

SECTION XVII
VOLUNTARY WITHDRAWAL BY A CERTIFIED SUPPLIER
FROM THE CUSTOMER CHOICE PROGRAM

17.1. Notice of Voluntary Withdrawal to the Company

A Certified Supplier shall provide electronic notice to the Company, in a form specified by the Company, of withdrawal by the Certified Supplier from retail service in a manner consistent with the Commission's rules. Written notice of a Certified Supplier's intent to withdraw must be provided by the Certified Supplier to the Company ninety days prior to such withdrawal.

17.2. Notice to End-use Customers

A Certified Supplier shall provide notice to its End-use Customers of its withdrawal from retail service in accordance with the Commission's rules. A Certified Supplier must provide written notice of its intent to abandon service to its End-use Customers on each billing statement rendered to its End-use Customers beginning at least ninety days prior to such abandonment and on all subsequent billing statements until the service is abandoned.

17.3. Costs for Noncompliance

A Certified Supplier that voluntarily withdraws from the Customer Choice Program and fails to provide at least ninety calendar days written notice to the Company of said withdrawal shall be in default as described in Section XIX herein.

17.4. Breach of Contract

The Certified Supplier, and not the Company, is solely responsible to its End-use Customers for any breach caused by the Certified Supplier's default or voluntary withdrawal from the Customer Choice Program.