

Ordinance No. 4637

An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Ellensburg, Washington relating to demand charge credits for demand classes of Electric Utility customers and adding a new section 9.91.120 "Demand charge credits" to the Ellensburg Municipal Code.

WHEREAS, the Electric Utility's largest customers have their peak demand on the utility distribution system measured and charged monthly, and

WHEREAS, a large customer may have operations briefly extend into the subsequent billing period causing an artificially high demand charge for the subsequent billing period, and

WHEREAS, this brief demand does not extend more than 24 hours into the subsequent billing period and does not cause the utility to incur additional wholesale charges, and

WHEREAS, an ordinance amendment providing for a demand charge credit to the customer's electric utility account is warranted under such circumstances, and

WHEREAS, the amendments in this ordinance have been reviewed by the Utility Advisory Committee and are recommended for City Council adoption,

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELLENSBURG:

Section 1. A new section 9.91.120 entitled "Demand charge credits" is hereby added to the Ellensburg Municipal Code to read as follows:

9.91.120 Demand charge credits.

- A. The electric utility meters the demand classes of customers identified in section 9.91.100 for peak demands on the distribution system measured in a billing period. Periodically due to the timing of a customer's operations, an artificially high demand charge may be incurred even though it was not a wholesale expense to the electric utility. The energy services director, after determining there were no wholesale charges incurred by the electric utility as a result of the customer's electrical peak demand as adjusted for power factor, may authorize the finance director to issue a credit to the customer's electric utility account for demand charges only, provided that the temporary peak demand

occurred during the first day of the billing period. A new peak demand adjusted for power factor will be calculated for the remaining portion of the subsequent billing period and billed at the rate in effect for the customer's rate class at the time the demand charge was first imposed. To be eligible to receive a demand charge credit under this section, the customer must deliver a written request for the credit to the energy services director within sixty (60) days of the end of the billing period during which the artificially high demand charge was incurred

B. The Demand classes of customers covered by this section include:

General Service Single Phase Demand E-200

General Service Three Phase Demand E-201

Large Customer/Contractual E-600


Primary Service City-Owned Transformer E-204

Primary Service Customer-Owned Transformer E-205

Section 2. – *Severability.* If any one or more chapters, sections, subsections, or sentences of this ordinance are held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this ordinance and the same shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. – *Effective Date.* This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force five (5) days after its passage, approval and publication.

The foregoing ordinance was passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council on the 4th day of March, 2013.



MAYOR

Attest:



CITY CLERK

Approved as to form:



CITY ATTORNEY

Publish: 3713

I, Coreen M. Reno, City Clerk of said City, do hereby certify that Ordinance No. 4637 is a true and correct copy of said Ordinance of like number as the same was passed by said Council, that Ordinance No. 4637 was published as required by law.

COREEN M. RENO, CMC