the underground service and all labor costs associated with removal of the existing facilities.
 - (3) Charges for such removal and installation, and credits due Customer for existing facilities shall be calculated in accordance with Paragraphs 61.4.5.E.(1), (2) and (3) and Customer shall pay the net charge resulting from such calculation.

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<u>Billing Item</u>					
<u>Single-phase 100 Amp</u>					
Base Cost Originating From:					
Overhead	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$276.00	\$0.00	\$276.00
Underground	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$20.00)	\$0.00	(\$20.00)
Incremental Cost - \$/Foot:					
Direct Buried (1)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.80	\$0.00	\$0.80
In Conduit (1)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3.12	\$0.00	\$3.12
<u>Single-phase 200 Amp</u>					
Base Cost Originating From:					
Overhead	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$297.00	\$0.00	\$297.00
Underground	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$11.00)	\$0.00	(\$11.00)
Incremental Cost - \$/Foot:					
Direct Buried (1)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1.05	\$0.00	\$1.05
In Conduit (1)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3.43	\$0.00	\$3.43
<u>Single-phase 320 Amp</u>					
Base Cost Originating From:					
Overhead	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$420.00	\$0.00	\$420.00
Underground	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ 30.00	\$0.00	\$ 30.00
Incremental Cost - \$/Foot:					
Direct Buried (1)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1.28	\$0.00	\$1.28
In Conduit (1)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4.15	\$0.00	\$4.15
Differential pole cost per pole: - Paragraph 61.4.5.C.(2):					
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$135.50	\$0.00	\$135.50

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NOTES:

1. Due to widely varying soil composition in the service area these costs do not include trenching or backfilling. The cost to be paid by Customer for trenching and backfilling will be provided at the time service is requested.
2. The incremental cost per foot applies to the total service length from a point on the ground below the connection to Company's distribution facilities to a point on the ground below the Customer's meter.