



## Residential Lifeline Rate

### AVAILABILITY

This rate schedule is closed to new customers as of July 30, 1985, and existing customers will be placed on a priority list to receive weatherization services. As customers have conservation measures installed in their dwellings, they will be moved to the regular residential rate applicable to their class of service. Existing lifeline customers who have received weatherization services prior to July 30, 1985, will remain on the rate until they no longer meet the income or other qualification guidelines established for the program. When an existing lifeline customer moves from one residence to another, such action will be considered as the termination of service at the former residence and commencement of a new service at the subsequent location.

The general conditions of availability as specified in Rate Schedule Rg-1 are also applicable to this rate schedule.

This rate schedule is optional for residential customers living in an individually metered residential unit who satisfy the eligibility requirements as follows: (1) The customer must have annual household income below 150 percent of the Department of Health and Human Services poverty levels or (2) the head of the household and/or spouse must be receiving Supplemental Security Income. The customer is required to prove eligibility and to fill out an application for service under this rate.

### RATE (for one residential unit on one meter)

	Summer	Winter
Customer charge per day .....	\$0.15780	\$0.15780
Distribution service: All kWh, per kWh .....	3.000¢	3.000¢
Electricity service:		
R First 300 kWh per billing period, per kWh .....	7.943¢	7.065¢
R More than 300 kWh per billing period, per kWh.....	11.788¢	10.601¢

Summer rates are effective from June 1 through September 30. All other times of the year winter rates are effective.

### PAYMENT

Payment is due not later than the due date shown on the bill. Any Company billing charges unpaid after the due date will be subject to a late payment charge as described in the Company's electric service rules under Late Payment Charge.

### MINIMUM MONTHLY CHARGE

The minimum monthly charge will be the customer charge.

### SPECIAL TERMS AND PROVISIONS

1. A residential unit is defined as a separate house, apartment, flat, or other living quarters having separate bathroom, kitchen, living room, and sleeping facilities.
2. Not more than 5,500 watts per heating unit for water heaters and space-heating equipment and snow- and ice-melting equipment will be controlled by a single thermostat or manually operated switch.
3. The customer is responsible for providing evidence to the Company of eligibility for this rate schedule as specified below prior to initiation of service under this rate schedule. The customer may also be required to provide evidence of eligibility once every four years.

A customer may prove eligibility by:

- a. Presenting a properly encoded medical assistance identification card showing they are receiving Supplemental Security Income.



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- b. Providing proof of participation in the Energy Assistance Program, AFDC, food stamps, Medicaid, or other public programs requiring income levels at 150 percent of or below poverty guidelines.
  - c. Presenting a signed third-party release form from a minister, social agency representative, attorney, tax accountant, budget counselor, or other reliable source that has accurate knowledge of the customer's financial situation.
  - d. Providing certified copies of federal, state, or Homestead Credit Tax forms which indicate gross income within the guidelines for the previous tax year.
4. Household income is defined as total cash receipts before taxes from all sources and for all household members.
  5. When unrelated persons are living in the same residence, income eligibility is determined using the 150 percent of poverty level figure for a family with the same number of members (i.e., 150 percent of poverty level for a residence with three unrelated persons equals 150 percent of poverty level for a family with three members).
  6. Service on this rate schedule will commence with the first regular meter reading following approval of the customer's application by the Company.
  7. Any customer choosing to be served on this rate schedule thereby waives all rights to any billing adjustments arising from a claim that the bill for the customer's service would be cheaper on any alternative rate schedule for any period of time, including any rights under Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 113.0406(4), Reg. January 2004, No. 577.
  8. Any customer who misinforms the Company about total household income will be subject to back billing for the difference between what the customer would have paid under the standard residential rate and what the customer actually paid under the lifeline rate.
  9. Customers who have their meters turned off and back on within a 12-month period will pay the minimum monthly charges, applicable to the customer, for the months while service was not being used.