

4. Late Payment

Bills not paid in full on or before close of business on the due date shall be subject to a penalty charge of \$25. In addition, an interest charge of one-twentieth percent (0.05 percent) shall be applied each day to the sum of the unpaid amount and the penalty charge. This interest charge shall be assessed on a daily basis until such time as the unpaid amount and penalty charge are paid in full.

Remittances received by mail will be accepted without assessment of the charges referred to in the preceding paragraph provided the postmark indicates the payment was mailed on or before the due date. Whenever a power bill or a portion thereof remains unpaid subsequent to the due date and after giving 30 days' advance notice in writing, BPA may cancel the contract for service to the purchaser. However, such cancellation shall not affect the purchaser's liability for any charges accrued prior thereto under such contract.

5. Disputed Billings

In the event of a disputed billing, full payment shall be rendered to BPA and the disputed amount noted. Disputed amounts are subject to the late payment provisions specified above. BPA shall separately account for the disputed amount. If it is determined that the purchaser is entitled to the disputed amount, BPA shall refund the disputed amount with interest, as determined by BPA's financial services group.

BPA retains the right to verify, in a manner satisfactory to the Administrator, all data submitted to BPA for use in the calculation of BPA's rates and corresponding rate adjustments. BPA also retains the right to deny eligibility for any BPA rate or corresponding rate adjustment until all submitted data have been accepted by BPA as complete, accurate, and appropriate for the rate or adjustment under consideration.

6. Revised Bills

As necessary, BPA may render a revised bill.

a. If the amount of the revised bill is less than or equal to the amount of the original bill, the revised bill shall replace all previous bills issued by BPA that pertain to the specified customer for the specified billing period and the revised bill shall have the same date as the replaced bill.

b. If a revision causes an additional amount to be due BPA or the *specified customer* beyond the amount of the original bill, a revised bill will be issued

for the difference and the date of the revised bill shall be its date of issue.

Section VII. Variable Industrial Rate Parameters and Adjustments

A. Monthly Average Aluminum Price Determination

1. Calculation of the Monthly Billing Aluminum Price

The monthly billing aluminum price shall be determined by BPA for each billing month. For purposes of this rate schedule, the monthly billing aluminum price shall be based on the average price of aluminum in U.S. markets during the third calendar month prior to the billing month. The average price of aluminum in U.S. markets shall be defined as the average U.S. Transaction Price reported for the month by "Metals Week," in cents per pound, rounded to the nearest tenth of a cent.

2. Notification of the Monthly Average Aluminum Price

BPA shall provide, 45 days prior to the billing month, written notification to purchasers under this rate schedule of the monthly billing aluminum price to be used for billing purposes. Upon written request supporting documentation shall be provided.

3. Changes in Aluminum Price Indicators

In the event that BPA determines that factors outside its control render the monthly average U.S. Transaction Price unusable as an approximation of U.S. market prices, BPA may develop and substitute another indicator for prices in U.S. markets. BPA shall notify interested parties of its intent to do so at least 120 days prior to the billing month in which the change would become effective. In this notification, BPA shall explain the reason for the substitution and specify the replacement indicator it intends to use. BPA also shall describe the methodology to determine the monthly billing aluminum price to be used for billing purposes under this rate schedule and shall provide the necessary data to be used in the calculation. Interested persons will have until close of business 3 weeks from the date of the notification to provide comments. Consideration of comments and more current information may cause the final methodology and the substitute aluminum price index to differ from those proposed. BPA shall notify all affected parties, and those parties that submitted comments, of its final determination 90 days prior to the billing month the new indicator shall be effective.

B. Annual Adjustments to the Lower and Upper Pivot Aluminum Prices

On July 1, 1991, and every July 1, thereafter, the Lower and Upper Pivot Aluminum Prices, as stated in section III.B of the rate schedule, shall be subject to change for billing purposes as herein described. The term "annual adjustment date" shall refer to July 1 of each year.

1. Implementation Procedures

Beginning in 1991 and every year thereafter, prior to April 1 of that year, BPA shall provide the purchasers under this rate schedule preliminary written estimates of proposed adjustments to the Lower and Upper Pivot Aluminum Prices. By the last working day of the month of April, BPA shall notify interested parties in writing of BPA's revised determinations concerning changes to the Lower and Upper Pivot Aluminum Prices. BPA shall describe how the adjustments were determined and provide the data used in the calculations. In addition to written notification, BPA may, but is not obligated to, hold a public comment forum to clarify its determination and solicit comments. Interested persons may submit comments on the determinations to BPA and other parties. Comments will be accepted until close of business on the last working Friday in May. Consideration of comments and more current information may result in the final adjustment differing from the proposed adjustment. By June 30 of each year, BPA shall notify all VI purchasers, those parties that submitted comments, and parties that requested notification, of the final determination.

2. Annual Adjustment Procedures

a. Annual Adjustment of the Lower Pivot Aluminum Price

Beginning with the July 1, 1991, annual adjustment date, for each year that the Variable Industrial rate is in effect, the Lower Pivot Aluminum Price as stated in section III.B.1 of the rate schedule shall be adjusted on the July 1 annual adjustment date. The Lower Pivot Aluminum Price shall be revised by multiplying 59 cents per pound by the Cost Escalation Index described in section VII.B.3.b of these GRSPs and rounded to the nearest tenth of a cent. The revised Lower Pivot Aluminum Price shall replace the Lower Pivot Aluminum Price as stated in section III.B.1 of the rate schedule and shall be used to determine the energy rate in the subsequent 12 billing months.

b. Annual Adjustment of the Upper Pivot Aluminum Price