

**RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE
DISTRIBUTION AND SALE OF GAS (Continued)**

19. Discontinuation of Service

19.1 Definition

Discontinuation of Service, as it applies to this Section 19, shall mean the cessation of service with the consent of the customer.

19.2 Discontinuation by Customer

A customer who intends to vacate the premises, discontinue the use of gas or terminate his liability to pay for gas distributed to the premises, shall give at least seven (7) days' notice to the Company. If such notice is given, the customer shall not be liable for service taken after the effective date of such notice. If at least seven (7) days' notice is not given, the customer shall be liable for service taken from the time following the Company's receipt of customer's notice until such time as a final reading is taken, or the final bill is estimated, or service is placed in the name of a successor customer, or the customer provides the meter reading which is subject to review by the Company. If no notice is given by the customer, the customer is liable for service taken until such time as service is placed in the name of a successor customer or the Company determines the property to be vacant. The customer shall be liable for gas usage in accordance with the procedure stated in Section 19.3.

19.3 Final Bill

Except as otherwise provided in this section, final bills for customers on rate schedules RSS, RDS, SGS and SCD may be based on estimated consumption without an actual meter reading. When disconnect and reconnect orders are executed on different days, an actual meter reading shall be obtained. When disconnect and reconnect orders are executed on the same day, final bills may be estimated. When a final bill is estimated, consumption shall be based on average daily usage for non-heat usage, average usage per degree day for heating usage, and the number of days in the final billing period in accordance with Section 19.2. Final bills will not be estimated when usage factors cannot be calculated, when a customer specifically requests that the meter be read, or when either the disconnecting or reconnecting customer provides the meter reading which is subject to the Company's review. The Company reserves the right to estimate any customer's final meter reading in instances where access to the meter is not provided within a reasonable time.

19.4 Compliance with Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Regulations

Notwithstanding the provisions for discontinuation of service set forth under this Section 19, the Company may not discontinue service unless in compliance with the Rules, Regulations or Orders of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission pertaining thereto and in effect at the time of such discontinuation.