

### **Notice of Utility Tariff Filing**

The REGULATORY COMMISSION OF ALASKA (Commission) gives notice that Golden Valley Electric Association, Inc. (GVEA) filed TA314-13, proposing to revise Rule 9 – Billing and Collection. Specifically, GVEA is proposing to revise and reorganize its provisions regarding Billing and Collection.

In addition to the reorganization, GVEA also proposes to include a provision that sets out that payments received by GVEA will be applied to amounts owed in the same order as the amounts became due. GVEA proposes that if a single application is made by two or more individuals together, GVEA may collect the full amount owed from any one of the individuals.

GVEA also proposes to add a new section to set out the provisions for make-up billing. GVEA proposes that the section will apply when a bill for service is inadvertently not billed because of a billing error or an estimated billing. The proposed provision provides that the make-up bill must be issued within six months.

GVEA proposes to add a new section setting out provisions for levelized billing. GVEA will calculate the levelized billing amount by dividing the sum of the applicable bill components from the previous 12 months by 12 and then adding any miscellaneous billing charges, such as deferred payment agreement amounts and adjustments. The applicable bill components include the customer charge, utility charge, fuel and purchased power charge, applicable taxes, and voluntary SNAP contributions. GVEA proposes that each year the bill will be recalculated using the most recent 12 month period. GVEA will use an annual adjustment to settle the difference between the predetermined amount paid and the actual amount calculated under standard billing. GVEA also proposes that customers with delinquent bills may utilize levelized billing, as long as the customer enters into a deferred payment agreement.

GVEA also proposes to add a new section for deferred payment agreements. GVEA proposes that if a residential customer demonstrates that severe economic hardship, as determined solely by GVEA, prevents full payment of a delinquent bill that is not already covered by a deferred payment agreement, GVEA will restore service if the customer agrees to a deferred payment agreement. The deferred payment agreement will be for a period of not less than three months and will not exceed 12 months, as set by the utility. GVEA also proposes that when the deferred payment agreement is signed the customer agrees to pay one-third of the outstanding bill or less at the utility's option, the required deposit, and applicable fees. GVEA proposes that if a customer fails to fulfill the terms of the deferred payment agreement, the customer may be disconnected following the notice provisions set out in GVEA's tariff.

This notice does not contain all requested revisions and the Commission may approve a rate or classification that varies from those proposed. You may obtain more information about this filing by contacting Monica Grassi, Regulatory Manager at GVEA, at P.O. Box 71249, Fairbanks, AK 99707; phone: (907) 458-5788. The complete filing is also available

for inspection at the Commission's office at 701 West 8th Avenue, Suite 300, Anchorage, AK 99501; phone: (907) 276-6222, or may be viewed at the Commission's website at <http://rca.alaska.gov> by typing "TA314-13" in the *Find a Matter* search box.


To comment on this filing, please file your comments by 5:00 p.m., June 11, 2018, at the Commission address given above or via our website at:

<https://rca.alaska.gov/RCAWeb/WhatsNew/PublicNoticesComments.aspx>

Please reference TA314-13 and include a statement that you've filed a copy of the comments with GVEA at its address given above. Individuals or groups of people with disabilities, who require special accommodations, auxiliary aids or service, or alternative communication formats, please contact Valerie Fletcher-Mitchell at (907) 276-6222, toll-free at 1-800-390-2782, or TTY/Alaska Relay: 7-1-1 or 1-800-770-8937, or send a request via electronic mail to [rca.mail@alaska.gov](mailto:rca.mail@alaska.gov) by June 4, 2018.

DATED at Anchorage, Alaska, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2018.

REGULATORY COMMISSION OF ALASKA

*For*   
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