

RATE NCS--NEGOTIATED CONTRACT SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Throughout the territory served under this Tariff.

AVAILABILITY

Available to any commercial or industrial customer, at the Company's discretion, who meets the following qualifications:

- (a) The customer is not presently served by the Company and has projected throughput requirements of not less than 21,460 thms annually, or is a current customer; and (C)
- (b) The customer gives the Company satisfactory proof that, absent service under this rate schedule, the customer's facilities or operations would not be constructed in the Company's operating territory, or that, absent service under this rate schedule, customer would install long-term alternate fuel facilities.

Service under this rate schedule shall not be available to a single customer who is a Priority 1 Customer, as defined in the Service Limitations section of this tariff, unless such customer also contracts for firm service under Rate SS-Standby Service at a level necessary to meet the portion of daily and seasonal requirements of the facility not covered by installed operable alternative fuel capability. (C)

CHARACTER OF SERVICE

Any qualified customer taking service under this rate schedule shall do so by agreement. This rate schedule shall provide a long-term negotiated contract with the customer, to the extent qualified by the Special Provisions of this tariff.

A Negotiated Contract Service account may be returned to the applicable Sales Service rate if for a period of at least five (5) consecutive days in one billing month the Company,

- (1) has not received gas supply for the account;
- (2) the account's bank balance is insufficient to cover the consumption or the customer did not have access to its bank balance due to the issuance of an OFO and/or OMO; and
- (3) the customer consumed gas on one or more days during such five (5) day period.

For a non-daily read account, the account may be returned to the applicable Sales Service rate at the end of a billing cycle if the above three conditions are met unless the customer furnishes proof that they did not consume gas on one or more days during such five (5) day period.

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DISTRIBUTION RATE

The distribution rate per thm shall be:

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- (a) The amount for recovery of non-gas costs, which shall be determined by negotiation between the Company and the customer.
- (b) Distribution service under this rate schedule shall be subject to the provisions of Rider EBS as set forth in this tariff.

The non-gas portion of these distribution rates is subject to an escalation clause, as set forth in the customer's contract.

MINIMUM CHARGE

Customers served hereunder shall be subject to a minimum charge. Such charge will be determined individually for each customer served under this rate schedule and the amount shall be included in the customer's service agreement. The payment of such minimum charge does not relieve the customer from any minimum charge obligation applicable to service received by the customer under any of the Company's other rate schedules.

TERMS OF PAYMENT

The above rate is net. Gas distributed hereunder shall be billed in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the customer's executed contract. Bills for gas sales service and distribution service will be rendered monthly and are due and payable upon presentation. All bills shall be paid on or before the final date of payment shown on the bill, which date shall be not less than fifteen (15) days after presentation (date of postmark).

If the customer fails to pay the full amount of any bill, a delayed payment penalty charge of one and one-quarter percent (1 1/4%) per month will accrue on the unpaid portion of such bill from the due date to the date of payment.

SPECIAL PROVISIONS

1. Customers shall not be permitted to combine usage with other customers in order to meet the eligibility provisions of this Tariff.
2. The customer shall be responsible to reimburse the Company as billed for any penalty or deficiency charge, however denominated by the Company's interstate pipeline suppliers, incurred by the Company as a result of excessive daily, seasonal or annual takes by the customer.
3. The Company may require that an existing customer agree to separate piping or sub-metering, or verification that additional load is the result of plant expansion.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Rules and Regulations Governing the Distribution and Sale of Gas of this Tariff, which are not inconsistent with the provisions of this rate schedule, shall govern, where applicable, the supply of gas service under this rate schedule.

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