

**Rule No. 14.1**

**PROHIBITIONS AND CURTAILMENT PROVISIONS**

A. General

This rule has been ordered effective by the Commission as an emergency measure pursuant to D-82881. It will be in full force and effect until declared ineffective by order of the Commission. This rule supersedes and cancels all tariff and contract provisions inconsistent with its terms. Paragraph B.1. herein has been temporarily suspended per D-83225, effective July 30, 1974.

B. Prohibited Uses

1. Outdoor Advertising and Decorative Lighting:

- a. No customer shall at any time make, cause or permit any use of electrical energy for lighting of billboards, signs, advertising goods or services or to identify the providers of goods or services, displays of goods, objects or designs symbolic of commercial enterprises, trademarks or logo, or motors or devices to rotate or move advertising signs or operate pumps or other devices in fountains which are primarily decorative, building floodlighting, architectural or decorative lighting, or lights used for landscaping, or any similar form of lighting based upon the use of electrical energy supplied by Utility.
- b. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection B.1.a. hereof, each business establishment may operate its time and temperature, window and display lighting, and illuminate two outdoor signs during normal business hours and until one-half (1/2) hour after closing or 10:30 p.m. whichever is later, and each billboard may be illuminated between the hours of sunset and 10:30 p.m., local time, and two hours before daylight during the months of October through March. Non-illuminated fountains may be operated during normal business hours.

2. Functional Outdoor Lighting:

- a. No customer shall make, cause or permit any use of electrical energy for the floodlighting of outdoor commercial areas, including but not limited to, service stations, used car lots, new car lots, automobile parking lots, or similar businesses, between the hours of sunrise and sunset, and when not open for business.
- b. Notwithstanding the provision of subsection B.2.a. hereof, after sunset, when such activities are open, the use of electrical energy for such purposes shall be reduced to fifty percent (50%) of normal or usual levels. Furthermore, prohibited uses of electrical energy from Utility are not applicable to that minimum lighting necessary for public safety, or for security, or that required by law, or required for the lighting of essential buildings utilized for police, fire protection, health and communication purposes.

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B. Prohibited Uses (Continued)

3. Comfort Heating and Cooling:

- a. During business hours, no customer shall at any time make, cause or permit any use of electrical energy in any commercial or industrial establishment to provide heat to raise the temperature therein above 68°F, nor to provide cooling to reduce the temperature therein below 78°F, except where other temperatures are specifically required by law. Where it is not established that a net energy savings can be achieved by operating space conditioning equipment during non-business hours, such equipment shall be turned off.
- b. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection B.3.a. hereof, any commercial or industrial buildings wherein the space heating and cooling control systems provide for a single temperature set-point, or where such buildings are equipped with systems which heat and cool simultaneously or depend upon electric lighting as a part of the heating energy, the space conditioning systems shall be operated in a manner which minimizes electric energy use.
- c. Electrical energy shall not be used by hotels, motels, similar guest accommodation establishments, or restaurants to heat or cool vacant guest rooms. The 68°F temperatures in occupied rooms should be reduced to 55°F during sleeping hours, except where other temperatures are required by law, occupied rooms shall not be cooled below 78°F.
- d. No customer shall make, cause or permit any use of electrical energy for the heating of residences, apartments or condominiums above 68°F during the active hours of the day and 55°F during the sleeping hours or for cooling them below 78°F, except for medical reasons or where other temperatures are required by law.

4. Outdoor Public Gatherings:

No customer shall made, cause or permit the use of electrical energy for recreational or cultural activities in excess of eighty-five percent (85%) of the normal or usual amount used by that customer for the same, or similar activities.

5. Indoor Business Lighting:

- a. No customer shall make, cause or permit the use of electrical energy for lighting the interior of any business establishment during that period of time that said establishment is not carrying on the usual and customary activities of that business.

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B. Prohibited Uses (Continued)

5. Indoor Business Lighting: (Continued)

b. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section B.5.a. hereof, a business establishment may provide sufficient illumination at all times to provide a minimal level of protection and security to persons and property.

c. Nothing in these subsections shall be construed to prohibit ordinary and customary maintenance and janitorial services at times other than those during which the business establishment is carrying on the usual and customary activities of that business.

C. Notification:

Utility shall notify the customer when it has learned of a prohibited use as defined in Section B and, unless the customer will discontinue such use, Section D. shall apply.

D. Noncompliance:

Utility shall discontinue service to a customer for noncompliance with this rule if, after notice of at least five (5) days, the customer has not initiated compliance with such notice. Service will be restored after the customer establishes compliance with this rule.

E. Appeals Procedure:

Requests by customers of Utility for special relief from the mandatory orders of prohibition or curtailment of certain end uses of electricity by reason of special hardship or impossibility of compliance shall be made to the California Public Utilities Commission in the manner provided for formal complaints under the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. During the period the request is pending before the Commission, Utility shall not terminate service for noncompliance.

F. Liability of Utility:

Utility shall not, by taking action pursuant to this rule, be liable for any loss, damage, or injury, established or alleged, which may result or be claimed to result therefrom.

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