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as the official having day-to-day authority and responsibility for administering the utility, consistent with this part.

Operations manual means the utility's written compilation of its procedures and practices which govern service provided by the utility.

Power rates means the charges established in a rate schedule(s) for electric service provided to a customer.

Service means electric service and customer service provided by the utility.

Service agreement means the written form provided by the utility which constitutes a binding agreement between the customer and the utility for service except for service provided under a special contract.

Service fees means the charge for providing administrative or customer service to customers, prospective customers, and other entities having business relationships with the utility.

Special contract means a written agreement between the utility and a customer for special conditions of service. A special contract may include, but is not limited to, such items as: Street or area lights, traffic lights, telephone booths, irrigation pumping, unmetered services, system extensions and extended payment agreements.

Utility office(s) means the current or future facility or facilities of the utility which are used for conducting general business with customers.

§ 175.2 Purpose.

The purpose of this part is to regulate the electric power utilities administered by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

§ 175.3 Compliance.

All utility customers and the utilities are bound by the rule in this part.

§ 175.4 Authority of area director.

The Area Director may delegate authority under this part to the Officer-in-Charge except for the authority to set rates as described in §§175.10 through 175.13.

§ 175.5 Operations manual.

(a) The Area Director shall establish an operations manual for the administration of the utility, consistent with

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this part and all applicable laws and regulations. The Area Director shall amend the operations manual as needed.

(b) The public shall be notified by the Area Director of a proposed action to establish or amend the operations manual. Notices of the proposed action shall be published in local newspaper(s) of general circulation, posted at the utility office(s), and provided by such other means, if any, as determined by the Area Director. The notice shall contain: A brief description of the proposed action; the effective date; the name, address, and telephone number for addressing comments and inquiries; and the period of time in which comments will be received. Notices shall be published and posted at least 30 days before the scheduled effective date of the operations manual, or amendments thereto.

(c) After giving consideration to all comments received, the Area Director shall establish or amend the operations manual, as appropriate. A notice of the Area Director's decision and the basis for the decision shall be published and posted in the same manner as the previous notices.

§ 175.6 Information collection.

The information collection requirements contained in §175.22 have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget under 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.* and assigned clearance number 1076-0021. This information is being collected to provide electric power service to customers. Response to this request is "required to obtain a benefit." Public reporting for this information collection is estimated to average .5 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the information collection. Direct comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this information collection to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Information Collection Clearance Officer, room 337-SIB, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240; and the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Project 1076-0021, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20502.