

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WYOMING

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
GARLAND LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY FOR)
AUTHORITY TO REVISE ITS RULES AND)
REGULATIONS AND CHARGES FOR CERTAIN)
SERVICES) DOCKET NO. 10003-CT-00-9

) (RECORD NO. 5936)

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NOTICE AND ORDER

(Issued September 11, 2000)

This matter is before the Commission upon the application of Garland Light and Power Company (Garland or Company) for authority to revise its rules and regulations and charges for certain services, as more fully described below.

The Commission, having reviewed the application and proposed rules and regulations, its files regarding Garland, applicable Wyoming law, and otherwise being fully advised in the premises, FINDS AND CONCLUDES:

1. Garland is a public utility as defined in W.S. §§ 37-1-101, et seq., engaged as a nonprofit membership corporation in the provision of electric utility service within certain designated certificated areas in the Town of Ralston and Park and Big Horn counties, within the state of Wyoming, as authorized by this Commission. As a public utility, Garland is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission pursuant to W. S. § 37-2-112.
2. Garland has filed its application seeking authority to revise its rules and regulations and charges for certain services as set forth below. Garland states that the increase in current rates is needed to reflect the increase in the expense of labor associated with providing these services.

The charges to be increased include the following:

Service Current Charge Proposed Charge

Reconnect Fee - Service Connects

Normal Office hours \$37.50 \$42.00

After hours \$50.25 \$57.00

Collection Trip fee \$37.50 \$42.00

Mercury Vapor Lights \$15.00 plus materials \$25.00 plus materials

Customers should contact Garland and/or review the application which sets forth the other proposed increases in miscellaneous charges which require the services of Company field personnel.

3. Garland also proposes to revise its tariff language relating to new/additional customers that request electric service that will be provided through a line extension that has already been constructed and paid for by an initial member-

owner through a contribution-in-aid of construction. The current tariff language provides that during the first year after construction, any new member/customer taking service over the constructed line extension will be required to pay a pro-rated share of the cost of the line extension which will be refunded back to the initial member/customer who paid the initial contribution-in-aid of construction. The proposed new tariff language extends the period that a new member/customer will be required to pay a pro-rated share of the cost of the line extension, which will be refunded back to the initial member/customer who paid the cost of the initial construction. Any new member/customer taking service over the line extension within the five year contract period (that the initial member/customer entered into to get the initial line extension), will be required to pay a pro-rated share of the initial contribution-in-aid of construction which will be refunded back to the initial member/customer who paid the initial contribution.

4. The Commission finds and concludes that Garland has supported its proposed increases in the charges for various services that it provides to customers. Increasing these charges to reflect the increase in the labor costs associated with the provision of these services more properly places these costs on the customer who caused or requested the specific service. If the charges for these services are not increased and recovered from the specific member/customer, the general body of ratepayers will inevitably pay for these additional labor related costs through their general rates. The Commission further finds that the Company's proposal to extend the period in which new member/customers will be required to pay a pro-rated share of the cost of construction of a line extension paid for by a prior customer is just and reasonable, as it provides some compensation back to the initial member/customer who paid the initial contribution-in-aid of construction. The Commission concludes that the proposed tariff revisions are in the public interest and should be approved, subject however, to notice, protest, possible hearing, refund, and further determination as the Commission may deem necessary.

5. Garland's application and proposed rules and regulations are on file in the Company's offices in Powell, Wyoming, and in the Commission's offices in Cheyenne, Wyoming, and may be inspected by any interested persons during regular business hours.

6. Anyone desiring to intervene, request a hearing, file a statement or protest this application, must file with the Commission mentioning Docket No. 10003-CT-00-9 on or before October 11, 2000, setting forth the basis for the intervention, comments or request for hearing.

7. The Commission directs that the public notice in this matter be in the following form:

PUBLIC NOTICE

Garland Light and Power Company has filed with the Wyoming Public Service Commission for authority to revise its rules and regulations and charges for certain services, as more fully described below.

The charges to be increased include the following:

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Mercury Vapor Lights \$15.00 plus materials \$25.00 plus materials

Customers should contact Garland and/or review the application which sets forth the other proposed increases in miscellaneous charges which require the services of Company field personnel.

Garland states that the increases to certain charges are needed to reflect the increase in the expense of labor associated with providing these services.

Garland also proposes to revise its tariff language relating to new/additional customers that request electric service that will be provided through a line extension that has already been constructed and paid for by an initial member-owner through a contribution-in-aid of construction. The current tariff language provides that during the first year after construction, any new member/customer taking service over the constructed line extension will be required to pay a pro-rated share of the cost of the line extension which will be refunded back to the initial member/customer who paid the initial contribution-in-aid of construction. The proposed new tariff language extends the period that a new member/customer will be required to pay a pro-rated share of the cost of the line extension, which will be refunded back to the initial member/customer who paid the cost of the initial construction. Any new member/customer taking service over the line extension within the five year contract period (that the initial member/customer entered into to get the initial line extension), will be required to pay a pro-rated share of the initial contribution-in-aid of construction which will be refunded back to the initial member/customer who paid the initial contribution.

You may review the application and proposed rules and regulations at the Company's offices in Powell, Wyoming, or in the Commission's offices in Cheyenne, during regular business hours.

To intervene, request a hearing, file a statement or protest this application, you must file with the Commission mentioning Docket No. 10003-CT-00-9 on or before October 11, 2000, setting forth the basis for the intervention, comments or request for hearing.

If you wish to participate and require reasonable accommodation for a disability, call the PSC at (307) 777-7427 or write the PSC at 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002. Communications impaired persons may contact the PSC through Wyoming Relay at 1-800-877-9965. Please mention Docket No. 10003-CT-00-9, when you call or write.

Dated: September 11, 2000.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. Pursuant to open meeting action taken on September 1, 2000, the application of Garland Light and Power Company for authority to revise its rules and regulation and charges for certain services, as described herein be, and the same is, hereby approved, effective September 1, 2000.
2. This Order is effective immediately.

MADE and ENTERED at Cheyenne, Wyoming this 11th day of September, 2000.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WYOMING

STEVE ELLENBECKER, Chairman

KRISTIN LEE, Commissioner

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

DAVID J. LUCERO, Assistant Secretary