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### MORA-SAN MIGUEL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC., NM PUBLIC REGULATION COMM ORIGINAL RULE NO. 17

RECORDS MANAGEMENT BUREAU

#### **BUDGET BILLING – ALL CUSTOMERS**

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Purpose: To establish an internal procedure for addressing Consumers who elect to enroll in MSMEC's Budget Billing Plan. The Budget Billing Plan is intended to aid Residential Consumers in establishing a level bill for electric service over a 12 month period. This allows for the Consumer to not be adversely impacted by higher usage during the winter/summer peaking months. It also ensures the Consumer is not affected by the fluctuation of the Fuel Cost Adjustment. The payment amount is based on the previous year's billing history. For example if a Consumer paid, \$1,296.17 last year, we would divide that amount by 12 to determine the Budget Amount of \$108.01. Regardless of the amount reflected on the bill, showing the actual billing for the month, the Consumer will be required to pay the Budgeted Amount of \$108.01 monthly.

**Definition:** For the purpose of this policy, Budget Billing shall mean, a MSMEC Consumer who has elected to enroll in our Budget Billing Plan. The Budget Billing Plan is intended to aid Residential Consumers in leveling their electric service bill over a 12 month period.

### **Eligibility Requirements:**

- 1. Consumer must be classified as a Residential or Seasonal Consumer with Mora-San Miguel Electric Cooperative, Inc. (MSMEC).
- 2. Consumer must be current in payments for electric service or has entered into a Settlement Agreement with MSMEC.

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- 3. Consumer may request to be included in the Budget Billing Pian at any time throughout the year. The true-up month will be in December of each year, regardless of when the Consumers enrolls in the Budget Billing Plan.
  - A. In December, if the Budgeted Amount was too high and an overpayment has been made to MSMEC, MSMEC will apply the credit to the next year's budgeted amount. The new budget amount will also be decreased in an attempt to avoid an over payment the following year.
  - B. In December, if the Budgeted Amount was too low and an underpayment has been made to MSMEC, the Consumer is required to pay the balance. If the balance is not paid in full at this time, the Consumer will be ineligible to enroll in the Budget Billing Plan for the subsequent year.
- 4. Budgeted amounts will be determined by one of the following three methods:
  - A. If the Consumer has had electric service with MSMEC for more than 12 months, in the same residence, the previous γear's history is used to determine the budget amount.
  - B. If the Consumer has not had electrical service with MSMEC in the same residence, the previous occupant's previous year's billing history will be used to determine the budget amount.
  - C. If the residence is a new Residential account MSMEC will assign an average budgeted amount of \$75.00. After two months, this amount may be adjusted (increased or decreased) based on actual electric consumption for this particular residence.

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- 5. The Consumer shall comply by paying, at minimum, the "Budgeted Amount". The Consumer may pay more, but at no time are they allowed to pay less.
- 6. The Budget Billing Plan is intended to aid Residential Consumers In leveling bills for their electric service over a 12 month period. Failure to comply with paying the monthly budgeted amounts, as agreed to, constitutes a violation of the Budget Billing Plan and is a basis for discontinuing the Budget Billing Plan. This will require the Consumer to pay monthly electric bills as presented. If this occurs, the Consumer shall not be allowed to enter into a Budget Billing Plan for at least 12 succeeding months.

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