

# Chapter 4

## Electric Utility Regulations and Rates

### 9-4-1 PSC Regulations

### 9-4-2 Delinquent Electric Utility Bills

#### **Sec. 9-4-1 PSC Regulations**

The regulations and rates governing the Municipal Utilities promulgated by the Wisconsin Public Service Commission are adapted and incorporated herein by reference.

*State Law: Secs. 62.11(5) and 66.067, Wis. Stats.*

#### **Sec. 9-4-2 Delinquent Electric Utility Bills.**

- (a) **Authority.** The Village Board finds that charges for use of electric service supplied by the municipal electric utility, including services provided to customers located outside the corporate limits of the Village, are charges for current services rendered within the meaning of Sec. 66.0627, Wis. Stats. Pursuant to that statute, the charges for such services are to be imposed upon the property served. The regulations and rates governing the Muscoda Utilities promulgated by the Wisconsin Public Service Commission are adopted and incorporated herein by reference.
- (b) **Lien for Delinquent Charges.** Any delinquency in the payment of charges for electric service shall be a lien upon the property served, after notice to the owner and occupant for such delinquency, as set forth herein.
- (c) **Procedure,**
  - (1) The Utility Committee shall inform the Village or appropriate Township Treasurer before October 10th of each year of all lots or parcels for which electric service was supplied in the year preceding October 1st, and for which amounts of electric charges are still owed.
  - (2) On October 10th, the Treasurer shall give written notice to the owner and occupant of each parcel stating that an amount is owed for electric service; stating the amount still owed, including any penalty assessed pursuant to the Committee's rules; stating that unless that amount is paid by November 1st, an additional penalty of ten percent (10%) of the amount in arrears will be added thereto; and stating that unless the amount in arrears plus penalty are paid by November 10th,

the amount will be levied as a tax on the lot address and for which payment is delinquent. Notice mailed to the lot address shall be notice to the occupant. Notice mailed to the last known address of the lot owner shall be notice to the owner. It shall be the owner's duty to notify the Treasurer of any change in address.

- (3) After November 11th, the Treasurer shall certify to the Village or appropriate Township Clerk a list of all parcels or lots for which payments are in arrears and for which notice has been given, including the amount of arrears with any penalty added thereto. Such delinquent amounts, including any penalty, shall thereupon become a lien upon the property and shall be collected as provided in Sec. 66.0627, Wis. Stats. (d) Hearing. If any owner or occupant shall dispute the delinquency in writing to the Village Clerk before November 15th, a hearing on the dispute shall be held before the Utility Committee within sixty (60) days, unless the time for hearing is extended by the Committee. The delinquency shall not become a lien during the pendency of the dispute. Unless modified by the Committee after hearing, the delinquency shall become a lien upon the real estate as set forth herein as of the date of the delinquency.