

RATE RSS - RESIDENTIAL SALES SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Throughout the territory served under this Tariff.

AVAILABILITY

Available, at one location, for the total requirements of any residential customer.

RATE

The customers under this rate schedule shall be subject to a monthly customer charge, a natural gas supply charge and a distribution charge.

The rate information is detailed in the Rate Summary pages of this tariff.

If a customer transfers to this rate from Rate RDS-Residential Distribution Service then for a period of twelve months, the rate shall be adjusted to exclude the amount per thm equal to the "E" Factor for the twelve months ended September 30 included in the then applicable Purchased Gas Commodity Rate. (C)

The above distribution charge may be flexed in accordance with the Flexible Rate Provisions set forth in the Rules and Regulations of this Tariff.

The PGCC and Capacity Assignment Credit (aka the Price-to-Compare) will be increased by 1.52% to reflect the unbundling of uncollectibles related to gas costs.

MINIMUM MONTHLY CHARGE

The minimum monthly charge shall be the customer charge.

STATE TAX ADJUSTMENT SURCHARGE

The charges described in this rate schedule are subject to a State Tax Adjustment Surcharge as set forth in this tariff.

PURCHASED GAS COST RIDER

The distribution and natural gas supply charges include recovery of purchased gas costs pursuant to the Purchased Gas Cost Rider of this tariff.

USP COSTS AND CUSTOMER CHOICE COSTS

The distribution charge is subject to Rider Universal Services Plan and Rider Customer Choice as specified within Rider USP and Rider Customer Choice in this tariff.

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TERMS OF PAYMENT

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Bills for sales 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 twenty (20) days after presentation (date of postmark).

Effective with bills due after May 1, 2001, 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 customer's bill that is unpaid on the due date consistent with Paragraph 4.13.3.2.3 of the Columbia Rules Applicable to Distribution Service.

SPECIAL PROVISIONS

1. If service under this rate schedule is discontinued at the request of the Customer, the Company shall be under no obligation to reconnect service to the same Customer on the same premises until the Customer pays the monthly minimum charge for each month of the intervening period, but not to exceed twelve (12) months.

2. Where a customer has installed a gas light(s) in lighting devices approved by the Company, and the gas used by such light(s) is unmetered, the gas consumed by such light(s) shall be assumed to be two thousand (2,000) cubic feet per month when the Btu/hr input rating for such light(s) is 2,700 or less. For each additional 1,350 Btu/hr or fraction thereof, the assumed consumption shall be increased by one thousand (1,000) cubic feet per month. Such assumed consumption shall be billed under the rates contained herein, or if in combination with metered usage under this rate schedule, shall be added to the customer's metered usage and the total billed under the rates contained herein.

3. Columbia is authorized to implement a program applicable to customers enrolled in its Customer Assistance Plan under Rate RSS and Rate RDS, provided that payments made by such customers are in accord with the payment requirements contained in the Customer Assistance Plan.

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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