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Processing. The gas delivered shall be natural gas; provided, however, that:

- (a) Company may extract or permit the extraction of moisture, helium, natural gasoline, butane, propane or other hydrocarbons (except methane) from said natural gas, or may return thereto any substance extracted from it. Company, in order to conserve and utilize other available gases, may blend such gases with said natural gas; provided, however, that such blending shall not extend to a degree which, in Customer's judgment reasonably exercised, would materially affect the utilization of the gas delivered.
- (b) Company may subject or permit the subjection of said natural gas to compression, cooling, cleaning or other processes to such an extent as may be required in its transmission from the source thereof to the point or points of delivery.

Heat Content. The natural gas delivered shall contain an average total heating value for any twelve (12) months period of not less than one thousand (1,000) Btu per cubic foot. Such heating value shall be determined by tests at the beginning of deliveries, or from recording calorimeters located at such place or places as may be selected by Company. Such calorimeters shall be periodically checked, using a reference sample of gas of known heating value, or such other method as may be mutually agreed upon. Customer shall not be required to accept natural gas having a total heating value of less than nine hundred fifty (950) Btu per cubic foot, but acceptance by Customer shall not relieve Company of its obligation to supply natural gas having the said average total heating value of one thousand (1,000) Btu per cubic foot.

The unit of volume for the purpose of determining total heating value shall be one (1) cubic foot of gas saturated with water vapor at a temperature of sixty degree (60°) Fahrenheit and an absolute pressure equivalent to thirty (30) inches of mercury at thirty-two degrees (32°) Fahrenheit and under standard gravity (32.174 ft. per second per second).

Freedom From Objectional Matter. The gas delivered:

- (a) shall be commercially free from dust or other solid or liquid matter which might interfere with its merchantability or cause injury to or interference with proper operation of the lines, regulators, meters, and other equipment of Customer;
- (b) shall not contain more than a trace of hydrogen sulfide per one hundred (100) cubic feet of gas, as determined by methods prescribed in Standards for Gas Service, Circular of the National Bureau of Standards No. 405, Page 134 (1934 Edition), and shall be considered free from hydrogen sulfide if a strip of white filter paper, moistened with a sol containing five percent (5%) by weight of lead acetate, is not distributed set arke second paper freshly moistened with the same solution, after the first paper may be EFFECTIN

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### 20. FORCE MAJEURE

Neither Company nor Customer shall be liable in damages to the other for any act, omission or circumstance occasioned by or in consequence of any acts of God, strikes, lockouts affecting the company or its suppliers of gas, acts of the public enemy, wars, blockades, insurrections, riots, epidemics, landslides, lightning, earthquakes, fires, storms, floods, washouts, arrests and restraints of rulers and peoples, civil disturbances, explosions, breakage or accident to machinery or lines of pipe, the binding order of any court or governmental authority which has been resisted in good faith by all reasonable legal means, and any other cause, whether of the kind herein enumerated or otherwise, not reasonably within the control of the party claiming suspension and which by the exercise of due diligence such party is unable to prevent or overcome. Failure to prevent or settle any strike or strikes shall not be considered to be a matter within the control of the party claiming suspension.

Such causes or contingencies affecting the performance hereunder by either Company or Customer, however, shall not relieve it of liability in the event of its concurring negligence or in the event of its failure to use due diligence to remedy the situation and to remove the cause in an adequate manner and with all reasonable dispatch, nor shall such causes or contingencies affecting such performance relieve either party from its obligations to make payments of amounts then due hereunder in respect of gas theretofore delivered.

### 21. **<u>RECONNECTION OF SERVICE</u>**

If service is discontinued at the request of any Customer, Company may refuse service to such Customer, at the same premises within eight (8) months, unless it shall first receive payment of \$128.00 (current minimum charge of \$16.00 times I 8 months) for residential customers reconnect fee and \$357.52 (current customer charge of \$44.69 times 8 months) for I commercial customers reconnect fee.

Company will charge a reconnect fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25) when service has been disconnected for nonpayment of bills or for violation of Company's Rules and Regulations and Customer has qualified for and requested the service to be reconnected. Customers exempt from the reconnect fee must qualify under the Commission's Winter Hardship Reconnection Rules, as stated:

- A. During the months from November through March, Customer or Customer's agent:
  - (1) Presents a certificate of need from the Cabinet for Human Resources, State Department for Social Insurance, including a certification that a referral for weatherization services has been made in accordance with subsection (C) of this section;
  - (2) Pays one-third (1/3) of the outstanding bill or \$200, whichever is less; and

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## 25. LATE PAYMENT PENALTY

A Late Payment Penalty of five percent (5%) may be assessed, only once on any bill for rendered services, if Customer fails to pay bill by the due date shown on Customer's bill. Any payment received will first be applied to the bill for service rendered. Additional penalty charges shall not be assessed on unpaid penalty charges. Customers enrolled in utility bill assistance programs (including those customers who have been issued a Certificate of Need) shall not be charged a late payment charge.

If prior to the due date of payment, Customer in good faith disputes the bill in part or total, and pays to Company such amounts as it concedes to be correct, and at any time thereafter within ten (10) days of a demand made by Company, furnishes a surety bond in an amount and with surety satisfaction to Company, guaranteeing payment to Company of the amount ultimately found due upon such bills after a final determination which may be reached either by agreement or judgment of the courts, as may be the case, then Company shall not be entitled to suspend further delivery of gas unless and until default be made in the conditions of such bond.

## 26. **<u>RETURNED PAYMENT FEE</u>**

If Customer's payment of a bill for service is returned by a bank as unpaid, Customer will be charged a fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) to cover the cost of further processing of the account.

#### 27. BILL ADJUSTMENT AND MONITORING OF CUSTOMER USAGE

**Bill Adjustment.** If upon periodic test, request test, or complaint test a meter in service is found to be more than two (2) percent fast, additional tests shall be made to determine the average error of the meter. Said tests shall be made in accordance with commission regulations applicable to the type of meter involved.

If test results on Customer's meter show an average error greater than two (2) percent fast or slow, or if Customer has been incorrectly billed for any other reason, except in an instance where Company has filed a verified complaint with the appropriate law enforcement agency alleging fraud of theft by Customer, Company shall immediately determine the period during which the error has existed, and shall recompute and adjust Customer's bill to either provide a refund to Customer or collect an additional amount of revenue from the underbilled Customer. Company shall readjust the account based upon the period during which the error is know to have existed. If the period during which the error existed cannot be determined with reasonable precision, the time period shall be estimated using such data as elapsed time since the last meter test, if applicable, and historical usage data for Customer. If that data is not available, the average usage of similar customer loads shall be used for comparison purposes in calculating the time period. If Customer and Company are unable to agree on an estimate of the time period during which the error existed, Commission shall determine the issue. In all instances of Customer overbilling, Customer's account shall be credited or the overbilled amount refunded at the

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