SOUTH DAKOTA GAS RATE SCHEDULE

NORTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY
HURON
SOUTH DAKOTA
Section No. 3
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CLASS OF SERVICE: Gas Transportation Tariffs

Rate No. 87

RATE DESIGNATION: Standby Service Options

In addition to the other services provided under transportation service, the Company also offers several standby service options. Under these service options the Company agrees to standby, on the terms set forth below, to provide gas supply to the Customer if the Customer is unable to secure all or a portion of the gas supply that the Company has agreed to transport.

1. Firm Supply Standby Service (FSS):

- (a) <u>Description</u> A Customer may elect to receive Firm Supply Standby Service to assure continued gas service when their own gas supply is interrupted. The Customer will be permitted to contract for daily delivery capacity under this standby option. This service is available for an annual period.
- (a) Rates The Gas Demand and Commodity Charge is shown on Sheet No. 9b. NBPL Milbank Lateral Large Customer Demand Rate(therm)\$1.08 NBPL Milbank Lateral MERC Demand Rate(therm) \$0.80 NBPL Milbank Lateral Further adjusted by distance factor from tap. MERC and NBPL Milbank Lateral Large Customers, whose daily volumes are greater than the contracted amount, will be assessed a \$0.017 per therm capacity surcharge.
- (c) Adjustment of Gas Cost In connection with the Company's Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment, the Company will credit overall gas cost based on rates charged in section (b) above. The Company will provide this information under a separate section of the PGA filing.

2. Standby Supply Service (SSS):

(a) Availability - This service is a market based alternative supply service which is available on a reasonable efforts basis to transportation Customers desiring to purchase supply from the Company. This service shall be available to transportation Customers who have lost their source of supply due to an emergency, but shall be available, at Company's discretion, under any other circumstances. Alternative supply may include pipeline authorize overrun service, storage inventories, LNG inventories, LP inventories, or any other supply which may be available from time to time on a reasonable efforts basis in the sole discretion of the Company. This service is only available to Customers who have Company installed telemetric equipment to monitor daily usage. The cost of the telemetric equipment shall be paid by the Customer and shall be equal to the standard cost of the meter, installation and hardware, including tax gross-up, where appropriate.

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