



## ORDINANCE NO. 28844

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to Electric Energy; amending Chapter 12.06 of the  
2 Municipal Code, "Electric Energy - Regulations and Rates," to add a new  
3 Section 12.06.176, entitled "Prepaid small general service - Schedule PB," to  
4 allow for payment of electric service in advance of usage, effective April 1,  
5 2023.

6 WHEREAS Tacoma Power received inquiries from small general  
7 customers about prepayment options after the residential prepayment was  
8 launched in January 2021, and one of the anticipated benefits of the Advanced  
9 Metering Infrastructure ("AMI") program currently underway is to allow the  
10 provision of this type of rate option, and

11 WHEREAS this tariff will allow small general customers to elect to pay  
12 for electric service in advance of usage as soon as AMI is installed, and will be  
13 a voluntary rate option, and

14 WHEREAS many electric utility customers prefer to pay for electricity  
15 before they use it, which allows for a better understanding of their electricity  
16 use, budgeting for electricity expenses, and greater control over electricity  
17 costs, and

18 WHEREAS the prepayment option is especially important for small  
19 general customers with a tight budget and irregular cash flow, which may include  
20 minority business owners without good credit resources; Now, Therefore,  
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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF TACOMA:

Section 1. That Chapter 12.06 of the Municipal Code, “Electric Energy - Regulations and Rates,” is hereby amended to add a new Section 12.06.176, entitled “Prepaid small general service - Schedule PB,” to read as set forth in the attached Exhibit “A.”

Section 2. That new Section 12.06.176, entitled “Prepaid small general service - Schedule PB” which will allow for payment of electric service in advance of usage, has an effective date of April 1, 2023.

Section 3. That the City Clerk, in consultation with the City Attorney, is authorized to make necessary corrections to this ordinance, including, but not limited to, the correction of scrivener’s/clerical errors, references, ordinance numbering, section/subsection numbers, and any references thereto.

Passed \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

Attest:  
  
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City Clerk

Approved as to form:  
  
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Chief Deputy City Attorney



EXHIBIT "A"

CHAPTER 12.06

ELECTRIC ENERGY – REGULATIONS AND RATES<sup>1</sup>

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Sections:

- 12.06.010 General application.
- 12.06.020 Definitions.
- 12.06.030 Available voltages.
- 12.06.040 Application for service and contract.
- 12.06.050 Inspection.
- 12.06.060 Equipment and wires.
- 12.06.070 Rearranging lines or equipment.
- 12.06.080 Metering.
- 12.06.090 Connected load.
- 12.06.100 Deposits and connection charges.
- 12.06.110 Billing – Payment of bills and delinquency.
- 12.06.115 Disconnection of electric service.
- 12.06.120 Resale of electric energy prohibited.
- 12.06.130 Diversion of current.
- 12.06.140 Tampering and injury to City equipment.
- 12.06.150 City not liable for damages.
- 12.06.160 Residential service – Schedule A-1. *Effective April 1, 2022.*
- 12.06.165 Low-income/senior and/or low-income/disabled discount residential service – Schedule A-2. *Effective January 1, 2021.*
- 12.06.166 Prepaid residential service – Schedule PR. *Effective January 1, 2021.*
- 12.06.170 Small general service – Schedule B. *Effective April 1, 2022.*
- 12.06.176 Prepaid small general service – Schedule PB. *Effective April 1, 2023.*
- 12.06.180 *Repealed.*
- 12.06.190 *Repealed.*
- 12.06.210 *Repealed.*
- 12.06.215 General service – Schedule G. *Effective April 1, 2022.*
- 12.06.220 *Repealed.*
- 12.06.225 High voltage general service – Schedule HVG. *Effective April 1, 2022.*
- 12.06.240 *Repealed.*
- 12.06.250 *Repealed.*
- 12.06.260 Contract industrial service – Schedule CP. *Effective April 1, 2022.*
- 12.06.265 New large load service – Schedule NLL. *Effective April 1, 2022.*
- 12.06.270 *Repealed.*
- 12.06.280 *Repealed.*
- 12.06.290 Street lighting and traffic signal service – Schedule H-1. *Effective April 1, 2022.*
- 12.06.295 Street lighting service – Schedule H-3. *Effective April 1, 2018.*
- 12.06.300 Private off-street lighting service – Schedule H-2. *Effective April 1, 2022.*
- 12.06.310 Power factor provisions – Schedule P.
- 12.06.314 Tax credit – Schedule TC.
- 12.06.315 *Repealed.*
- 12.06.317 *Repealed.*
- 12.06.318 *Repealed.*
- 12.06.320 Additional rules may be made by director.
- 12.06.330 Customer service policies – Additional rules and regulations.

<sup>1</sup> Prior legislation: Ords. 16486, 16718, 16729, 16979, 17181, 17335, 17652, 17740, 18074, 18121, 18378, 18379, 18577, 18654, 18705 and 19120.



- 12.06.340 Violations – Penalties – Enforcement.
- 12.06.350 Severability.
- 1 12.06.360 *Repealed.*
- 12.06.370 Renewable Energy Program.
- 2 12.06.371 Electric Vehicle Fast Charge – Schedule FC. *Effective January 1, 2019, to December 31, 2031.*
- 3 12.06.372 Shore power – Schedule SP. *Effective April 1, 2022.*
- 12.06.373 Electrofuel service pilot – Schedule EF. *Effective April 1, 2021.*

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5 **12.06.176 Prepaid small general service – Schedule PB. Effective April 1, 2023.**

6 A. Availability. Available for nonresidential lighting, heating, and incidental power uses with Advanced Metering Infrastructure installed, subject to billing system availability. The customer's actual demand as determined by Tacoma Power may not exceed 50 kilovolt amperes or total connected load as estimated by Tacoma Power may not exceed 65 kilowatts upon initial service energization.

8 B. Monthly Rate: The sum of the following energy, delivery and customer charges:

9 1. Energy: The energy rate of the otherwise applicable published rate schedule as set forth in Chapter 12.06.170 Small general service.

10 2. Delivery: The delivery rate of the otherwise applicable published rate schedule as set forth in Chapter 12.06.170 Small general service.

11 3. Customer Charge: Calculated on a daily basis, invoiced, and collected pursuant to the applicable customer service policies: The customer charge of the otherwise applicable published rate schedule as set forth in Chapter 12.06.170 Small general service, multiplied by 12, divided by 365, and rounded to the nearest cent.

14 C. Service Conditions.

15 1. The maximum allowable total connected motor rating is 7.5 horsepower (5.6 kilowatts), exclusive of motors of ¼ horsepower and under for standard plug-in applications.

16 2. At the option of Tacoma Power, a customer may be transferred to a demand-metered rate if the customer's actual demand has exceeded 50 kilovolt amperes at least three times in the prior 24-month period.

17 3. Power factor provision applicable.

18 4. Applicable provisions of the Tacoma Municipal Code, General Provisions, and Customer Service Policies governing the sale of electric energy shall apply.

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