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RULES AND REGULATIONS

1.00 Purpose of General Rules and Regulations

These Rules and Regulations are intended to promote safe and adequate service to the public, provide standards for uniform and reasonable practice by the Company, set forth the terms and conditions under which gas service will be supplied and govern all classes of service to the extent applicable. They are made a part of all agreements for gas service unless specifically modified in a particular rate schedule contained in these Tariff pages.

These Rules and Regulations are authorized by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission governing service supplied by the Company at South Dakota Rule 20:10:13 through 20:10:20.

The Company shall furnish service under these Tariff pages which is available for inspection at the Company offices.

In the event conditions or conflicts arise which are not fully covered herein, the customer should contact the Company to determine the applicable requirements. Employees should direct their questions to the responsible supervisor. No representative of the Company has authority to modify any provision contained in these Tariff pages or bind the Company by any promise or representation contrary thereto.

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2.00 Definitions

Advances for Construction - Moneys advanced to the Company by customers or applicants as a refundable, non-interest bearing advance for extensions of the distribution system that are deemed not economically feasible or abnormal as determined by the Rules and Regulations in 4.00 and 5.00 of Section V. These advances are refundable in full or part for only a specified period.

Applicant - A person, firm, association, partnership, corporation, and any agency or political subdivision of the federal, state, or local government requesting the Company to supply gas service.

Commercial Customer - A customer that uses natural gas in the conduct of a business enterprise in space occupied and operated for commerce, such as stores, offices, shops, hotels, single and multiple apartment complexes, warehouses, garages, filling stations, greenhouses, nurseries and kennels, schools, churches, hospitals, and other institutions of similar nature.

Commission or PUC - The South Dakota Public Utilities Commission.

Contribution in Aid of Construction - Moneys deposited with the Company by customers or applicants as non-refundable contributions to aid expansion of the distribution system, when the Company determines that specific extensions of service are in excess of requirements allowed without a contribution by the Rules and Regulations in 4.00 and 5.00 of Section V. Included are excess service charges, casing charges, and in some cases, excess main charges. Moneys may be paid to the Company over a reasonable period of time, as determined by the Company.

Customer - The person, firm, association, partnership, corporation, or any agency of the federal, state, or local government being supplied natural gas service by the Company and in whose name service is rendered as evidenced by an application, contract or agreement for service. In the absence of an application, contract, or agreement for service, the customer shall be the person receiving service, or paying bills issued in his/her or its name, regardless of the identity of the actual user of the service.

Date Filed - The date the rate schedule, contract, agreement, etc., is received by the Commission.

Deposit - A payment an applicant makes to the Company upon application for or during service which is held by the Company until the customer establishes satisfactory credit or ends service.

Disconnection - The termination of gas service.

Emergency Gas Service - Service supplied through a temporary connection for customer's use when customer's actual source of energy has failed.

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2.00 Definitions (Continued)

Gas Mains - Any pipe used or useable for the purpose of delivering and distributing natural gas to individual gas service lines or other gas mains.

Gas Main Extension - An extension of an existing gas main.

Gas Meter Set - All fittings, including regulator, meter and attachment bracket between the stopcock at the end of the gas service line and the connection to the customer's piping at the outlet of the meter.

Gas Service Line - All pipe, valves, and fittings from and including the connection at the gas main up to and including the stopcock on the inlet side of the regulator or gas meter.

Holidavs - Are currently New Years' Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and the day following Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Industrial Customer - A customer that uses natural gas in a space dedicated to the production of articles of commerce through manufacturing, processing, refining, mining, or fabricating,

Locked Meter - A meter which has been disconnected for non-payment.

Normal Billing Period - The period between successive meter reading dates is between 25 to 35- day intervals.

Normal Gas Service Line - A natural gas service pipe installed in a straight line from the gas main to a gas meter location.

Normal Working Hours - Are currently 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Notices - Unless otherwise specified, any notice from the Company to a customer, or from a customer to the Company, may be oral or written.

Person - An individual person, firm, association, partnership, corporation, any agency or political subdivision of the federal, state, or local government or any applicant or customer as herein defined.

Premises - The structure or structures owned or occupied by a person including the lot or land upon which they are situated and all other land owned or occupied by the persons contiguous thereto.

Reconnection Charge - A charge to reconnect a customer who has been disconnected for nonpayment.

Regular Construction Season - The period beginning about May 1 and ending about November 1 of each year.

Residential Customer - A customer that uses natural gas for general household purposes in space occupied as a living unit, such as a single private residence, single or multiple metered apartment complexes with less than 5 units, farm or ranch houses.

Turn-On Charge - A charge to connect a new customer.

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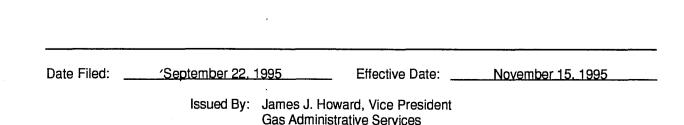


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3.00 Application for Gas Service

- **3.01 Application** Application for natural gas service may be made by the owner or occupant in control of property in person, by telephone, or by mail. When applying for service, the customer may be required to furnish personal identification and other pertinent information deemed necessary to properly administer the service account. Application for service must be made and accepted by The Company prior to the commencement of the use of Company's service. Company may require the prospective customer to sign an "Application for Service" before receiving service.
- **3.02** Rejection of Application The Company may refuse applications for gas service upon reasonable grounds. The following situations qualify as reasonable grounds: Reasons for Refusal of Service as defined in 11.01 of Section V, service is not economically feasible, service to a new applicant might affect the supply of natural gas to other customers, failure of customer to agree to comply with the Rules and Regulations, improper use of gas service or equipment, or The Company and/or the applicable interstate pipeline are unable to provide the necessary gas supply or transportation. The Company may refuse residential service to any customer indebted to the Company for service rendered at a previous residential address until the customer has paid or made satisfactory arrangements to pay such indebtedness and has complied with other requirements for service where the request for service is at a new address. The Company may likewise refuse to render business address until that customer has paid or made satisfactory arrangements to pay such indebted to the Company for service rendered at a previous business address until that customer has paid or made satisfactory arrangements to pay such indebted to the Company for service rendered at a previous business address until that customer has paid or made satisfactory arrangements to pay such indebted ness and has complied with other requirements for service is at a new address. The Company may use is a new address. The Company may such indebtedness and has complied with other requirements for service is at a new address. The Company may such indebtedness and has completed to the request for service is at a new address. The Company may such indebtedness and has complied with other requirements for service to a customer who is presently living with a former customer who had not paid his or her bill at the same residence.
- **3.03 Duration** The Company will supply gas service to a customer until notified by the customer to discontinue service or unless the Company is justified to disconnect service as defined in 11.03 of Section V. The customer will be responsible for payment of all service provided to the date of the discontinuance. All service is subject to the rates, rules and regulations stated in this tariff. The Company will terminate service upon reasonable notice. Reasonable notice is deemed to be not less than two working day's notice from the customer, provided the Company is given reasonable access to the Company's facilities on customer premises. If reasonable notice and access are not provided, the customer will be liable for the billings until such time that access is gained. When access is not provided and a final reading cannot be obtained, and the Company is knowledgeable that a new tenant or owner should be responsible for service, the Company reserves the right to render a final bill based on an estimated final reading of the meter at the premises.





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3.00 Application for Gas Service (Continued)

- **3.04** Authorized Connection of Qualifying Customer New residential applicants for natural gas service, existing residential customers without gas heating equipment that want to install gas heating equipment and all existing or prospective commercial and industrial customers seeking an increased or new supply of natural gas must request gas service from the Company. When gas supplies are adequate and where the gas distribution system has sufficient capacity to provide the gas service requested without jeopardizing gas supply to the area being served by the existing gas distribution system, the Company will authorize connection of customers who qualify under these Rules and Regulations in the order the applications are received.
- **3.05 Emergency Gas Service** Emergency gas service is available upon a determination by the Company that an emergency situation has occured and the customer has made arrangements with Company specifying the reason for said service and the probable duration of the emergency. The service will be available provided it will not adversely affect firm service to any customer. Emergency gas service is available only by special arrangement.

The Company reserves the right to refuse or curtail the supply of emergency gas service if its supply of gas is not adequate to furnish such service. All other provisions of the applicable rate schedule not in conflict herewith shall apply.

The Customer may be responsible for all costs associated with Emergency Gas Service.

3.06 Economic Feasibility - The Company will apply the general principle that the rendering of natural gas service to the applicant shall be economically feasible so that the cost of extending such service will not have an undue burden on other customers. In determining whether the expenditure for natural gas service is economically feasible, the Company shall take into consideration the total cost of serving the applicant and the expected revenue from the applicant.

If the Company determines that extension of service to the applicant is not economically feasible, the Company may require an Advance for Construction or a Contribution in Aid of Construction from the customer or customers to aid expansion.

3.07 Right of Way - The customer shall provide, without cost, such right of way for the equipment or facilities of the Company over, across, under and upon the property owned or controlled by the customer as is necessary and incidental to the supplying of service to customers, and shall permit access thereto by the employees of the Company at all reasonable hours.

The customer shall provide and maintain safe and convenient access to the meter and shall permit entry thereto by employees of the Company at all reasonable times for the purposes of inspecting, reading, testing, repairing, replacing or removing the meter or equipment used in connection with the service.

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- 4.00 Gas Mains The Company will install gas mains under the following guidelines and conditions:
- **4.01** Gas Main Design and Ownership The Company will determine the location, size, kind and type of all gas mains, and the method and manner of installation.

All gas mains are the property of the Company. No building, structure, or slab shall be constructed over a gas main without the Company's prior written consent.

- **4.02 Economically Feasible** The Company's gas main extension for new customers, as defined in paragraphs 4.06 and 4.07, is intended to address most requests for gas service. Gas service requests that are unique in size or nature, as determined by the Company, may require an individual feasibility study to determine if the gas main extension can be economically justified. The basis for an economic feasibility study is defined in paragraph 3.06 of Section V.
- **4.03** Location of Gas Mains Gas mains will normally be located in streets or alleys which have been dedicated as a public right-of-way with completed sewer and water systems, or in dedicated utility easements, all of which must be graded to within six inches of a permanent established elevation.

Gas mains may be installed in areas without sewer and water systems if the Company determines the main extension to be economically feasible.

Gas mains will not be installed on private property unless the Company deems it necessary and desirable to do so and all necessary easements are obtained.

- **4.04 Permits** All permits, as may be required, must be issued to the Company prior to installation of gas mains.
- **4.05** Regular Construction Season Installation of the gas main is scheduled by the Company for completion during the regular construction season.

4.06 Expense of Installation of Gas Main for the following:

Residential Customers - The Company will install 100 feet of gas main without charge for each residential customer who occupies a permanent structure and uses natural gas as the primary energy source for space heating.

When gas will not be used for space heating by a residential customer, a refundable advance for construction may be required in the amount of the total cost of the main extension pursuant to paragraph 4.07.

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4.00 Gas Mains - (Continued)

4.06 Expense of Installation of Gas Main for the following: (Continued)

Commercial and Industrial Customers - The Company may install gas main wihout charge where the Company deems the anticipated revenue from the customer is sufficient to justify the main extension according to an economic feasibility study as defined in paragraph 3.06 of Section V.

When installation is required other than during the regular construction season, or installation is in an area where water and sewer mains are not in place, the Company may require the customer to make a non-refundable contribution-in-aid of construction.

4.07 Advance for Residential Construction - The Company may, at its discretion, require residential customers to make a cash advance for construction or other assurance for gas main in excess of the footage allowances as provided in 4.06.

Advances for residential gas main extensions are refundable without interest for a period of up to five years from the date of completion of the main extension as additional residential customers are connected to the particular main extension for which the advance was made. For each such additional customer using natural gas for space heating that is connected to the main extension within the five year period, the Company will refund annually based upon the customer footage allowance and the cost per foot of main effective the year the main extension was installed.

The total amount refunded shall not exceed the amount of the original advance and any remaining unrefundable balance at the end of five years becomes a non-refundable contribution-in-aid of construction.

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5.00 Gas Service Line

- **5.01** Gas Service Line Design The Company will determine the location, size, kind, and type of all gas service lines, the method and manner of installation, and their connection with the gas main and the customer's gas piping.
- **5.02 Ownership** New or replacement gas service lines will be the property of the Company. Gas service lines installed prior to March 1, 1986, will remain the property of customer.
- **5.03 Permanent Use of Gas** The building to which the gas service pipe is installed must be permanent in nature and not a temporary or portable building and the use of natural gas must also be permanent. The Company holds the sole right to determine whether a facility meets these conditions. In making this determination, the Company may consider the use for which the building is intended, the type of construction, the location of the building, the size of the building, the absence or presence of other utility services to the building, including water and sanitary sewer service, and any other criteria it deems relevant.

The temporary termination of service by the customer is addressed at paragraph 11.05 of Section V.

5.04 Gas Service Pipe Installations - Gas service lines shall be constructed or installed only by the Company or its authorized agents. No building, structure or slab shall be constructed over a gas service line without the Company's prior written consent.

Gas service lines will not be installed through one person's private property in order to serve a premise located beyond, unless the Company deems it necessary and desirable to do so and all necessary easements are obtained without cost to the Company.

Gas service lines will not be extended beyond the point at which it enters the building.

The Company will install gas service lines in accordance with its Gas Operating Standards Manual.

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5.00 Gas Service Line (Continued)

- **5.05** Gas Service Line to Curb The Company may install gas service connections to the curb under the following conditions:
 - 1) The street is at final width and grade.
 - 2) Sanitary sewer and water mains, and service connections to the abutting property are installed in the street.
 - 3) The Company's gas main is located in the street.
 - 4) The street is scheduled for permanent paving or resurfacing.
 - 5) The Company determines that gas service to abutting property owners will be requested within five years from the permanent paving or resurfacing.
- **5.06** Maintenance and Responsibility The Company will maintain all gas service lines up to the outlet side of Company's meter. Company's maintenance of customer owned gas service lines shall be limited to the practices and procedures necessary to comply with Company's Operating Procedures Manual and to the repair, or replacement of any damaged or deteriorated service lines which are discovered during normal maintenance and monitoring activities. Company does not warrant the condition of any customer owned service line, nor does Company assume liability for any loss or injury caused by a customer owned service line where such loss is proximately caused by defects, damage or deterioration to the customer owned service line which was not discovered through Company's normal maintenance and repair practices.

The Company will endeavor to furnish continuous service but shall not be liable for a failure to deliver gas, wholly or in part, by any cause not reasonably within its control including but not limited to the following: fire, explosion, strike, unavoidable accident, rupture of pipe from ground disturbances, federal, state, or municipal interference, failure to receive adequate supply of gas at a suitable pressure from its supplier, or acts of God.

The Company shall not be liable for voluntary interruptions made necessary because of repair or replacement of its equipment or for failure to give reasonable notice of such interruptions.

- 5.07 Alterations Requested by Customer All renewals, changes, or alterations of the gas service line for convenience of a customer will be made by the Company at the customer's expense.
- **5.08** Notice to The Company Before Alterations When it becomes necessary to alter, change or renew a gas service line because of changes in remodeling or removing of a building, installation of other utilities, or for the convenience of a customer, the Company shall be notified in ample time so that it may properly protect and care for its facilities.

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5.00 Gas Service Line (Continued)

- **5.09** Expense of Installation Subject to reasonable construction schedules, availability of materials, reasonable notice by the applicant, and upon application, the Company will furnish and install a gas service line of suitable capacity from its gas main to a normal meter location, satisfactory to the Company, subject to the following qualifications:
 - 1) The Company's policy for installing gas service lines as defined in this paragraph (5.09), is intended to address most requests for gas service. Gas service requests that are unique in size or nature, as determined by the Company, may require an individual feasibility study to determine if the service line request can be economically justified. The basis for an econimc feasibility study is defined in paragraph 3.06 of Section V.
 - 2) The Company will install a gas service line not to exceed 100 feet from the property line at no cost to a new customer using gas for both space heating and water heating, and a gas line not to exceed 50 feet if the customer uses gas only for space heating, but not beyond the nearest midpoint on the side of the building (as opposed to the front or the back of the building).
 - a) If additional gas service line is requested by the customer, the Company may require the customer to make a cash non-refundable contribution in aid of construction for a gas service line in excess of the allowance provided for above.
 - b) When a customer will not be using natural gas as the primary energy source for space heating, the Company may require a non-refundable cash contribution in aid of construction.
 - 3) The Company may install gas service lines without charge to serve commercial or industrial applicants where the anticipated revenues are sufficient to warrant such installation according to an economic feasibility study as defined in paragraph 3.06 or in other cases where the Company determines the conditions justify such installation.
 - 4) If it is not practicable to locate the gas meter in the normal meter location and it is necessary to locate the gas meter at an alternate meter location, the customer will pay for the added gas service pipe beyond the normal meter location.

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5.00 Gas Service Line (Continued)

5.09 Expense of Installation (Continued)

- 5) If the design of a building, its arrangement, or location on the lot, its interior occupancy, or the existence of obstructions between the building and the gas main make it impractical in the Company's opinion to install a gas service line and at the same time satisfy all safety requirements, the Company may refuse to install a gas service line to the premises. Where such a situation exists and it is possible to install a gas service line by special design or extra construction and such gas service line can be installed safely, the Company will design and install the gas service line to suit the particular circumstances, providing the following conditions are met:
 - a) The design, arrangement, and location of the gas service line is accepted and approved by the applicant.
 - b) The applicant agrees to pay the Company for all extraordinary or abnormal construction costs including the cost of casing if required.
 - c) The design does not violate any federal, state, local, city or company standard.
- 6) Installation of gas service lines are scheduled by the Company for completion during the regular construction season.
 - a) The Company may make a charge for added cost of the construction of a gas service line if installation is required in other than during the regular construction season.



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6.00 Gas Meters

6.01 Ownership, Care, and Control - Gas meters and regulators are the property of the Company and may only be detached, removed, repaired, or replaced by the Company or its authorized agent.

The customer shall exercise reasonable care to prevent the gas meters, regulators, gas service lines and other apparatus of the Company upon the premises from being injured, damaged or destroyed and shall not interfere or tamper with the facilities. If any defect in this equipment is discovered, the customer shall notify the Company immediately. The Company has the right to remove any and all of its facilities installed on the customer's premises at the termination of service.

- 6.02 Selection of Gas Meter The Company has the right to specify the type, kind, and size of the gas meter to be installed.
- **6.03** Location of Gas Meter The Cmpany shall approve the location of all gas meters prior to their installation. The customer shall provide a safe accessible place for installation of the gas meter.

The Company may refuse to install a gas meter in a hazardous or unprotected location; in any location where the surrounding conditions or elements may expose the gas meter to injury or damage; or any location where the gas meter is inaccessible for inspection, reading, testing, maintenance, or removal.

Gas meters will normally be installed on the outside of the building to be served, and on the face or up to the midpoint on the side of the building in closest proximity to the gas main to which the gas service line is to be extended.

In unusual cases, the Company may, in its discretion, install a gas meter within a building. In such cases, the gas meter will be installed at the point where the gas service line enters the building.

- 6.04 Cost of Meter Installation and Relocation Initial installation of the gas meter will be made at the Company's expense. Relocation of the gas meter may be made by the Company at the customer's request and expense.
- 6.05 The Company's Right to Remove Gas Meter The Company reserves the right to remove the gas meter and any and all of its other facilities installed on the customer's premises at any time when deemed necessary by the Company to protect such property from fraud, theft, damage, injury, or destruction.

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6.00 Gas Meters (Continued)

6.06 **Testing Meters** - The Company reserves the right to remove and test all gas meters. A customer may request the Company test its gas meter and the customer may be present during the testing. The Company shall make the test as soon as possible after receipt of the request. If a meter test request is made within one year after a previous request, the Company may require a residential customer to pay a \$10 deposit and may require any other customer to pay deposit in the following amount;

Non-Residential Gas Meters			
Meter Rating	Deposit Amount		
425 therms or less	\$10.00		
426 therms to 1,000 therms	\$20.00		
Over 1,000 therms	\$60.00		

The deposit shall be refunded only if the meter is found to have an unacceptable error, as defined in paragraph 9.04 or 9.05 of Section V.

If after testing the meter, the meter is determined to be inaccurate and measures more than 2% in excess of the standard volume passed through the meter on test, the Company shall refund or charge the customer in accordance with Company rules in paragraph 9.04 or 9.05 of Section V.

- **6.07** Master Metering Prohibition Pursuant to South Dakota A.R.S.D. 20:10:26, the Company will not allow master metering of new multiple occupancy buildings. This prohibition shall apply to all new residential and commercial buildings and new mobile home trailer courts which began construction after June 13, 1980. Certain exemptions to this prohibition include but are not limited to:
 - a) Residential multiple occupancy buildings of two units, one of which is occupied by the owner of such building;
 - b) Hospitals, nursing homes, transient hotels and motels and other residential facilities of a purely transient nature;
 - c) Multiple occupancy buildings with central heating or cooling systems.

Other exemptions may apply which can be found in A.R.S.D. 20:10:26.

6.08 Diversion of Gas Service - In any case of tampering or interfering with the proper functioning of a meter installation or evidence thereof, or of any theft of any diversion of gas service, the customer will be liable to prosecution under applicable laws. Company will be entitled to collect from customer, at the appropriate rate, for all gas not recorded on the meter by reason of such tampering, interfering, theft or diversion or service, in an amount which may be estimated by Company from the best available data, together with all expenses incurred by Company as a result of such unauthorized acts. In addition, Company may require customer to pay for the installation of a tamper-proof meter, including but not limited to costs to relocate an inside meter to the outside of the building. Also, the energy alleged to be diverted will be identified and separately itemized on the customer's bill.



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7.00 Customer Deposits

Company policies and procedures are consistent with South Dakota Rules 20:10:19:02 through 20:10:19:12, Establishment of Gas Credit.

7.01 Amount of Deposit - The Company may require an applicant for gas service, or an existing customer to make a cash deposit to the Company as security for the payment for gas service to the applicant or customer. The cash deposit shall not exceed one-sixth of the applicants estimated annual bill. The Company does not require a deposit or guarantee of any customer or applicant who has established good credit with the Company.

The Company will issue a non-negotiable receipt for each cash deposit received.

7.02 Interest Deposit - Simple interest at 7% per annum will be paid on all customer deposits by crediting the interest earned to the customer's account, crediting it to the unpaid final bill, or refunding it to the customer. The Company will calculate interest from the date the deposit is received to the date the deposit is applied to the customer's account or refunded to the customer.

The Company will review the necessity for each deposit at least annually and when it is deemed that a deposit is no longer necessary, the deposit will be refunded with fully accrued interest. A deposit is to be refunded if the customer has paid his bills for service for twelve (12) consecutive months without having service disconnected for nonpayment and without receiving three or more disconnection notices.

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8.00 Access to Customer Premises

- 8.01 Uniform Access All properly authorized agents of the Company shall have the right of access to the premises and property of the customer if an emergency situation involving imminent danger to persons or property appears to exist.
- **8.02** Identification Each employee of the Company authorized to enter, or go upon the customer's premises or property is provided with a photo identification card by the Company. The identification card is signed by the employee. A customer may require the holder of the identification card to identify himself by reproducing his signature for comparison to the card. Customers are urged to ask for the employee's identification whenever there is doubt as to the card holder's identity.

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9.00 Billing

9.01 Amount of Gas Used - For determining the monthly charge for gas used, meter readings, either actual or estimated, shall be made by the Company each month. The term "month" for meter reading and billing purposes is the period between successive meter reading dates which shall be as nearly as practicable to thirty (30) day intervals. When the Company is unable to gain access to a meter, it shall leave a meter reading form for the customer. Meters will be read and bills rendered when practicable in regular periods.

The Company may permit the customer to supply meter readings, providing a Company representative reads the meter at least once every twelve (12) months, when there is a change in customers, or when requested by the customer.

If the billing period is longer or shorter than the normal billing period by more than five (5) days, the monthly customer charge on the billing shall be prorated on a daily basis.

Different classes of service metered by separate meters at one location will not be combined for billing purposes, except in accordance with published rates, nor will the use of the same class of service at two or more separate locations be combined for billing purposes.

9.02 Estimated Meter Readings - When access to a meter cannot be gained and the customer does not supply a meter reading in time for the billing operations, an estimated bill will be rendered. Estimated bills are based on the customer's historic gas consumption pattern and for actual temperatures during the estimated bill period.

The Company may schedule estimated monthly meter readings throughout the year, but not over six (6) times in any 12-month period. Only in unusual cases shall more than three (3) consecutive estimated bills be rendered.

- **9.03** Non-Registering Meter When a meter fails to register the quantity of gas consumed, the Company will change the meter and render a bill for the period of non-registration based on either of the following methods:
 - 1) Estimation of gas consumed on the basis of past usage during a similar period, or
 - 2) Estimation of the gas consumption on the basis of usage registered by the new meter during a subsequent period.

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Budget Billing

Availability	Budget billing is	available to all customers.				
Entry to Plan	The customer may begin budget billing at any time.					
Anniversary	The beginning m	The beginning month will be the anniversary month.				
Amount	The monthly budget billing amount will be 1/12 of the projected cost for the next 12 months.					
Periodic Adjustment	the budget year	The monthly budget billing amount will be reviewed periodically during the budget year and may be changed if the projected budget is more than 10 percent different from the current budget billing amount.				
Customer Notification	The customer wi less than one mo	Il be notified of any changes in the budget amount not onth prior to billing the new amount.				
Budget Account Balance	The budget account balance at the anniversary review will be handled as follows:					
	lf	Then				
	debit balance	spread balance evenly over next 12 month and include in budget billing payments.				
	credit balance	 spread balance evenly over next 12 months and include in budget billing payments, or when requested, refund by application to the next bill(s), or when requested, direct refund of credit balances exceeding \$10. 				
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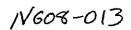


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10.00 Payment of Bills

- 10.01 Due Date Bills will be due twenty (20) days after the mailing date.
- **10.02** Late Payment Charge Rate schedules may provide for a late payment charge assessed on any outstanding amount not paid on or after the due date. The Company may waive the late payment charge once in each calendar year.
- **10.03** Taxes and Franchise Fees The Company shall have the right to add to the customer's monthly bill any sales, use and excise taxes, franchise fees, and a proportionate part of any ad valorem tax paid by the Company.
- 10.04 Budget Billing Budget Billing is available to: Т Т all residential customers. . Т non-residential customers with usage less than 250 ccf per month. . Т . other customers at the Company's discretion. Budget Billing can be opened at any time during the year under the Company's "Total 12" payment plan, which allows the customer to pay 1/12 of his estimated annual bill each month. Reminder notices shall be mailed on Budget Billing under the same conditions as other accounts, regardless of whether the account shows a debit or a credit balance. Collection action shall be initiated on Budget Billing when they receive a bill showing a budget payment in arrears in addition to their currently due budget payments, provided the Budget Billing shows a debit balance. Late payment charges will be assessed at the rate of 1.5% monthly on the budget balance due. No collection action beyond a reminder notice shall be taken on Budget Billing which show a credit balance.
- **10.05** Budget Billing Periodic Adjustment The monthly budget billing amount shall be recomputed annually and may be recomputed:
 - when requested by the customer or
 - when changes in price and /or consumption results in an estimate that differs by 10
 percent or more from the budget amount.





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10.00 Payment of Bills (Continued)

10.06 Budget Billing Computation Method – The monthly budget payment for Budget Billing Plan customers is derived by estimating a customer's usage for the next 12-month period and dividing that amount by 12. The estimation method uses a 24-month history at the premise in question as well as other factors, such as weather and prices. The budget bill amount for new premises is estimated based on tariff rate code and geographic location.

Budgets are reviewed periodically and annually. At the customer's annual review, the budget bill amount changes regardless of the amount of change.

- **10.07** Customer Notification for Budget Billing The customer will be notified of any changes in the budget amount at least one full billing period before the due date for the new budget amount. The notice may accompany the bill prior to the bill that is affected by the revised budget amount.
- **10.08** Budget Account Balance The budget account balance at the annual review will be handled as follows:

lf	Then
debit balance	 spread balance evenly over next 12 months and include in budget billing payments. when requested, apply the debit balance to the next bill.
credit balance	 spread balance evenly over next 12 months and include in budget billing payments, or when requested, refund by application to the next bill(s), or when requested, direct refund of credit balances exceeding \$25

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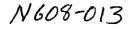
10.09 Cancellation of Budget Plan – Budget billing may be cancelled:

- upon customer request.
- when service is cancelled.
- for failure to pay.

For balances owed the Company, the customer may be required to pay the amount owed before termination.

For credit balance, the customer shall have the option to:

- request application of credit balance to the next bill(s)
- request a direct refund of credit balance.
- **10.10 Return Check Charge** A \$30.00 charge will be assessed whenever the Company is notified by a financial institution that a check, draft, or negotiable instrument drawn by the customer has been dishonored.



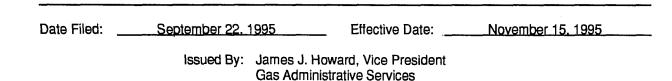


RULES AND REGULATIONS

11.00 Refusal and Disconnection of Gas Service

Company policies and procedures are consistent with South Dakota Rules 20:10:20:01 through 20:10:20:10, Refusal and Disconnection.

- **11.01** Reasons for Refusal of Service Utility Service may be refused for one or more of the following reasons:
 - 1) An applicant is indebted to the same utility for past bills incurred and refuses to liquidate the debt for the same class of service;
 - 2) An applicant refuses to pay a reasonable deposit, advance payment, or installation charge;
 - An applicant, although he is not personally liable to the utility, is attempting to return service to an indebted household and no attempts are forthcoming to liquidate the debt to that household;
 - 4) An applicant is unwilling to provide correct information about any or all of the following:
 - a) Past utility service;
 - b) Previous employment;
 - c) Previous address.
 - 5) An applicant is in violation of state statutes or utility rules filed with the Commission concerning evasion of payment, use of service for unlawful purposes, interference with or destruction of service facilities, or violation of service regulations.
- **11.02** Insufficient Reasons for Denying Service The following shall not constitute sufficient cause for refusal of service to a present or prospective customer:
 - 1) Deliguency in payment for service by a previous occupany of the premises to be served.
 - 2) Failure to pay for merchandise purchased from the Company.
 - 3) Failure to liquidate a debt to another utility, a debt for another class of service, or a debt for other bills not based on filed rates or charges.
 - 4) Failure to pay the bill of another customer as guarantor thereof, unless the guarantor is legally liable for a particular bill and has refused to pay it.





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11.00 Refusal and Disconnection of Gas Service (Continued)

11.02 Insufficient Reasons for Denying Service (Continued)

- 5) Failure to pay a back bill rendered in accordance with PUC Rule 20:10:17:06 (back billing under registrations).
- 6) Failure to pay a bill rendered in accordance with PUC Rule 20:10:17:08 and :09 (adjustment to bills for meter failing to register or other error).
- 7) Service shall not be refused to an applicant who is living with someone indebted to the Company in an attempt to force payment of that indebtedness, except in the instance described in 11.01 (3) of Section V.
- **11.03 Reasons for Disconnection of Service** Utility service may be disconnected for one or more of the following reasons:
 - 1) Nonpayment of past due bills as written in S.D. Rule 20:10:20:03.
 - A customer, although he is not personally liable to the Company, is attempting to return service to an indebted household and no attempts are forthcoming to liquidate the debt to that household.
 - 3) A customer is in violation of state statutes or Company rules concerning:
 - a) Evasion of payment;
 - b) Use of Service for unlawful purposes;
 - c) Interference with or destruction of service facilities;
 - d) Violation of service regulations.
 - 4) Failure to comply with an agreement to liquidate a continuing debt as described in S.D. Rule 20:10:20:03 (4).
 - 5) Failure to pay an increased deposit or a deposit as described in S.D. Rule 20:10:19:02.

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11.00 Refusal and Disconnection of Gas Service (Continued)

11.03 Reasons for Disconnection of Service (Continued)

- 6) Failure to grant the utility access to:
 - a) Read meters;
 - b) Inspect Company facilities;
 - c) Conduct investigations for hazardous conditions.
- 7) For the purpose of making repairs, changes or improvements on the gas system.
- 8) For the following acts on the part of the customer:
 - a) Tampering with the Company's facilities;
 - b) Providing service to others without the Company approval;
 - c) Breach of contract for service between the Company and the customer;
 - d) Failure to comply with these Rules and Regulations.
- If the Company determines an unsafe condition exists on the customer's premise in the utilization of gas service.

11.04 Disconnection of Service

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 Notice of Disconnection - Notice of discontinuance shall be sent to the address where service is rendered and to the address where the bill is sent, if different from the service address by first class mail.

Final notice of discontinuance will precede the action to be taken by at least five (5) days, excluding Sundays and legal holidays. The notice will contain the following:

- a) The date on or after discontinuance will occur;
- b) The reason for discontinuance;
- c) The Company's intention to disconnect service unless the customer takes corrective action;
- d) Notice of the customer's right to appeal and where to appeal;
- e) The method of avoiding disconnection.

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2) Gas Service Subsequent to Final Notice of Discontinuance - Continued gas service by the Company, after the date of discontinuance specified in the notice to the customer, shall not prevent or stop the Company from discontinuing gas service at a subsequent date.

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11.00 Refusal and Disconnection of Gas Service (Continued)

11.04 Disconnection of Service (Continued)

3) Method of Discontinuing Gas Service - In discontinuing gas service for non-payment, the Company may lock or remove the gas meter, plug the gas service line, sever or disconnect the gas service outside the premises, or use any other method to discontinue gas service to the customer.

Service shall not be disconnected on any Friday, Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday, or on any day when the Company's business offices are not open to the public.

- 4) Reconnection Charge The following reconnection charges will be made by the Company to reinstate gas service:
 - a) when a meter has been locked:
 \$35.00 charge during normal working hours per reconnection.
 \$55.00 charge after working hours per reconnection.
 \$75.00 charge during Sundays/Holidays per reconnection.
 - b) When a customer refuses to allow access to the meter for disconnection, Company's reconnection charge shall be based on the cost of the time and materials related to the shut off at the curb.
- 5) Payment of Unpaid and Past Due Balance Gas Service refused to any applicant, or discontinued to any customer, under this rule will not be provided or restored until the past due and unpaid balance and reconnection charge has been paid in full or satisfactory credit arrangements for the payment of this amount are agreed upon.
- 6) Disconnection Without Notice Unauthorized Use or Unsafe Conditions The Company may discontinue gas service without notice in the event of:
 - a) Unauthorized use of or tampering with the Company's equipment; or
 - b) A condition determined to be hazardous to the Customer, to other customers of the Company, to the Company's equipment, or to the public.
- **11.05** Termination of Gas Service by Customer A customer shall give 48 hour's notice to the Company of his intention to discontinue gas service. Failure to give this notice shall make the customer liable for payment for all gas supplied to the premises until gas service has been discontinued by the Company.

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11.00 Refusal and Disconnection of Gas Service (Continued)

11.06 Removal of Gas Meter - The Company reserves the right to remove any gas meter upon which no gas consumption has been registered for three (3) consecutive months.

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12.00 Responsibility of Customer and Company

12.01 Customer Responsibility - The customer shall, at his own expense, furnish, install, operate, and keep in safe condition all gas piping and gas burning equipment located or installed beyond the gas meter.

A customer shall immediately notify the Company of any suspected gas leaks or faulty gas supply.

The customer shall reimburse the Company for any loss of or damage to the Company's property located on the premises when such loss or damage is not caused by any act or omission on the part of the Company.

12.02 Termination of the Company's Responsibility - the Company's responsibility for installation and maintenance of all gas piping and equipment shall terminate at the gas meter. The Company shall not be liable for any loss, injury, or damage occasioned or caused by the negligence or wrongful act of the customer or any of his agents, employees, or licensees in installing, maintaining, using, operating, or interfering with any gas piping or gas burning equipment.

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13.00 Customer Service

- **13.01** General The goal of the Company's customer service is to provide service necessary for the safety and welfare of our customers as it relates to the use of gas and gas appliances.
- 13.02 "No Charge" Service the Company will provide at "no charge" service for all customers as follows:
 - 1) Emergency service for investigating, locating and stopping gas leaks.
 - 2) Maintenance of the Company-owned equipment on customer's premise including meters, regulators, or service lines.
- **13.03** "Charge" Service the Company may provide service for adjustment, repair, installation, or maintenance of appliances on a direct customer charge basis where the installation and equipment is approved by appliance codes and regulations, and where the equipment is reasonably accessible to service personnel and provisions have been made so that the health and safety of the service person will not be in jeopardy.

13.04 Turn-On Charge:

During normal working hours	No charge
Outside normal working hours	\$55.00 after hours \$75.00 Sundays/Holidays

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When gas service is ordered off and is turned back on by the same party at the same address within a 12-month period, the Company may bill the monthly minimum bill for the months in which gas service was terminated by the customer.

13.05 Turn-Off Charge:

During normal working hours	No charge
Outside normal working hours	\$55.00 after hours \$75.00 Sundays/Holidays

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14.00 Unit of Measurement - The unit of measurement for billing shall be a therm of gas, and the term "therm of gas", whenever used in the Company rate schedules, shall mean a volume of gas equal to a heating volume of 100,000 British thermal units (100,000 Btu). This volume of gas shall be at a pressure of 14.73 pounds per square inch absolute (psia) and at such varying temperatures as may exist under operating conditions at the point of delivery, which shall be assumed to be 60 degrees Fahrenheit unless actually measured as hereinafter provided.

The consumer or the Company, at their option and expense, may provide and maintain equipment acceptable to the Company, to correct gas deliveries for temperature variations or to determine the actual temperature of the gas by the continuous use of a recording thermometer, so installed that it will record properly the temperature of the gas flowing through the meters or such other devices as the Company may select. The arithmetic average of the hourly temperature so recorded shall be used in measurement computation.

The volume of gas delivered, as measured at such pressures as may exist by virtue of operating conditions in the Company's distribution system, shall be corrected to the unit of measurement. Orifice meter measurement and determination of volume delivered shall be made in accordance with the recommendations set forth in the A.G.A. Gas Measurement Committee Report currently effective.

Delivery of gas shall be at a nominal seven (7) inches of water column pressure with a minimum five (5) inches of water column pressure and a maximum of nine (9) inches water column pressure. Gas will be supplied at higher pressures for approved loads only as authorized by the Company.

The customer shall install, operate and maintain, at its own expense, such pressure-regulating devices as may be necessary to regulate the pressure of gas after delivery to the customer. The Company shall not be liable for the control of gas pressure or gas after delivery of gas to the customer.

The specific gravity of the gas shall be determined as frequently as necessary for reasonably accurate determinations by means of adequate apparatus, and such specific gravity so obtained shall be used in the measurement of gas by orifice type meters.

The supercompressibility of the gas at measurement pressures shall be determined at monthly intervals or as frequently found necessary in practice, and the correction factor so determined shall be used in the computation of deliveries metered at pressures above one-quarter pounds-per-square-inch gauge pressure.

The average gross heating value of gas received by the Company from its supplier is expected to approximate 1,000 Btu per cubic foot. In the event the Company's supplier makes an adjustment for a variation of the Btu of the gas delivered to the Company, the Company will make a corresponding adjustment for the customer.

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15.00 Conditions of Gas Sales

1) In the event of a gas shortage or an interruption in the Company's gas supply for any reason, the Company shall be entitled to curtail deliveries of gas to interruptible Sales Customers. Interruptible Sales Customers shall have a priority subordinate to the Company's Firm Sales, Firm Supply Standby and Transportation Services.

In addition, the Company shall be entitled:

- a) to curtail deliveries of gas to any commercial or industrial customer, whenever in its judgment such curtailment shall be necessary to maintain the integrity of gas service to the Company's residential and small commercial Customers; and
- b) to allocate available gas supply among some or all of its remaining Customers, whenever in its judgment such supply shall be inadequate to provide gas service to all of such Customers in addition to its residential and small commercial Customers. In effecting any such curtailment or allocation of deliveries, the Company shall first curtail or discontinue the supply of gas to such Customers as commonly use large quantities of gas and are not engaged in an activity essential to health or safety, and where the gas not delivered can conveniently and readily be utilized by the Company to reduce any deficiency in the gas supply to its other Customers. Such curtailment or allocation of gas supply will be applied to the smallest determinable geographical area.

To the extent possible, such curtailment shall be performed pro rata by priority class of service. However, should emergency conditions arise, as deemed necessary by the Company, such curtailment shall not be required to be on a pro rata basis. Such priority class of service shall include, from highest to lowest priority:

- (1) Small Volume Firm
- (2) Medium Volume Firm
- (3) Large Volume Firm and Firm Supply Standby
- 2) The Company also reserves the right to limit, on any day, the volumes of Customer-owned gas delivered into the Company's system when, in the Company's sole judgment, the total gas supply to be delivered into the Company's system may cause an adverse effect on system operations.

Failure on the part of the customer to comply with curtailment requests shall be good and sufficient reason for the Company to enter upon the premises of the customer and shut off the entire gas supply to the customer, and the Company shall not be liable to the customer in any way whatsoever as a result of such action. Customer shall pay the gas cost based on the <u>Gas Daily</u> index price for the billing period for each pipeline plus applicable interstate pipeline transportation charges. The Company will establish the pricing index point and transportation used for each pipeline. The Company may change this index point at its discretion via a posting on the MOT bulletin board. In addition, the customer shall pay a penalty of \$1.00 per therm for each therm of Unauthorized gas used.

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15.00 Conditions of Gas Sales (Continued)

The payment of a penalty shall not, under any circumstances, be considered as giving the customer the right to take Unauthorized gas, nor shall such payment be considered to exclude or limit any other remedies available to the Company, including but not limited to, the switching of the customer to the appropriate Firm rate schedule on a prospective basis.

The Company will give the customer as much notice as practicable to curtail or discontinue the use of gas.

The customer, upon request, shall furnish to the Company such reasonable data as is, in the Company's judgement, necessary for billing purposes and for proper analysis of the customer's gas load, including daily consumptions from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. CCT.

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