

**MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO.
CASE NO. PU-399-04-____
APPLICATION**

**In the Matter of the Application of
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. for
Authority to Establish Increased Rates
For Natural Gas Service in the
State of North Dakota**

TRANSMITTAL LETTER



MONTANA-DAKOTA

UTILITIES CO.

A Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.

400 North Fourth Street
Bismarck, ND 58501
(701) 222-7900

March 3, 2004

Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
State Capitol Building
Bismarck, ND 58505

Re: Application and Notice of Change in
General Natural Gas Rates
Case No. PU-399-04-_____

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (Montana-Dakota), a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., herewith submits its Application and Notice to increase its rates for natural gas service in North Dakota. Montana-Dakota submits this Letter of Transmittal and its Application and Notice with Appendices A and B, Testimony and Exhibits and Statements supporting an increase in Montana-Dakota's rates for natural gas service. This filing is made in accordance with Title 49 of the North Dakota Century Code and the rules and regulations promulgated by the North Dakota Public Service Commission.

The Company's need for additional revenues results from increases in operating and maintenance expenses driven largely by increases in labor and benefit costs. In spite of cost control efforts, increases in operating and maintenance expenses have caused current rates to be inadequate in compensating the company for operating its North Dakota natural gas distribution system. Montana-Dakota's last general rate increase in North Dakota was in 2002.

Montana-Dakota proposes a total annual increase of \$3,334,226 or 2.8%, based on a 2005 future test year. The proposed change in rates will affect customer classes as follows: Residential 3.5% and Firm General Service 2.3%. The proposed increase for a residential customer will average about \$2.62 per month or about \$31.45 per year.

The proposed rate changes do not affect the recovery of the cost of purchased gas, which is separately reflected in retail rates (and recovered monthly) through the Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment.

Please refer all inquiries regarding this filing to:

Mr. Donald R. Ball
Assistant Vice President - Regulatory Affairs
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
400 North Fourth Street
Bismarck, ND 58501

Also, please send copies of all written inquiries, correspondence and pleading to:

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P.O. Box 5650
Bismarck, ND 58506-5650

Mr. Daniel S. Kuntz
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Bismarck, ND 58502-1695

The original and seven (7) copies of this Letter of Transmittal, Application and Notice, Appendices, Testimony and Exhibits, and Statements are hereby filed with the North Dakota Public Service Commission.

A report of tariff change reflecting Commission data requirements regarding filings is attached hereto.

Montana-Dakota also herewith submits a check for \$50.00 pursuant to the requirements of Section 49-05-05 of the North Dakota Century Code.

Montana-Dakota respectfully requests that this filing be accepted as being in full compliance with the filing requirements of this Commission.

Montana-Dakota is concurrently submitting an Application and Notice for Interim Increase in Natural Gas Rates in the annual amount of \$1,869,539 to be effective 60 days from filing if the Commission suspends the rate increase sought by Montana-Dakota through its Application and Notice.

Please acknowledge receipt by stamping or initialing the duplicate copy of this letter attached hereto and returning the same in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Sincerely,



Donald R. Ball
Assistant Vice President –
Regulatory Affairs

Attachment

cc: D.W. Schulz
D. S. Kuntz

North Dakota Report of Tariff Schedule Change

Case No. PU-399-04-_____

Name of Utility: Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.

Address Main Office: 400 North Fourth Street, Bismarck ND 58501

NEW TARIFF DESIGNATION

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<u>"</u>	P.S.C. Tariff Volume <u>7</u>	Sheet No. <u>3rd Revised 3.1</u>
<u>Residential Gas Service Rate 60</u>	P.S.C. Tariff Volume <u>7</u>	Sheet No. <u>4th Revised 4</u>
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<u>"</u>	P.S.C. Tariff Volume <u>7</u>	Sheet No. <u>Original 13.1</u>
<u>Small Interruptible General Gas Service Rate 71</u>	P.S.C. Tariff Volume <u>7</u>	Sheet No. <u>3rd Revised 14</u>
<u>"</u>	P.S.C. Tariff Volume <u>7</u>	Sheet No. <u>1st Revised 14.1-14.2</u>
<u>Optional Seasonal General Gas Service Rate 72</u>	P.S.C. Tariff Volume <u>7</u>	Sheet No. <u>4th Revised 15</u>
<u>"</u>	P.S.C. Tariff Volume <u>7</u>	Sheet No. <u>1st Revised 15.1</u>
<u>Transportation Service Rates 81 and 82</u>	P.S.C. Tariff Volume <u>7</u>	Sheet No. <u>1st Revised 24; 24.2-24.8</u>
<u>"</u>	P.S.C. Tariff Volume <u>7</u>	Sheet No. <u>2nd Revised 24.1</u>
<u>Distribution Delivery Stabilization Mechanism Rate 87</u>	P.S.C. Tariff Volume <u>7</u>	Sheet No. <u>Original 29-29.2</u>
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<u>"</u>	P.S.C. Tariff Volume <u>7</u>	Sheet No. <u>42.13-42.14;42.16-42.17</u>
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<u>New Installation, Replacement, Relocation and</u>	P.S.C. Tariff Volume _____	Sheet No. _____
<u>Repair of Gas Service Lines Rate 124</u>	P.S.C. Tariff Volume <u>7</u>	Sheet No. <u>2nd Revised 66</u>

Change: Rates
 (State part of tariff affected by change, such as: applicability, availability, rates, etc.)

Reason for Change: Increase in cost of providing natural gas service.

Approximate annual reduction in revenue N/A

Approximate annual increase in revenue \$3,334,226

Points Affected	Estimated number of customers whose cost of service will be:		
	Reduced	Increased	Unchanged
All		85,600	

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
 Donald R. Ball
 Assistant Vice President - Regulatory Affairs

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

In the Matter of the Application of)
MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO., a)
Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.,) Case No. PU-399-04-____
for Authority to Establish Increased)
Rates for Natural Gas Service)

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APPLICATION AND NOTICE

COMES NOW, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (Montana-Dakota), a
Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., and respectfully submits the following
Application and Notice, tariffs and information in support thereof.

I.

That Montana-Dakota, a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., is a
Delaware corporation duly authorized to do business in the State of North
Dakota as a foreign corporation. Montana-Dakota is doing business in the State
of North Dakota as a public utility.

II.

The Company's Certificate of Incorporation and amendments thereto
have previously been filed with the North Dakota Public Service Commission.
Such Certificate and Amendments are hereby incorporated by reference.

III.

That Applicant's full name and post office address are:

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,
a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.
400 North Fourth Street
Bismarck, North Dakota 58501

IV.

That the following described rate schedules presently on file with and approved by the Commission are attached hereto as Appendix A.

Volume No. 7

Original Sheet No. 1	Table of Contents
Original Sheet No. 2	Communities Served
15 th Revised Sheet No. 3	Rate Summary
2 nd Revised Sheet No. 3.1	Rate Summary
2 nd Revised Sheet No. 4	Residential Gas Service Rate 60
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1 st Revised Sheet No. 7.1	Air Force Rate 64
2 nd Revised Sheet No. 13	Firm General Service Rate 70
2 nd Revised Sheet No. 14	Small Interruptible General Gas Service Rate 71
Original Sheet Nos. 14.1-14.2	Small Interruptible General Gas Service Rate 71
2 nd Revised Sheet No. 15	Optional Seasonal General Gas Service Rate 72
Original Sheet No. 15.1	Optional Seasonal General Gas Service Rate 72
Original Sheet No. 24	Transportation Service Rates 81 and 82
1 st Revised Sheet No. 24.1	Transportation Service Rates 81 and 82
Original Sheet Nos. 24.2 – 24.9	Transportation Service Rates 81 and 82
1 st Revised Sheet No. 27	Large Interruptible General Gas Service Rate 85
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1st Revised Sheet No. 30	Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment Rate 88
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1 st Revised Sheet No. 61	Interruptible Gas Service Extension Policy Rate 119
Original Sheet No. 61.1	Interruptible Gas Service Extension Policy Rate 119
Original Sheet Nos. 62 – 62.5	Firm Gas Service Extension Policy Rate 120
1 st Revised Sheet No. 66	New Installation, Replacement, Relocation and Repair of Gas Service Lines Rate 124

V.

Montana-Dakota respectfully hereby files the following described proposed rate schedules for gas service, copies attached hereto as Appendix B, which substitute for the rate schedules as noted below. The following described proposed rate schedules are proposed to be effective April 2, 2004.

Volume No. 7

<u>Proposed Tariff Sheet</u>	Replacing	<u>Existing Tariff Sheet</u>
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1 st Revised Sheet Nos. 24;24.2-24.8		Original Sheet Nos. 24;24.2-24.9
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4 th Revised Sheet No. 32		2nd Revised Sheet No. 32
Original Sheet No. 32.1		---
4 th Revised Sheet No. 34		2nd Revised Sheet No. 34
1 st Revised Sheet No. 34.1		Original Sheet No. 34.1
1 st Revised Sheet Nos. 42-42.9;		Original Sheet Nos. 42-42.9;
42.11; 42.13-42.14; 42.16-42.17		42.11; 42.13-42.14; 42.16-42.17
2 nd Revised Sheet Nos. 42.10 ; 42.12;		1st Revised Sheet Nos. 42.10;
42.15		42.12; 42.15
2 nd Revised Sheet No. 66		1 st Revised Sheet No. 66

VI.

That the existing rates of Montana-Dakota are unjust, unreasonable and not compensatory. The new rates will allow Montana-Dakota an opportunity to fully recover its costs of providing natural gas service and to earn a just and reasonable rate of return on its natural gas property devoted to providing service to its North Dakota natural gas customers.

VII.

The new rates contained herein will provide additional annual revenues before income taxes of \$3,334,226 based on a 2005 future test year, for natural gas service rendered to customers in the State of North Dakota.

VIII.

Filed concurrently with this Application and Notice and its Appendices are supporting Statements and Direct Testimony and Exhibits of Montana-Dakota's witnesses showing the existing rates are unjust, unreasonable, and not compensatory, and that the new rates are just, reasonable and compensatory.

IX.

This Application and Notice is submitted in accordance with the provisions of Section 49-05-05 of the North Dakota Century Code and the rules and regulations promulgated by the Public Service Commission of the State of North Dakota and the filing guideline of the Public Service Commission.

X.

That, in accordance with Section 49-05-04.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, Montana-Dakota hereby affirms that its future test year forecast is reasonable, reliable, and made in good faith. All basic assumptions used in making or supporting the forecast are reasonable, evaluated, identified, and justified to allow the Commission to test the appropriateness of the forecast. The accounting treatment that has been applied to anticipated events and

transactions in the forecast is the same as the accounting treatment to be applied in recording the events once they have occurred.

Dated this 3rd day of March, 2004.

MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO.,
a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.

By: *Donald R. Ball*
Donald R. Ball
Assistant Vice President –
Regulatory Affairs



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COMMUNITIES SERVED

NATURAL GAS SERVICE

Dakota Heartland Region

Apple Valley	Devils Lake	Mandan	Steele
Barlow	Eldridge	Max	Surrey
Berthold	Fort Totten	Medina	Tappen
Bismarck*	Garrison	Minot	Turtle Lake
Burlington	Glen Ullin	New Rockford	Underwood
Carrington	Grafton	New Salem	Valley City
Cavalier	Jamestown	Park River	Walhalla
Cleveland	Langdon	Riverdale	Washburn
Dawson	Lincoln	Sandborn	Wilton
Des Lacs	Linton	Sheyenne	

Badlands Region

Alexander	Golva	Ray	Taylor
Arnegard	Hebron	Regent	Tioga
Beach	Killdeer	Rhame	Trenton
Belfield	Lefor	Richardton	Watford City
Bowman	Lignite	Ross	Wheelock
Dickinson*	Marmarth	Sentinel Butte	White Earth
East Fairview	Mott	Springbrook	Williston
Epping	New England	South Heart	
Gladstone	Palermo	Stanley	

PROPANE SERVICE

Badlands Region

Hettinger

*Designates Region Office

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RATE SUMMARY SHEET

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Rate Schedule	Sheet No.	Basic Service Charge	Distribution Delivery Charge	PGA Items	Total Rate/ Dk
Residential Rate 60	4	\$0.29 per day	\$0.641	\$6.653	\$7.294
Air Force Rate 64	7				
Minot Air Force Base		\$1,000.00 per month			
PAR Site		\$135.00 per month			
Firm Service			\$0.138	\$6.653	\$6.791
Interruptible Service - PAR			\$0.120	\$5.761	\$5.881
Interruptible Service - MAFB			\$0.120	\$5.494	\$5.614
Firm General Service Rate 70	13				
Meters rated < 500 cubic feet		\$0.50 per day			
Meters rated > 500 cubic feet		\$1.70 per day	\$0.473	\$6.653	\$7.126
Small Interruptible Gas Rate 71	14	\$100.00 per month	Per Contract	\$5.761	Per Contract
Optional Seasonal Gas Service Rate 72	15				
Meters rated < 500 cubic feet		\$0.50 per day			
Meters rated > 500 cubic feet		\$1.70 per day			
Winter Gas Usage			\$0.473	\$6.749	\$7.222
Summer Gas Usage			\$0.473	\$5.647	\$6.120
Transportation Service	24				
Small Interruptible Rate 81		\$150.00 per month			
Maximum			\$0.427		
Minimum			\$0.102		
Fuel Charge				\$0.025	
Large Interruptible Rate 82		\$725.00 per month			
Maximum			\$0.298		
Minimum			\$0.061		
Fuel Charge				\$0.025	
Large Interruptible Gas Rate 85	27	\$675.00 per month	Per Contract	\$5.761	Per Contract
Residential Propane Rate 90	32	\$0.29 per day	\$0.641	\$9.335	\$9.976
Firm General Propane Rate 92	34				
Meters rated < 500 cubic feet		\$0.50 per day			
Meters rated > 500 cubic feet		\$1.70 per day	\$0.473	\$9.335	\$9.808

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Effective Date: Bills rendered on and after
March 1, 2004

Issued By: Donald R. Ball
Asst. Vice President - Regulatory Affairs

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Miscellaneous Charges	Amount
Late Payment	1% per month
Returned Check	\$10.00 per check
Reconnection charge after termination for nonpayment -During normal business hours -After normal business hours	\$12.00 Current service labor rate per hour
Reconnection charge after termination for causes defined in Rate 100 ¶19 -During normal business hours -After normal business hours	\$30.00 Current service labor rate per hour
Reconnection charge applicable to seasonal or temporary customers -During normal business hours -After normal business hours	Basic Service Charge applicable during the period while service was not being used. Minimum- \$30.00 Minimum- Current service labor rate per hour
Reconnection charge applicable to transportation customers when remote data acquisition equipment must be reinstalled	\$160.00

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RESIDENTIAL GAS SERVICE Rate 60

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Availability:

In all communities served for all domestic uses. See Rate 100, §V.3, for definition on class of service.

Rate:

Basic Service Charge:	\$0.29 per day
Distribution Delivery Charge:	\$.641 per dk
Cost of Gas:	Determined Monthly- See Rate Summary Sheet for Current Rate

Minimum Bill:

Basic Service Charge.

Payment:

Billed amounts will be considered past due if not paid by the due date shown on the bill. Past due bills are subject to a late payment charge in accordance with the provisions of Rate 100, §V.11, or any amendments or alterations thereto.

Cost of Purchased Gas:

The cost of gas includes all applicable cost of gas items as defined in the Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment Rate 88 or any amendments or alterations thereto. The cost of gas component is subject to change on a monthly basis.

General Terms and Conditions:

The foregoing schedule is subject to Rates 100 through 124 and any amendments or alterations thereto or additional rules and regulations promulgated by the Company under the laws of the state.

Date Filed: August 7, 2003

Effective Date: Service rendered on and after
September 1, 2003

Issued By: Donald R. Ball
Assistant Vice President -
Regulatory Affairs

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AIR FORCE Rate 64

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Availability:

Minot Air Force Base near Minot, North Dakota, and the Perimeter Acquisition Radar (PAR) Site, near Concrete, North Dakota. The Air Force shall make an election of its requirements under each available service and such requirements shall be set forth in a service agreement with the Company.

Rate:

Basic Service Charge:

Minot Air Force Base	\$1,000.00 per month
Perimeter Acquisition Radar (PAR) Site	\$135.00 per month

Distribution Delivery Charge:

Firm Service	\$.138 per dk
Interruptible Service	\$.120 per dk

Cost of Gas:

Determined Monthly- See Rate Summary Sheet for Current Rate

Minimum Bill:

Basic Service Charge.

Payment:

Billed amounts will be considered past due if not paid by the due date shown on the bill. Past due bills are subject to a late payment charge in accordance with the provisions of Rate 100, §V.11, or any amendments or alterations thereto.

Cost of Purchased Gas:

The cost of gas includes all applicable cost of gas items as defined in the Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment Rate 88 or any amendments or alterations thereto. The cost of gas component is subject to change on a monthly basis.

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General Terms and Conditions:

1. **PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO CURTAIL OR INTERRUPT** – If the customer fails to curtail or interrupt their use of gas hereunder when requested to do so by the Company, any gas taken shall be billed at the Firm Service distribution delivery charge and cost of gas rates set forth above, plus either an amount equal to any penalty payments or overrun charges the Company is required to make to its interconnecting pipeline(s) under the terms of its contract(s) as a result of such failure to curtail or interrupt, or \$50.00 per dk of gas used in excess of the volume of gas to which customer was requested to curtail or interrupt, whichever amount is greater. The Company, in its discretion, may shut off customer's supply of gas in the event of customer's failure to curtail or interrupt use of gas when requested to do so by the Company.
2. **CONTRACT** – Terms of service other than the rate shall be specified in contracts between Minot Air Force Base, and PAR and the Company.
3. The foregoing schedule is subject to Rates 100 through 124 and any amendments or alterations thereto or additional rules and regulations promulgated by the Company under the laws of the state.

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FIRM GENERAL GAS SERVICE Rate 70

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Availability:

In all communities served for all purposes except for resale. See Rate 100, §3, for definition on class of service.

Rate:

Basic Service Charge:

For customers with meters rated under
500 cubic feet per hour \$0.50 per day

For customers with meters rated over
500 cubic feet per hour \$1.70 per day

Distribution Delivery Charge: \$.473 per dk

Cost of Gas: Determined Monthly- See
Rate Summary Sheet for
Current Rate

Minimum Bill:

Basic Service Charge.

Payment:

Billed amounts will be considered past due if not paid by the due date shown on the bill. Past due bills are subject to a late payment charge in accordance with the provisions of Rate 100, §V.11, or any amendments or alterations thereto.

Cost of Purchased Gas:

The cost of gas includes all applicable cost of gas items as defined in the Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment Rate 88 or any amendments or alterations thereto. The cost of gas component is subject to change on a monthly basis.

General Terms and Conditions:

The foregoing schedule is subject to Rates 100 through 124 and any amendments or alterations thereto or additional rules and regulations promulgated by the Company under the laws of the state.

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September 1, 2003

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SMALL INTERRUPTIBLE GENERAL GAS SERVICE Rate 71

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Availability:

In all communities served for all interruptible general gas service customers whose interruptible natural gas load will exceed an input rate of 2,500,000 Btu per hour, metered at a single delivery point and whose use of natural gas will not exceed 100,000 dk annually. The rates herein are applicable only to customer's interruptible load. Customer's firm natural gas requirements must be separately metered or specified in a firm service agreement. Customer's firm load shall be billed at Firm General Gas Service Rate 70. For interruptible purposes, the maximum daily firm requirement shall be set forth in the firm service agreement.

Rate:

Basic Service Charge:	\$100.00 per month	
Distribution Delivery Charge:	<u>Maximum</u> \$.871 per dk	<u>Minimum</u> \$.427 per dk
Cost of Gas:	Determined Monthly- See Rate Summary Sheet for Current Rate	

The Distribution Delivery Charge shall be set forth in the service agreement required as provided in the General Terms and Conditions for service. Such rate, as adjusted to reflect changes in the cost of Purchased Gas, shall apply for the term of the agreement regardless of a change in the rates set forth above.

Minimum Bill:

Basic Service Charge.

Payment:

Billed amounts will be considered past due if not paid by the due date shown on the bill. Past due bills are subject to a late payment charge in accordance with the provisions of Rate 100, §V.11, or any amendments or alterations thereto.

Cost of Purchased Gas:

The cost of gas includes all applicable cost of gas items as defined in the Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment Rate 88 or any amendments or alterations thereto. The cost of gas component is subject to change on a monthly basis.

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General Terms and Conditions:

1. **PRIORITY OF SERVICE** – Deliveries of gas under this schedule shall be subject at all times to the prior demands of customers served on the Company's firm general gas service rates, and the Company shall have the right to interrupt deliveries to customers under this schedule without being required to give previous notice of intention to so interrupt whenever, in Company's sole judgment, it may be necessary to do so to protect the interest of its customers whose capacity requirements are otherwise and hereby given preference. The priority of service and allocation of capacity shall be accomplished in accordance with the provisions of Rate 100, §V.10.
2. **PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO CURTAIL OR INTERRUPT** – If customer fails to curtail or interrupt their use of gas hereunder when requested to do so by the Company, any gas taken shall be billed at the Firm General Gas Service Rate 70 (distribution delivery charge and cost of gas), plus either an amount equal to any penalty payments or overrun charges the Company is required to make to its interconnecting pipeline(s) under the terms of its contract(s) as a result of such failure to curtail or interrupt, or \$50.00 per dk of gas used in excess of the volume of gas to which customer was requested to curtail or interrupt, whichever amount is greater. The Company, in its discretion, may shut off customer's supply of gas in the event of customer's failure to curtail or interrupt use of gas when requested to do so by the Company.
3. **AGREEMENT** – Customer will be required to enter into an agreement for service hereunder for a minimum term of 12 months. Written notice of termination by either Company or customer must be given at least 60 days prior to the end of the initial term. Absent such termination notice, the agreement shall continue for additional terms of equal length until written notice is given, as provided herein, prior to the end of any subsequent term. Upon expiration of service, the customer may apply for and receive, at the sole discretion of the Company, gas service under this rate or another appropriate rate schedule for the customer's operations.

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4. OBLIGATION TO NOTIFY COMPANY OF CHANGE IN DAILY OPERATIONS – Customer will be required as specified in the service agreement to notify Company of an anticipated change in daily operations. Failure to comply with requirements specified in the service agreement may result in the assessment of penalties to the customer equal to the penalty amounts Company must pay to the interconnecting pipeline caused by customer's action.
5. METERING REQUIREMENTS –Remote data acquisition equipment required for daily measurement will be installed by the Company, at its sole discretion, prior to the initiation of service hereunder.

The customer shall be required to provide and maintain, at no cost to Company, a 120 volt, 15 ampere, AC power supply, or other power source acceptable to the Company, and acceptable telephone service available at customer's meter location(s). Customer agrees to provide and maintain, at no cost to the Company, any necessary telephone enhancements to assure Company of a quality telephone signal necessary to properly transmit data. The customer shall pay all charges for continuous electric and telephone service associated with the Company's connection of the electronic measurement equipment, and any interruption in such services must be promptly remedied or service under this tariff will be suspended until satisfactory corrections have been made.

The Company reserves the right to charge for each service call to investigate, repair and/or reprogram the Company's remote data acquisition equipment when the service call is the result of a failure or change in communication or power source provided by customer or damage to Company's equipment.

6. The foregoing schedule is subject to Rates 100 through 124 and any amendments or alterations thereto or additional rules and regulations promulgated by the Company under the laws of the state.

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Availability:

In all communities served for all purposes except for resale. See Rate 100, §V.3, for definition on class of service.

Rate:

Basic Service Charge:

For customers with meters rated
under 500 cubic feet per hour \$0.50 per day

For customers with meters rated
over 500 cubic feet per hour \$1.70 per day

Distribution Delivery Charge: \$.473 per dk

Cost of Gas:

Winter- Bills rendered October 1 through May 31
Determined Monthly-
See Rate Summary
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Summer- Bills rendered June 1 through September 30
Determined Monthly-
See Rate Summary
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Minimum Bill:

Basic Service Charge.

Payment:

Billed amounts will be considered past due if not paid by the due date shown on the bill. Past due bills are subject to a late payment charge in accordance with the provisions of Rate 100, §V.11, or any amendments or alterations thereto.

Cost of Purchased Gas:

The cost of gas includes all applicable cost of gas items as defined in the Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment Rate 88 or any amendments or alterations thereto. The cost of gas component is subject to change on a monthly basis.

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General Terms and Conditions:

1. The customer agrees to contract for service under the Optional Seasonal General Gas Service Rate 72 for a minimum of one year.
2. The foregoing schedule is subject to Rates 100 through 124 and any amendments or alterations thereto or additional rules and regulations promulgated by the Company under the laws of the state.

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Availability:

This service is applicable for transportation of natural gas to customer's premise (metered at a single delivery point) through Company's distribution facilities. In order to obtain transportation service, customer must qualify under an applicable gas transportation service rate; meet the general terms and conditions of service provided hereunder; and enter into a gas transportation agreement upon request by the Company.

The transportation services are as follows:

Small Interruptible General Gas Transportation Service Rate 81:

Transportation service is available for all general gas service customers whose interruptible natural gas load will exceed an input rate of 2,500,000 Btu per hour, metered at a single delivery point, whose average use of natural gas will not exceed 100,000 dk annually and who, absent the request for transportation service, are eligible for natural gas service, on an interruptible basis, pursuant to Company's effective Small Interruptible General Gas Service Rate 71. Customer's firm natural gas requirements must be separately metered or specified in a firm service agreement. Customer's firm load shall be treated and billed in accordance with the provisions of Firm General Gas Service Rate 70.

Large Interruptible General Gas Transportation Service Rate 82:

Transportation service is available for all general gas service customers whose interruptible natural gas load will exceed 100,000 dk annually metered at a single delivery point, and who, absent the request for transportation service, are eligible for natural gas service, on an interruptible basis, pursuant to Company's effective Large Interruptible General Gas Service Rate 85. Customer's firm natural gas requirements must be separately metered or specified in a firm service agreement. Customer's firm load shall be treated and billed in accordance with the provisions of Firm General Gas Service Rate 70.

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Rate:

Under Rate 81 or 82, customer shall pay the applicable Basic Service Charge plus a negotiated rate not more than the maximum rate or less than the minimum rate specified below. In the event customer also takes service under Rate 71 or Rate 85, the Basic Service Charge applicable under Rate 81 or Rate 82 shall be waived.

Basic Service Charge:

Rate 81 \$150.00 per month
Rate 82 \$725.00 per month

	<u>Rate 81</u>	<u>Rate 82</u>
Maximum Rate per dk	\$0.427	\$0.298
Minimum Rate per dk	\$0.102	\$0.061
Balancing Charge per dk	\$0.300	\$0.300

Fuel Charge:

Applicable to all dk transported to customers located within the distribution system. Charge does not apply to transmission level customers. See Rate Summary Sheet t for currently effective charge.

General Terms and Conditions:

1. **CRITERIA FOR SERVICE:** In order to receive the service, customer must qualify under one of the Company's applicable natural gas transportation service rates and comply with the general terms and conditions of the service provided herein. The customer is responsible for making all arrangements for transporting the gas from its source to the Company's interconnection with the delivering pipeline(s).

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2. REQUEST FOR GAS TRANSPORTATION SERVICE:
 - a. To qualify for gas transportation service a customer must request the service pursuant to the provisions set forth herein. The service shall be provided only to the extent that the Company's existing operating capacity permits.
 - b. Requests for transportation service shall be considered in accordance with the provisions of Rate 100, §V.10.

3. MULTIPLE SERVICES THROUGH ONE METER:
 - a. In the event customer desires firm sales service in addition to gas transportation service, customer shall request such firm volume requirements, and upon approval by Company, such firm volume requirements shall be set forth in a firm service agreement. For billing purposes, the level of volumes so specified or the actual volume used, whichever is lower shall be billed at Rate 70. Volumes delivered in excess of such firm volumes shall be billed at the applicable gas transportation rate. Customer has the option to install at their expense, piping necessary for separate measurement of sales and transportation volumes.
 - b. The customer shall pay, in addition to charges specified in the applicable gas transportation rate schedule, charges under all other applicable rate schedules for any service in addition to that provided herein (irrespective of whether the customer receives only gas transportation service in any billing period).

4. PRIORITY OF SERVICE – Company shall have the right to curtail or interrupt deliveries without being required to give previous notice of intention to curtail or interrupt, whenever, in its judgment, it may be necessary to do so to protect the interest of its customers whose capacity requirements are otherwise and hereby given preference. The priority of service and allocation of capacity shall be accomplished in accordance with the provisions of Rate 100, §V.10.

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5. PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO CURTAIL OR INTERRUPT – If customer fails to curtail or interrupt their use of gas hereunder when requested to do so by the Company, any gas taken above that received on customer's behalf, shall be billed at the Firm General Gas Service Rate 70 (distribution delivery charge and cost of gas), plus either an amount equal to any penalty payments or overrun charges the Company is required to make to its interconnecting pipeline(s) under the terms of its contract(s) as a result of such failure to curtail or interrupt, or \$50.00 per dk of gas used in excess of the volume of gas to which customer was requested to curtail or interrupt, whichever amount is greater. The Company, in its discretion, may shut off customer's supply of gas in the event of customer's failure to curtail or interrupt use of gas when requested to do so by the Company.
6. NON-DELIVERED VOLUMES/PENALTY:
 - a. In the event customer uses more gas than is being delivered to the Company's interconnection with the delivering pipeline(s) (receipt point), customer shall pay an amount equal to any penalty payments or overrun charges the Company is required to make to its interconnecting pipeline(s) under the terms of its contract(s) resulting from such action by customer. In the event that more than one customer is obtaining gas from the same shipper and/or agent at the same receipt point, any payment or overrun penalties the Company is required to make shall be allocated on a pro rata basis among such customers on the basis of each customer's use of gas in excess of available volumes.
 - b. In the event the customer's gas is not being delivered to the receipt point for any reason and the customer continues to take gas, the customer shall be subject to any applicable penalties or charges set forth in Paragraph 6.a. Gas volumes supplied by Company will be charged at Firm General Gas Service Rate 70 (distribution delivery charge and cost of gas). The Company is under no obligation to notify customer of non-delivered volumes.

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c. In the event customer's transportation volumes are not available for any reason, customer may take interruptible sales service if such service is available. The availability of interruptible sales service shall be determined at the sole discretion of the Company.

7. ELECTION OF SERVICE – Prior to the initiation of service hereunder, the customer shall make an election of its requirements under each applicable rate schedule for the entire term of service. If mutually agreed to by Company and customer, the term of service may be amended. Upon expiration of service, the customer may apply for and receive, at the sole discretion of the Company, gas service under the appropriate sales rate schedule for the customer's operations.

Transportation customers who cease service and then resume service within the succeeding 12 months shall be subject to a reconnection charge as specified in Rate 100, §V.17.

8. BALANCING:

a. To the extent practicable, customer and Company agree to the daily balancing of volumes of gas received and delivered on a thermal basis. Such balancing is subject to the customer's request and the Company's discretion to vary scheduled receipts and deliveries within existing Company operating limitations.

If, at the end of a billing month, the accumulated difference between actual gas deliveries to the customer and nominated (scheduled) receipts on behalf of such customer exceeds 4% of that month's scheduled receipts, resulting in a negative imbalance (i.e., deliveries exceed scheduled receipts), the customer will be assessed a balancing charge, set forth herein, on the imbalance exceeding 4%. If such imbalance is not eliminated by the end of the next monthly billing period, the customer shall then be billed, in addition to the applicable transportation rate,

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a penalty for the under nominated volume exceeding 4% at the Firm General Gas Service Rate 70 (distribution delivery charge and cost of gas). The accumulated difference between the actual gas deliveries to the customer and nominated (scheduled) receipts on behalf of such customer will be adjusted for the volume on which a penalty was imposed.

If, at the end of a billing month, the accumulated difference between nominated (scheduled) receipts on behalf of such customer and actual gas deliveries to the customer exceeds 4% of that month's scheduled receipts resulting in a positive imbalance (i.e., scheduled receipts exceed deliveries), the customer will be assessed a balancing charge, set forth herein, on the imbalance exceeding 4%. If such imbalance is not eliminated by the end of the next monthly billing period, (1) the Company may adjust the volume of gas received on behalf of the customer so as to eliminate the prior period over nomination exceeding 4% up to 10% and (2) the Company shall retain the over nomination of gas exceeding 10% free and clear of any adverse claims relating thereto when such accumulated difference exceeds 50 dk. The accumulated difference between the actual gas deliveries to the customer and nominated (scheduled) receipts on behalf of such customer will be adjusted for the volume retained.

- b. In the event customer's imbalance causes the Company to incur a balancing penalty from its interconnecting pipeline(s), customer shall pay any penalty payments or overrun charges the Company is required to make under the terms of its contract(s) with interconnecting pipeline(s) resulting from such action by customer. In the event that more than one customer is obtaining gas from the same shipper and/or agent at the

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same interconnection with a delivering pipeline, any payment or overrun penalties the Company is required to make shall be apportioned among such customers on the basis of each customer's contribution toward the imbalance.

- c. Customer's nomination made to clear imbalances will be subject to the priority of service and allocation of capacity provisions set forth in Rate 100, §V.10 and the penalties for failure to curtail or interrupt use of gas set forth in Paragraph 5 of this rate schedule.
 - d. Termination of the gas transportation service shall not relieve Company and customer of the obligation to correct any quantity imbalances hereunder or customer of the obligation to pay money due hereunder to Company.
 - e. The Company may waive any penalty associated with Company adjustments to end-use customer nominations in those instances where the Company, due to operating limitations, is required to adjust end-use transportation customer nominations and such Company adjustments create a penalty situation, or preclude a customer from correcting an imbalance which results in a penalty.
9. **NOMINATION VARIANCE CHARGE** – The customer shall pay any payments the Company must make to its interconnecting pipeline(s), as a result of nomination variance penalties caused by customer's nomination variances. Such penalties will be allocated on the basis of each customer's contribution toward the nomination variance.

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10. METERING REQUIREMENTS:
- a. Remote data acquisition equipment required by the Company for daily measurement will be purchased and installed by the Company prior to the initiation of service hereunder. The cost of the equipment and its installation shall be paid for by the customer. Such contribution in aid, as adjusted for federal and state income taxes, must be paid prior to the installation of such equipment unless otherwise agreed to by the Company. Such equipment will be maintained by the Company and will remain the sole property of the Company. Company may remove such equipment when service hereunder is terminated.
 - b. The customer shall provide and maintain, at no cost to Company, a 120 volt, 15 ampere, AC power supply or other power source acceptable to the Company and acceptable telephone service available at customer's meter location(s). Customer agrees to provide and maintain, at no cost to the Company, any necessary telephone enhancements to assure Company of a quality telephone signal necessary to properly transmit data. The customer shall pay all charges for continuous electric and telephone service associated with the Company's connection of the electronic measurement equipment, and any interruption in such services must be promptly remedied or service under this tariff will be suspended until satisfactory corrections have been made.
 - c. The Company reserves the right to charge for each service call to investigate, repair and/or reprogram the Company's remote data acquisition equipment when the service call is the result of a failure or change in communication or power source provided by customer or damage to Company's equipment.

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11. DAILY NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS:

- a. Customer or customer's shipper or agent shall advise Company's gas nominations center, by 11:30 a.m. Central Clock Time, of the dk requirements customer has requested to be delivered at each delivery point the following day. Customer's daily nomination shall be its best estimate of the expected utilization for the gas day. Unless other arrangements are made, customer will be required to nominate for the non-business days involved prior to weekends and holidays.
- b. All nominations should include shipper and/or agent defined begin and end dates. Shippers and/or agents may nominate for periods longer than 1 day, provided the nomination begin and end dates are within the term of the service agreement.
- c. The Company has the sole right to refuse receipt of any volumes which exceed the maximum daily contract quantity and at no time shall the Company be required to accept quantities of gas for a customer in excess of the quantities of gas to be delivered to customer. If total nominated receipts exceed total deliveries at receipt points where more than one customer is receiving service, nominations will be allocated on a pro rata basis.
- d. At no time shall Company have the responsibility to deliver gas in excess of customer's nomination.
- e. In the event that more than one customer is receiving gas from the same shipper and/or agent at the same receipt point, any reduction in nominated volumes will be allocated on a pro rata basis, unless Company and shipper(s) and/or agent(s) have agreed to a predetermined allocation procedure.

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12. **WARRANTY** – The customer, customer’s agent, or customer’s shipper warrants that it will have title to all gas it tenders or causes to be tendered to the Company, and such gas shall be free and clear of all liens and adverse claims and the customer, customer’s agent, or customer’s shipper shall indemnify the Company against all damages, costs, and expenses of any nature whatsoever arising from every claim against said gas.
13. **FACILITY EXTENSIONS** - If facilities are required in order to furnish gas transportation service, and those facilities are in addition to the facilities required to furnish firm gas service, the customer shall pay for those additional facilities and their installation in accordance with the Company’s applicable natural gas extension policy. Company may remove such facilities when service hereunder is terminated.
14. **PAYMENT** – Billed amounts will be considered past due if not paid by the due date shown on the bill. Past due bills are subject to a late payment charge in accordance with the provisions of Rate 100, §V.11, or any amendments or alterations thereto.
15. **BILLING ERROR** – In the event an error is discovered in any bill that the Company renders to customer, such error shall be adjusted within a period not to exceed 6 months from the date the billing error is first discovered.
16. **AGREEMENT** – Upon request of the Company, customer may be required to enter into an agreement for service hereunder.
17. The foregoing schedule is subject to Rates 100 through 124 and any amendments or alterations thereto or additional rules and regulations promulgated by the Company under the laws of the state.

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Availability:

In all communities served for all interruptible general gas service customers whose interruptible natural gas load will exceed 100,000 dk annually as metered at a single delivery point. The rates herein are applicable only to customer's interruptible load. Customer's firm natural gas requirements must be separately metered or specified in a firm service agreement. Customer's firm load shall be billed at Firm General Gas Service Rate 70. For interruption purposes, the maximum daily firm requirement shall be set forth in the firm service agreement.

This rate schedule shall not apply for service to U.S. Government installations, which are covered by separate special contracts.

The Company reserves the right to refuse the initiation of service under this rate schedule based on the availability of gas supply.

Rate:

Basic Service Charge	\$675.00 per month	
Distribution Delivery Charge	<u>Maximum</u> \$.719 per dk	<u>Minimum</u> \$.298 per dk
Cost of Gas	Determined Monthly- See Rate Summary Sheet for Current Rate	

Minimum Bill:

Basic Service Charge.

Payment:

Billed amounts will be considered past due if not paid by the due date shown on the bill. Past due bills are subject to a late payment charge in accordance with the provisions of Rate 100, §V.11, or any amendments or alterations thereto.

Cost of Purchased Gas:

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1. **PRIORITY OF SERVICE** – Deliveries of gas under this schedule shall be subject at all times to the prior demands of customers served on the Company's firm general gas service rates, and the Company shall have the right to interrupt deliveries to customers under this schedule without being required to give previous notice of intention to so interrupt whenever, in Company's sole judgment, it may be necessary to do so to protect the interest of its customers whose capacity requirements are otherwise and hereby given preference. The priority of service and allocation of capacity shall be accomplished in accordance with the provisions of Rate 100, §V.10.

2. **PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO CURTAIL OR INTERRUPT** – If customer fails to curtail or interrupt their use of gas hereunder when requested to do so by the Company, any gas taken shall be billed at the Firm General Gas Service Rate 70 (distribution delivery charge and cost of gas), plus either an amount equal to any penalty payments or overrun charges the Company is required to make to its interconnecting pipeline(s) under the terms of its contract(s) as a result of such failure to curtail or interrupt, or \$50.00 per dk of gas used in excess of the volume of gas to which customer was requested to curtail or interrupt, whichever amount is greater. The Company, in its discretion, may shut off customer's supply of gas in the event of customer's failure to curtail or interrupt use of gas when requested to do so by the Company.

3. **AGREEMENT** – Customer will be required to enter into an agreement for service hereunder for a minimum term of 12 months. Written notice of termination by either Company or customer must be given at least 90 days prior to the end of the initial term. Absent execution of such termination notice, the agreement shall continue for additional terms of equal length until written notice is given as provided herein, prior to the end of any subsequent term. Upon expiration of service, the customer may apply for and receive, at the sole discretion of the Company, gas service under this rate or another appropriate rate schedule for the customer's operations.

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4. **OBLIGATION TO NOTIFY COMPANY OF CHANGE IN DAILY OPERATIONS** - Customer will be required as specified in the service agreement to notify Company of an anticipated change in daily operations. Failure to comply with requirements specified in the service agreement may result in the assessment of penalties to the customer equal to the penalty amounts Company must pay to the interconnecting pipeline caused by customer's action.
5. **METERING REQUIREMENTS** -Remote data acquisition equipment required for daily measurement will be installed by the Company, at its sole discretion, prior to the initiation of service hereunder.

The customer shall be required to provide and maintain, at no cost to Company, a 120 volt, 15 ampere, AC power supply, or other power source acceptable to the Company, and acceptable telephone service available at customer's meter location(s). Customer agrees to provide and maintain, at no cost to the Company, any necessary telephone enhancements to assure Company of a quality telephone signal necessary to properly transmit data. The customer shall pay all charges for continuous electric and telephone service associated with the Company's connection of the electronic measurement equipment, and any interruption in such services must be promptly remedied or service under this tariff will be suspended until satisfactory corrections have been made.

The Company reserves the right to charge for each service call to investigate, repair and/or reprogram the Company's remote data acquisition equipment when the service call is the result of a failure or change in communication or power source provided by customer or damage to Company's equipment.

6. The foregoing schedule is subject to Rates 100 through 124 and any amendments or alterations thereto or additional rules and regulations promulgated by the Company under the laws of the state.

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1. Applicability:

This rate schedule constitutes a purchased gas cost adjustment (PGA) provision and specifies the procedure to be utilized to adjust the rates for gas sold under Montana-Dakota's rate schedules in order to reflect: (a) changes in Montana-Dakota's average cost of gas supply, (b) amortization of the Unrecovered Purchased Gas Cost Account and (c) market based pricing differential.

2. Effective Date and Limitation on Adjustments:

- (a) The effective dates of the PGA shall be bills rendered on and after the first date of each month, unless the Commission shall otherwise order.
- (b) Montana-Dakota shall file a PGA to reflect changes in its average cost of gas supply only when the amount of change in such PGA is at least 10 (ten) cents per dk. The adjustment to be effective May 1 shall be filed each year, regardless of the amount of the change.

3. Purchased Gas Cost:

- (a) The monthly PGA shall reflect changes in Montana-Dakota's cost of gas supply as compared to the cost of gas supply approved in its most recent PGA. The cost of gas supply shall be the sum of all costs incurred in obtaining gas for general system supply. General system supply is defined as gas available for use by all customers served under retail sales rate schedules. The cost of gas supply shall include, but not be limited to, all demand, commodity, storage, gathering, and transportation charges incurred by Montana-Dakota for such gas supply, the overall rate of return on prepaid demand and commodity charges and gas storage balances required to maintain the system gas supply.
- (b) The PGA shall be computed as follows:
 - (1) Demand costs shall include all annual gathering, transportation and storage demand charges at current rates.
 - (2) Commodity costs shall include all annual gathering, transportation and storage charges at current rates.

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- (3) The gas commodity cost shall reflect all commodity related gas costs estimated to be in effect for the month the PGA will be in effect and annual dk requirements.
- (4) The return on prepaid demand and commodity balances and storage balances shall be computed on an annual basis at the overall rate of return on rate base.

The cost per dk for the month is the sum of the above divided by annual, weather normalized dk deliveries adjusted to reflect losses.

(c) Monthly gas costs shall be calculated as follows:

- (1) Demand costs for firm customers shall be apportioned to all state jurisdictions served by Montana-Dakota on the basis of the overall ratio of each state's Maximum Daily Delivery Quantity (MDDQ).
- (2) Demand costs for interruptible sales customers shall be stated on a 100% load factor basis.
- (3) All commodity costs and other costs associated with the acquisition of gas for general system supply shall be apportioned to each state on the basis of total dks sold in each state, regardless of the actual points of delivery of such gas.
- (4) The return requirement related to prepaid demand and commodity charges and gas storage balances shall be included on a per dk basis. The prepaid demand and storage balances shall be apportioned to all states on the basis of each state's MDDQ. The prepaid commodity charges shall be apportioned to all states on the basis of annual dks sold in each state. The unit cost shall be calculated using a thirteen-month average balance and the currently authorized return on rate base.
- (5) All costs related to specific end-use transactions shall not be included in the cost of gas supply determination but shall be directly billed to the customer(s) contracting for such service.

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- (d) The PGA shall be applied to each of Montana-Dakota's rate schedules recognizing differences among customer classes consistent with the cost of gas supply included in the applicable class sales rate.

4. Surcharge Adjustment:

- (a) All sales rate schedules shall be subject to a Surcharge Adjustment to be effective on May 1 of each year. The Surcharge Adjustment per dk sold shall reflect amortization of the applicable balance in the Unrecovered Purchased Gas Cost Account calculated by dividing the applicable balance by the estimated dk sales for the twelve months following the effective date of the adjustment.

5. Unrecovered Purchased Gas Account:

- (a) Items to be included in the Unrecovered Purchased Gas Cost Account, as calculated in accordance with Subsection 5(b) are:
- (1) Charges for gas supply which Montana-Dakota is unable to reflect in a Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment by reason of the ten cent minimum limitation set forth in Subsection 2(b).
 - (2) Amounts of increased/decreased charges for gas supplies, which were paid during any period after the effective date of the most recent general rate case, but not yet included in sales rates.
 - (3) Refunds received from supplier(s) with respect to gas supply. Such refunds received shall be credited to the Unrecovered Purchased Gas Cost Account.
 - (4) Carrying charges or credits at a rate equal to the three-month Treasury Bill rate as published monthly by the Federal Reserve Board.
 - (5) Demand costs recovered from the interruptible sales customers will be credited to the residential and firm general service customers.

(b)

- (1) The amount to be included in the Unrecovered Purchased Gas Cost Account in order to reflect the items specified in Subsections 5(a)(1), (2), and (3) shall be calculated as follows:

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- (i) Montana-Dakota shall first determine each month the unit cost for that month's natural gas supply as adjusted to levelize demand charges.

Such adjustment to levelize supplier(s) demand charges shall be calculated as follows:

The supplier's annual (calendar or fiscal) demand charges, which are payable in equal monthly payments shall be accumulated in a prepaid account (FERC Account 165). Each month a portion of such accumulated prepaid amount shall be amortized to cost of natural gas purchased (FERC Account 804). Such monthly amortization shall be based on a rate calculated by dividing the annual supplier(s) demand charges by projected annual natural gas sales units (calendar or fiscal, as appropriate). The resulting product shall then be multiplied by the projected natural gas unit sales for the current month. Such amount shall constitute the monthly amortization of prepaid supplier(s) demand charges to cost of natural gas supply.

- (ii) Montana-Dakota shall then subtract from each month's unit cost, the unit cost for gas supply which is reflected in the currently effective PGA.
- (iii) The resulting difference (which may be positive or negative) shall be multiplied by the dks sold during that month under each rate schedule. The resulting amounts shall be reflected in an Unrecovered Purchased Gas Cost Account for each rate schedule.

- (1) Montana-Dakota will calculate carrying charges on the amounts in the Unrecovered Purchased Gas Cost Account, Account 191, at a rate equal to the three-month Treasury Bill rate as published monthly by the Federal Reserve Board. The amount to be included in Account 191 for carrying charges shall be determined as follows:

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Each month, Account 191 shall be debited (if the balance in said account is a debit balance) and shall be credited (if the balance in said account is a credit balance) for a carrying charge; which shall be the product of (i) and (ii) below:

- (i) The balance in Account 191 as of the end of the immediately preceding month, exclusive of carrying charges accrued pursuant to this Subsection (b)(2) and net of the related deferred tax amounts in Accounts 283 or 190, as appropriate.
- (ii) One-twelfth of the annual interest rate as set forth in this Subsection (b)(2). The carrying charges shall be accrued in a supplementary Unrecovered Purchased Gas Cost Account for each rate schedule, and carrying charges shall not be computed on the amounts in such supplementary account.

(b) Reduction of Amounts in the Unrecovered Purchased Gas Cost Account:

- (1) The amounts in the Unrecovered Purchased Gas Cost Account shall be decreased each month by an amount determined by multiplying the currently effective surcharge adjustment included in rates for that month (as calculated in Section 4) by the dks sold during that month under each rate schedule. The account shall be increased in the event the adjustment is a negative amount.
- (2) The amount amortized each month shall be applied pro rata between the amounts in the Unrecovered Purchased Gas Cost Account specified in Subsections 5(a)(1), (2), (3) and (5) and the amounts in the supplementary Unrecovered Purchased Gas Cost Account specified in Subsection 5(a)(4).

6. Market-Based Pricing Differential:

- (a) At the time of each surcharge adjustment, the Company will compute a credit to residential and firm general service rates based on 50% of all distribution delivery charge revenues received from small interruptible sales and large interruptible sales customers in excess of the authorized minimum distribution delivery charge rate approved in the most recent general rate case.

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- (b) The unit adjustment shall be determined by dividing the balance resulting under Subsection 6(a) by the residential and firm general service sales volumes estimated to be sold during the 12 months following the effective date of each adjustment.

7. Time and Manner of Filing:

- (a) Montana-Dakota shall file each PGA at least 20 days prior to the proposed effective date. Each filing by Montana-Dakota shall be made by means of revised PGA sheets identifying the amounts of the adjustments and the resulting currently effective PGA rates.
- (b) Each filing shall be accompanied by detailed computations, which clearly show the derivation of the relevant amounts, a concise statement of the reasons for any change and copies of any relevant pipeline tariff sheets supporting costs claimed.

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RESIDENTIAL PROPANE SERVICE Rate 90

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Availability:

For the community of Hettinger for all domestic purposes. See Rate 100, §V.3, for definition on class of service.

Rate:

Basic Service Charge:	\$0.29 per day
Distribution Delivery Charge:	\$.641 per dk
Cost of Propane:	Determined Monthly- See Rate Summary Sheet for Current Rate

Minimum Bill:

Basic Service Charge.

Payment:

Billed amounts will be considered past due if not paid by the due date shown on the bill. Past due bills are subject to a late payment charge in accordance with the provisions of Rate 100, §V.11, or any amendments or alterations thereto.

Cost of Purchased Propane:

The cost of propane as defined in the Purchased Propane Cost Adjustment Rate 99 or any amendments or alterations thereto. The cost of propane component is subject to change on a monthly basis.

General Terms and Conditions:

1. The Company may at its discretion and upon thirty days notice, disconnect service to a customer utilizing a second source of propane. Any customer so disconnected shall not be eligible for service hereunder for one year from date of disconnection and shall be subject to reconnection charges to restore service after the one-year period.
2. The foregoing schedule is subject to Rates 100 through 124 and any amendments or alterations thereto or additional rules and regulations promulgated by the Company under the laws of the state.

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FIRM GENERAL PROPANE SERVICE Rate 92

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Availability:

For the community of Hettinger for all purposes except for resale. See Rate 100, §V.3, for definition on class of service.

Rate:

Basic Service Charge:

For customers with meters rated
under 500 cubic feet per hour \$0.50 per day

For customers with meters rated
over 500 cubic feet per hour \$1.70 per day

Distribution Delivery Charge: \$.473 per dk

Cost of Propane: Determined Monthly- See Rate
Summary Sheet for Current Rate

Minimum Bill:

Basic Service Charge.

Payment:

Billed amounts will be considered past due if not paid by the due date shown on the bill. Past due bills are subject to a late payment charge in accordance with the provisions of Rate 100, §V.11, or any amendments or alterations thereto.

Cost of Purchased Propane:

The cost of propane as defined in the Purchased Propane Cost Adjustment Rate 99 or any amendments or alterations thereto. The cost of propane component is subject to change on a monthly basis.

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General Terms and Conditions:

1. The Company may at its discretion and upon thirty days notice, disconnect service to a customer utilizing a second source of propane. Any customer so disconnected shall not be eligible for service hereunder for one year from date of disconnection and shall be subject to reconnection charges to restore service after the one-year period.
2. The foregoing schedule is subject to Rates 100 through 124 and any amendments or alterations thereto or additional rules and regulations promulgated by the Company under the laws of the state.

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1. Availability:

This rate schedule constitutes a purchased propane cost adjustment (PCA) provision and specifies the procedure to be utilized to adjust the rates for propane gas sold under Montana-Dakota's rate schedules in order to reflect: (a) changes in Montana-Dakota's average cost of propane supply and (b) amortization of the Unrecovered Purchased Propane Cost Account.

2. Effective Date and Limitation on Adjustments:

- (a) The effective dates of the PCA shall be bills rendered on and after the first day of each month, unless the Commission shall otherwise order.
- (b) Montana-Dakota shall file a PCA to reflect changes in its average cost of propane supply only when the amount of such change in PCA is at least 10 (ten) cents per dk. The adjustment to be effective May 1 shall be filed each year, regardless of the amount of the change.

3. Purchased Propane Cost:

- (a) The monthly PCA shall reflect changes in Montana-Dakota's cost of propane supply as compared to the cost of propane supply approved in its most recent PCA. The cost of propane supply shall include, but not be limited to, all commodity and transportation charges incurred by Montana-Dakota for such propane supply.
- (b) The propane commodity cost shall reflect all commodity related propane costs estimated to be incurred for the month the PCA will be in effect and estimated dk purchases.

The unit cost per dk for the month shall be the commodity costs divided by estimated dk purchases for the month.

4. Surcharge Adjustment:

All propane sales schedules shall be subject to a Surcharge Adjustment to be effective on May 1 each year. The Surcharge Adjustment per dk sold shall reflect amortization of the applicable balance in the Unrecovered Purchased Propane Cost Account calculated by dividing the applicable balance by the estimated dk sales for the twelve months following the effective date of the adjustment.

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5. Unrecovered Purchased Propane Cost Account:

(a) Items to be included in the Unrecovered Purchased Propane Cost Account, as calculated in accordance with Subsection 5(b) are:

- (1) Charges for propane supply which Montana-Dakota is unable to reflect in a Purchased Propane Cost Adjustment by reason of the ten cent minimum limitation set forth in Subsection 2(b).
- (2) Amounts of increased/decreased charges for propane supplies that were paid during any period after the effective date of the most recent approved rates, but not yet included in propane sales rates.
- (3) Carrying charges or credits.

(b)

(1) The amount to be included in the Unrecovered Purchased Propane Cost Account in order to reflect the items specified in Subsections 5(a)(1) and (2) shall be calculated as follows:

- (i) Montana-Dakota shall first determine each month the unit cost for that month's propane supply.
- (ii) Montana-Dakota shall then subtract from each month's unit cost, the unit cost for propane supply, which is reflected in the currently effective PCA.
- (iii) The resulting difference (which may be positive or negative) shall be multiplied by the dks sold during that month under each propane rate schedule. The resulting amounts shall be reflected in an Unrecovered Purchased Propane Cost Account for each rate schedule.

(2) Montana-Dakota will calculate carrying charges on the amounts in the Unrecovered Purchased Propane Cost Account, Account 191, as follows:

Each month, Account 191 shall be debited (on a debit balance) or credited (on a credit balance) for a carrying charge, which shall be the product of (i) and (ii) below:

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- (i) The balance on Account 191 as of the end of the immediately preceding month, exclusive of carrying charges accrued pursuant to this Subsection (b)(2) and net of the related deferred tax amounts in Accounts 283 or 190, as appropriate.
 - (ii) One-twelfth of the three-month Treasury Bill rate as published monthly by the Federal Reserve Board. The carrying charges shall be accrued in a supplementary Unrecovered Purchased Propane Cost Account for each rate schedule, and carrying charges shall not be computed on the amounts in such supplementary account.
- (c) Reduction of Amounts in the Unrecovered Purchased Propane Cost Account:
- (1) The amounts in the Unrecovered Purchased Propane Cost Account shall be decreased each month by an amount determined by multiplying the currently effective surcharge adjustment included in rates for that month (as calculated in Section 4) by the dks sold during that month under each rate schedule. The account shall be increased in the event the adjustment is a negative amount.
 - (2) The amount amortized each month shall be applied pro rata between the amounts in the Unrecovered Purchased Propane Cost Account specified in Subsections 5(a)(1) and (2) and the amounts in the supplementary Unrecovered Purchased Propane Cost Account specified in Subsection 5(b)(2)(ii).

6. Time and Manner of Filing:

- (a) Montana-Dakota shall file each PCA at least 10 days prior to the proposed effective date. Each filing by Montana-Dakota shall be made by means of revised PCA sheets identifying the amounts of the adjustments and the resulting currently effective PCA rates.
- (b) Each filing shall be accompanied by detailed computations, which clearly show the derivation of the relevant amounts, a concise statement of the reasons for any change and copies of any relevant material supporting costs claimed.

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I. **PURPOSE:**

These rules are intended to define good practice which can normally be expected, but are not intended to exclude other accepted standards and practices not covered herein. They are intended to ensure adequate service to the public and protect the Company from unreasonable demands.

The Company undertakes to furnish service subject to the rules and regulations of the Public Service Commission of North Dakota and as supplemented by these general provisions, as now in effect or as may hereafter be lawfully established, and in accepting service from the Company, each customer agrees to comply with and be bound by said rules and regulations and the applicable rate schedules.

II. **DEFINITIONS:**

The following terms used in this tariff shall have the following meanings, unless otherwise indicated:

AGENT – The party authorized by the transportation service customer to act on that customer’s behalf.

APPLICANT – A customer requesting Company to provide service.

COMMISSION – Public Service Commission of the State of North Dakota.

COMPANY – Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.

COMPANY’S OPERATING CONVENIENCE – The utilization, under certain circumstances, of facilities or practices not ordinarily employed which contribute to the overall efficiency of Company’s operations. This does not refer to the customer’s convenience nor to the use of facilities or adoption of practices required to comply with applicable laws, ordinances, rules or regulations, or similar requirements of public authorities.

CURTAILMENT – A reduction of transportation or retail natural gas service deemed necessary by the Company. Also includes any reduction of transportation natural gas service deemed necessary by the pipeline.

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CUSTOMER – Any individual, partnership, corporation, firm, other organization or government agency supplied with service by Company at one location and at one point of delivery unless otherwise expressly in these rules or in a rate schedule.

DELIVERY POINT – The point at which customer assumes custody of the gas being transported. This point will normally be at the outlet of Company's meter(s) located on customer's premises.

GAS DAY – Means a period of twenty-four consecutive hours, beginning and ending at 9:00 a.m. Central Clock Time.

INTERRUPTION – A cessation of transportation or retail natural gas service deemed necessary by Company.

NOMINATION – The daily dk volume of natural gas requested by customer for transportation and delivery to customer at the delivery point during a gas day.

PIPELINE – The transmission company(s) delivering natural gas into company's system.

RATE – Shall mean and include every compensation, charge, fare, toll, rental and classification, or any of them, demanded, observed, charged or collected by the Company for any service, product, or commodity, offered by the Company to the public, and any rules, regulations, practices or contracts affecting any such compensation, charge, fare, toll, rental or classification.

RECEIPT POINT – The intertie between Company and the interconnecting pipeline(s) at which point Company assumes custody of the gas being transported.

SHIPPER – The party with whom the Pipeline has entered into a service agreement for transportation services.

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III. CUSTOMER OBLIGATION:

1. APPLICATION FOR SERVICE – A customer desiring gas service must make application to the Company before commencing the use of the Company's service. The Company reserves the right to require a signed application or written contract for service to be furnished. All applications and contracts for service must be made in the legal name of the customer desiring the service. The Company may refuse a customer or terminate service to a customer who fails or refuses to furnish reasonable information requested by the Company for the establishment of a service account. Any customer who uses gas service in the absence of application or contract shall be subject to the Company's rates, rules, and regulations and shall be responsible for payment of all service used.

Subject to rates, rules, and regulations, the Company will continue to supply gas service until notified by customer to discontinue the service. The customer will be responsible for payment of all service furnished through the date of discontinuance.

Any customer may be required to make a deposit as required.

2. INPUT RATING – All new customers whose consumption of gas for any purpose will exceed an input of 2,500,000 Btu per hour, metered at a single delivery point, shall consult with the Company and furnish details of estimated hourly input rates for all gas utilization equipment. Where system design capacity permits, such customers may be served on a firm basis. Where system design capacity is limited, and at Company's sole discretion, Company will serve all such new customers on an interruptible basis only. Architects, contractors, heating engineers and installers, and all others should consult with the Company before proceeding to design, erect or redesign such installations for the use of natural gas. This will ensure that such equipment will conform to the Company's ability to adequately serve such installations with gas.

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3. ACCESS TO CUSTOMER'S PREMISES – Company representatives, when properly identified, shall have access to customer's premises at all reasonable times for the purpose of reading meters, making repairs, making inspections, removing the Company's property, or for any other purpose incidental to the service.
4. COMPANY PROPERTY – The customers shall exercise reasonable diligence in protecting the Company's property on their premises, and shall be liable to the Company in case of loss or damage caused by their negligence or that of their employees.
5. INTERFERENCE WITH COMPANY PROPERTY – The customer shall not disconnect, change connections, make connections or otherwise interfere with Company's meters or other property or permit same to be done by other than the Company's authorized employees.
6. RELOCATED LINES - Where Company facilities are located on a public or private utility easement and there is a building encroachment(s), over gas facilities (Company-owned main, Company-owned service line or customer-owned service line) the customer shall be charged for line relocation on the basis of actual costs incurred by the Company including any required easements.
7. NOTIFICATION OF LEAKS – The customer shall immediately notify the Company at its office of any escape of gas in or about the customer's premises.
8. TERMINATION OF SERVICE – All customers are required to notify the Company, to prevent their liability for service used by succeeding tenants, when vacating their premises. Upon receipt of such notice, the Company will read the meter and further liability for service used on the part of the vacating customer will cease.
9. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS – Customer shall furnish Company all information as may be required or appropriate to comply with reporting requirements of duly constituted authorities having jurisdiction over the matter herein.

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IV. LIABILITY

1. CONTINUITY OF SERVICE – The Company will use all reasonable care to provide continuous service but does not assume responsibility for a regular and uninterrupted supply of gas service and will not be liable for any loss, injury, death, or damage resulting from the use of service, or arising from or caused by the interruption or curtailment of the same.
2. CUSTOMER'S EQUIPMENT – Neither by inspection or non-rejection, nor in any other way does the Company give any warranty, express or implied, as to the adequacy, safety or other characteristics of any structures, equipment, lines, appliances or devices owned, installed or maintained by the customer or leased by the customer from third parties.
3. COMPANY EQUIPMENT AND USE OF SERVICE – The Company will not be liable for any loss, injury, death or damage resulting in any way from the supply or use of gas or from the presence or operation of the Company's structures, equipment, lines, appliances or devices on the customer's premises, except loss, injuries, death, or damages resulting from the negligence of the Company.
4. INDEMNIFICATION – Customer agrees to indemnify and hold Company harmless from any and all injury, death, loss or damage resulting from customer's negligent or wrongful acts under and during the term of service. Company agrees to indemnify and hold customer harmless from any and all injury, death, loss or damage resulting from Company's negligent or wrongful acts under and during the term of service.
5. FORCE MAJEURE – In the event of either party being rendered wholly or in part by force majeure unable to carry out its obligations, then the obligations of the parties hereto, so far as they are affected by such force majeure, shall be suspended during the continuance of any inability so caused. Such causes or contingencies affecting the performance by either party, 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 remove the cause in an adequate manner and with all reasonable dispatch, nor shall such causes or contingencies affecting the performance relieve either party from its obligations to make payments of amounts then due hereunder, nor

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shall such causes or contingencies relieve either party of liability unless such party shall give notice and full particulars of the same in writing or by telephone to the other party as soon as possible after the occurrence relied on. If volumes of customer's gas are destroyed while in Company's possession by an event of force majeure, the obligations of the parties shall terminate with respect to the volumes lost.

The term "force majeure" as employed herein shall include, but shall not be limited to, acts of God, strikes, lockouts or other industrial disturbances, failure to perform by any third party, which performance is necessary to the performance by either customer or Company, acts of the public enemy or terrorists, wars, blockades, insurrections, riots, epidemics, landslides, lightning, earthquakes, fires, storms, floods, washouts, arrest and restraint of rulers and peoples, civil disturbances, explosions, breakage or accident to machinery or lines of pipe, line freeze-ups, sudden partial or sudden entire failure of gas supply, failure to obtain materials and supplies due to governmental regulations, and causes of like or similar kind, whether herein enumerated or not, and not within the control of the party claiming suspension, and which by the exercise of due diligence such party is unable to overcome; provided that the exercise of due diligence shall not require settlement of labor disputes against the better judgment of the party having the dispute.

The term "force majeure" as employed herein shall also include, but shall not be limited to, inability to obtain or acquire, at reasonable cost, grants, servitudes, rights-of-way, permits, licenses, or any other authorization from third parties or agencies (private or governmental) or inability to obtain or acquire at reasonable cost necessary materials or supplies to construct, maintain, and operate any facilities required for the performance of any obligations under this agreement, when any such inability directly or indirectly contributes to or results in either party's inability to perform its obligations.

V. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

1. AGREEMENT – Upon request of the Company, customer may be required to enter into an agreement for any service.

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2. **RATE OPTIONS** – Where more than one rate schedule is available for the same class of service, the Company will assist the customer in selecting the applicable rate schedule(s). The Company is not required to change a customer from one rate schedule to another more often than once in twelve months unless there is a material change in the customer's load which alters the availability and/or applicability of such rate(s), or unless a change becomes necessary as a result of an order issued by the Commission or a court having jurisdiction. The Company will not be required to make any change in a fixed term contract except as provided therein.

3. **RULES FOR APPLICATION OF GAS SERVICE:**
 - (a) Residential gas service is available to any residential customer for domestic purposes only. Residential gas service is defined as service for general domestic household purposes in space occupied as living quarters, designed for occupancy by one family. Typical service would include the following: separately metered units, such as single private residences, single apartments, mobile homes and sorority and fraternity houses (this is not an all-inclusive list). In addition, auxiliary buildings on the same premise as the living quarters, used for residential purposes, may be served on the residential rate.

 - (b) Nonresidential service is defined as service provided to a business enterprise in space occupied and operated for nonresidential purposes. Typical service would include stores, offices, shops, restaurants, boarding houses, hotels, service garages, wholesale houses, filling stations, barber shops, beauty parlors, master metered apartment houses, common areas of shopping malls or apartments (such as halls or basements), churches, elevators, schools and facilities located away from the home site (this is not an all-inclusive list).

 - (c) The definitions above are based upon the supply of service to an entire premise through a single delivery and metering point. Separate supply for the same customer at other points of consumption may be separately metered and billed.

 - (d) If separate metering is not practical for a single unit (one premise) that is using gas for both domestic purposes and for conducting business (or for

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- (e) nonresidential purposes as defined herein), the customer will be billed under the predominate use policy. Under this policy, the customer's combined service is billed under the rate (Residential or Nonresidential) applicable to the type of service which constitutes 50% or more of the customer's total connected load.
 - e. Other classes of service furnished by the Company shall be defined in applicable rate schedules or in rules and regulations pertaining thereto. Service to customers for which no specific rate schedule is applicable shall be billed on the Nonresidential rates.
4. DISPATCHING – Transportation customers will adhere to gas dispatching policies and procedures established by Company to facilitate transportation service. Company will inform customer of any changes in dispatching policies that may affect transportation services as they occur.
 5. RULES COVERING GAS SERVICE TO MANUFACTURED HOMES – The rules and regulation for providing gas service to manufactured homes are in accordance with the Code of Federal Regulations (24CFR Part 3280 – Manufactured Homes Construction and Safety Standards) Subpart G and H which pertain to gas piping and appliance installation. In addition to the above rules, the Company also follows the regulations set forth in the NFPA 501A, Fire Safety Criteria for Manufactured Home Installations, Sites, and Communities.
 6. CONSUMER DEPOSITS – The Company will determine whether or not a deposit shall be required of an applicant for gas service in accordance with Commission rules.
 - (a) The amount of such deposit shall not exceed one and one-half times the estimated amount of one month's average bill.
 - (b) The Company may accept in lieu of a cash deposit a contract signed by a guarantor, satisfactory to the Company, whereby the payment of a specified sum not to exceed the required cash deposit is guaranteed. The term of such contract shall be indeterminate, but it shall automatically terminate when the customer gives notice of service discontinuance to

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the Company or a change in location covered by the guarantee agreement of thirty days after written request for termination is made to the utility by the guarantor. However, no agreement shall be terminated without the customer having made satisfactory settlement for any balance, which the customer owes the Company. Upon termination of a guarantee contract, a new contract or a cash deposit may be required by the Company.

A deposit shall earn interest at the rate paid by the Bank of North Dakota on a six-month certificate of deposit as of the first business day of each year. Interest shall be credited to the customer's account annually during the month of December.

Deposits with interest shall be refunded to customers at termination of service provided all billings for service have been paid. Deposits with interest will be refunded to all active customers, after the deposit has been held for twelve months, provided prompt payment record has been established.

7. METERING AND MEASUREMENT:

(a) Company will meter the volume of natural gas delivered to customer at the delivery point. Such meter measurement will be conclusive upon both parties unless such meter is found to be inaccurate, in which case the quantity supplied to customer shall be determined by as correct an estimate as it is possible to make, taking into consideration the time of year, the schedule of customer's operations and other pertinent facts. Company will test meters in accordance with applicable state utility rules and regulations.

(b) Transportation customers agree to provide the cost of the installation of remote data acquisition equipment to Company before transportation service is implemented.

8. MEASUREMENT UNIT FOR BILLING PURPOSES – The measurement unit for billing purposes shall be one (1) decatherm (dk), unless otherwise specified. Billing will be calculated to the nearest one-tenth (1/10) dk. One dk equals 10 therms or 1,000,000 Btu's. Dk's shall be calculated by the

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application of a thermal factor to the volumes metered. This thermal factor consists of:

- (a) An altitude adjustment factor used to convert metered volumes at local sales base pressure to a standard pressure base of 14.73 psia, and
- (b) A Btu adjustment factor used to reflect the heating value of the gas delivered.

9. UNIT OF VOLUME FOR MEASUREMENT – The unit of volume for purpose of measurement shall be one (1) cubic foot of gas at either local sales base pressure or 14.73 psia, as appropriate, and at a temperature base of sixty degrees Fahrenheit (60°F). All measurement of natural gas by orifice meter shall be reduced to this standard by computation methods, in accordance with procedures contained in ANSI/API Standard 2530, First Edition, as amended. Where natural gas is measured with positive displacement or turbine meters, correction to local sales base pressure shall be made for actual pressure and temperature with factors calculated from Boyle's and Charles' Laws. Where gas is delivered at 20 psig or more, the deviation of the natural gas from Boyle's Law shall be determined by application of Supercompressibility Factors for Natural Gas published by the American Gas Association, Inc., copyright 1955, as amended or superseded. Where gas is measured with electronic correcting instruments at pressures greater than local sales base, supercompressibility will be calculated in the corrector using AGA-3/NX-19, as amended, supercompressibility calculation. For handbilled accounts, application of supercompressibility factors will be waived on monthly-billed volumes of 250 dk or less.

10. PRIORITY OF SERVICE AND ALLOCATION OF CAPACITY – Priority of Service from Highest to Lowest:
- (a) Priority 1 – Firm sales services.
 - (b) Priority 2 – Small interruptible sales and small interruptible transportation services at the maximum rate on a pro rata basis.
 - (c) Priority 3 – Large interruptible sales and large interruptible transportation services at the maximum rate on a pro rata basis.

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- (d) Priority 4 – Small interruptible transportation services at less than the maximum rate from the highest rate to the lowest rate and on a pro rata basis where equal rates are applicable among customers.
- (e) Priority 5 – Large interruptible transportation services at less than the maximum rate from the highest rate to the lowest rate and on a pro rata basis where equal rates are applicable among customers.
- (f) Priority 6 – Gas scheduled to clear imbalances.

Montana-Dakota shall have the right, in its sole discretion, to deviate from the above schedule when necessary for system operational reasons and if following the above schedule would cause an interruption in service to a customer who is not contributing to an operational problem on Montana-Dakota's system.

Montana-Dakota reserves the right to provide service to customers with lower priority while service to higher priority customers is being curtailed due to restrictions at a given delivery or receipt point. When such restrictions are eliminated, Montana-Dakota will reinstate sales and/or transportation of gas according to each customer's original priority.

- 11. LATE PAYMENT – Amounts billed will be considered past due if not paid by the due date shown on the bill. An amount equal to 1% per month will be applied to any unpaid balance existing at the immediate subsequent billing date, provided however, that such amount shall not apply where a bill is in dispute or a formal complaint is being processed. All payments received will apply to the customer's account prior to calculating the late payment charge. Those payments applied shall satisfy the oldest portion of the bill first.
- 12. RETURNED CHECK CHARGE – A charge of \$10.00 will be collected by the Company for each check charged back to the Company by a bank.
- 13. TAX CLAUSE – In addition to the charges provided for in the gas tariffs of the Company, there shall be charged pro rata amounts which, on an annual basis, shall be sufficient to yield to the Company the full amount of any sales,

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use or excise taxes, whether they be denominated as license taxes, occupation taxes, business taxes, privilege taxes, or otherwise, levied against or imposed upon the Company by any municipality, political subdivision, or other entity, for the privilege of conducting its utility operations therein.

The charges to be added to the customer's service bills under this clause shall be limited to the customers within the corporate limits of the municipality, political subdivision or other entity imposing the tax.

14. UTILITY CUSTOMER SERVICES:

(a) The following services will be performed at no charge regardless of the time of performance:

- (1) Fire and explosions calls.
- (2) Investigate hazardous condition on customer premises, such as gas leaks, odor complaints, combustion gas fumes.
- (3) Maintenance or repair of Company-owned facilities on the customer's premises.

(b) The following service calls will be performed at no charge during the Company's normal business hours:

- (1) Cut-ins and cut-outs.
- (2) Disconnecting of gas appliances permanently removed from service or in connection with cut-outs.
- (3) Lighting pilots, inspecting, and adjusting gas equipment in connection with establishing service when working cut-in orders.
- (4) Initial burner adjustment on residential gas burning appliances.

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- (5) High bills or inadequate service complaints.
- (6) Location of underground Company facilities and customer-owned gas service lines for contractors, builders, plumbers, etc.
- (7) Pilot relighting, testing thermocouple for proper operation and any pilot cleaning that can be done without removing pilot assembly.
- (8) Service calls for routine cut-ins, when the order is received prior to 12:00 p.m. on a regular work day, requiring service on the date the order is received, will be considered as non-chargeable regardless if work is performed outside of normal working hours.

15. UTILITY SERVICES PERFORMED AFTER NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS – For service requested by customers after the Company's normal business hours and on Saturday, Sunday, or legal holidays, a charge will be made for labor at standard overtime service rates and materials at retail prices.

Customers requesting service after the Company's normal business hours will be informed of the after hour service rate and encouraged to have the service performed during normal business hours.

16. NOTICE TO DISCONTINUE GAS SERVICE – Customers desiring to have their gas service disconnected shall notify the Company during regular business hours, one business day before service is to be disconnected. Such notice shall be by letter, personal visit or telephone call to the Company's local business office, in communities which an office is maintained. In other communities such notice shall be given to the Company's representative who services the community or to the nearest business office. Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays are not considered business days.

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17. RECONNECTION FEE FOR SEASONAL OR TEMPORARY CUSTOMER –A customer who requests reconnection of service, during normal working hours, at a location where same customer discontinued the same service during the preceding 12-month period will be charged the Basic Service Charge applicable during the period while service was not being used or a minimum of \$30.00. The minimum will be based on standard overtime rates for reconnection of service after normal business hours.

Transportation customers who cease service and then resume service within the succeeding 12 months shall be subject to a reconnection charge of \$160.00 whenever reinstallation of the required electronic measurement equipment is necessary.

18. DISCONNECTION OF SERVICE FOR NONPAYMENT OF BILLS – All amounts billed for service are due when rendered and will be considered delinquent if not paid by due date shown on the bill. If any customer shall become delinquent in the payment of amounts billed, such service may be discontinued by the Company under the applicable rules of the Commission. The Company may collect a fee of \$12.00 before restoring gas service, which has been disconnected for nonpayment of service bills during normal business hours. Standard overtime rates will apply for services performed after normal business hours.

19. DISCONNECTION OF SERVICE FOR CAUSES OTHER THAN NONPAYMENT OF BILLS – The Company reserves the right to discontinue service for any of the following reasons:

- (a) In the event of customer use of equipment in such a manner as to adversely affect the Company's equipment or service to others.
- (b) In the event of tampering with the equipment furnished and owned by the Company.
- (c) For violation of or noncompliance with the Company's rules on file with the Commission.

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- (d) For failure of the customer to fulfill the contractual obligations imposed as conditions of obtaining service.
- (e) For refusal of reasonable access to property to the agent or employee of the Company for the purpose of inspecting the facilities or for testing, reading, maintaining or removing meters.

The right to discontinue service for any of the above reasons may be exercised whenever and as often as such reasons may occur, and any delay on the part of the Company in exercising such rights, or omission of any action permissible hereunder, shall not be deemed a waiver of its rights to exercise same.

Nothing in these regulations shall be construed to prevent discontinuing service without advance notice for reasons of safety, health, cooperation with civil authorities, or fraudulent use, tampering with or destroying Company facilities.

The Company may collect a reconnect fee of \$12.00 before restoring gas service, which has been disconnected for the above causes.

20. UNAUTHORIZED USE OF SERVICE – Unauthorized use of service is defined as any deliberate interference such as tampering with a Company meter, pressure regulator, registration, connections, equipment, seals, procedures or records that result in a loss of revenue to the Company. Unauthorized service is also defined as reconnection of service that has been terminated, without the Company's consent.

- (a) Examples of unauthorized use of service include the following, but are not limited to:
 - (1) Bypass piping around meter.
 - (2) Bypass piping installed in place of meter.

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- (3) Meter reversed.
 - (4) Meter index disengaged or removed.
 - (5) Service or equipment tampered with or piping connected ahead of meter.
 - (6) Tampering with meter or pressure regulator that affects the accurate registration of gas usage.
 - (7) Gas being used after service has been discontinued by the Company.
 - (8) Gas being used after service has been discontinued by the Company as a result of a new customer turning gas on without the proper connect request.
- (b) In the Event that there has been unauthorized use of service, customer shall be charged for:
- (1) Time, material and transportation costs used in investigation.
 - (2) Estimated charge for non-metered gas.
 - (3) On-premise time to correct situation.
 - (4) Any damage to Company property.
- (c) Customer service so disconnected shall be reconnected after a customer has furnished satisfactory evidence of compliance with Company's rules and conditions of service, and paid all charges as hereinafter set forth in this procedure.
- (1) All delinquent bills, if any.
 - (2) The amount of any Company revenue loss attributable to said tampering.
 - (3) Expenses incurred by the Company in replacing or repairing the meter or other appliance costs incurred in preparation of the bill, plus costs as outlined in number 20.b above.
 - (4) Reconnection fee applicable.
 - (5) A cash deposit, the amount of which will not exceed the maximum amount determined in accordance with Commission Rules.

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21. SEE ALSO THE FOLLOWING RATES FOR SPECIAL PROVISIONS:

- Rate 102 – Residential Rate for Regular Employees
- Rate 119 – Interruptible Gas Service Extension Policy
- Rate 120 – Firm Gas Service Extension Policy
- Rate 124 – Service Lines

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The bill for residential gas service for regular employees of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., MDU Resources Group, Inc., and all wholly owned subsidiaries of MDU Resources Group, Inc., shall be computed at the applicable rates and the amount reduced by 33-1/3%. This is available only for residential use, in a single family unit, served by the Company to a regular employee who has been continuously employed at least six months and is the principal support of the household in which employee resides, or is the spouse of the principal support.

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The policy of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. for gas extensions necessary to provide interruptible sales or interruptible transportation service to customers is as follows:

1. Contribution

- (a) Prior to construction, the customer shall contribute an amount equal to the total cost of construction including all gas main extensions, valves, service line(s), regulators, meters (excluding remote data acquisition equipment), any required payments made by the Company to the transmission pipeline to accommodate the extensions, and other costs as adjusted for federal and state income taxes.
- (b) The contribution shall be made by:
 - i. A one-time payment prior to construction or,
 - ii. The customer may post a bond, irrevocable letter of credit, or a written guarantee commitment in the amount of the total contribution required prior to construction. Such bond, issued by a bonding company authorized to do business in the state, letter of credit, or written guarantee commitment, shall be effective for a five-year period commencing at the plant in service date, and is subject to approval and acceptance by the Company. If at the end of the original five-year term, a contribution requirement exists for the subject project, the surety or guarantor shall pay the Company for such contribution requirement, or
 - iii. Customer, upon approval by Company, may finance the amount of the required contribution subject to the following conditions: 1) maximum contribution to be financed shall be determined by the Company at its sole discretion, 2) maximum term shall be five years, 3) interest will be charged at the Company's incremental weighted cost of capital.
- (c) Upon Completion of construction, the contribution amount will be adjusted to reflect actual costs, and an additional charge may be levied or a refund may be made.

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- (d) Remote data acquisition equipment costs shall be subject to the terms and conditions specified in Transportation Service Rates 81 and 82.

2. Refund

- (a) If within the five-year period from the extension(s) in service date, the total of the customer's contribution and actual margin paid to the Company equals or exceeds the total present value of the revenue requirement associated with the extension, Company shall refund the amount exceeding the revenue requirement on the following basis:
- i. Annually, beginning at the 2nd anniversary of the extension(s) in service date, the Company will refund to the customer, the amount exceeding the total present value of the revenue requirement at a rate of 50% of the current year margin associated with the customer's actual throughput.
 - ii. Customers who have posted a bond, letter of credit, or a written guarantee commitment will be notified of any reduction in surety or guarantee requirements based on the above calculation.
 - iii. No refunds will be made for amounts less than \$25.
- (b) Interest will be calculated annually by the Company on any refund amounts and shall be equal to the average commercial paper interest rate (A1/P1), not to exceed 12 percent per annum.
- (c) No refund shall be made by the Company after the five-year refund period has expired, and in no case shall the refund, excluding interest, exceed the amount of contribution made by the customer.

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The policy of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. for gas extensions necessary to provide firm sales service to customers is as follows:

(A) General Rules and Regulations Applicable to all Firm Service Extensions

1. An extension will be constructed without a contribution if the estimated capital expenditure is cost justified as defined in ¶A.3.
2. The Company may require customer or developer cost participation if the estimated capital expenditure is not cost justified.
3. The extension will be considered cost justified if the calculated maximum allowable investment equals or exceeds the estimated capital expenditure using the following formula:

Maximum Allowable Investment =

Annual Basic Service Charge + (Project Estimated 3rd Year Annual Dk x
Distribution Delivery Charge)/LARR

where: LARR = Levelized Annual Revenue Requirement Factor of 19.954%

4. Cost of the extension shall include the gas main extension(s), valves, service line(s), any required payments made by the Company to the transmission pipeline company to accommodate the extension(s), and other costs excluding the distribution meter and regulator.

The service line is that portion of the gas service extending from the gas main to the connection at the house regulator and/or meter.

5. Where cost participation is required, such extension is subject to execution of the Company's standard agreement for extensions by the customer or the developer and Company.

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6. A refund will be made only when there is a reduction in the amount of contribution required within a five-year period from the extension(s) in service date. Interest will be calculated annually by the Company on any refund amounts and shall be equal to the average commercial paper interest rate (A1/P1), not to exceed 12 percent per annum.

No refund shall be made by Company after the five-year refund period and in no case shall the refund excluding interest, exceed the amount of the contribution.

7. The Company reserves the right to charge customer the cost associated with providing service to customer if service is not initiated within 12 months of such installation.

(B) Customer Extensions

Cost participation for extensions where customers will be immediately available for service is as follows:

1. Contribution

- (a) When a contribution is required, the customer(s) shall pay the Company the portion of the capital expenditure not cost justified as determined in accordance with ¶ A.3.

(b) The contribution shall be made by:

- i. A one-time payment prior to construction, or
- ii. Payment of 25% of the contribution prior to construction and the balance in no more than twenty-four equal monthly installments. If customer discontinues service within the twenty-four month period, the balance will be due and payable upon discontinuance of service, or
- iii. Customer may post a bond, irrevocable letter of credit, or a written guarantee commitment in the amount of the required contribution prior to construction. Such bond, issued by a bonding company authorized

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to do business in the state, letter of credit, or written guarantee commitment, shall be effective for the original five-year term and is subject to approval and acceptance by the Company. If at the end of the original five-year term, a contribution requirement exists in the subject project based on a recalculated maximum expenditure, the surety or guarantor shall reimburse the Company for such recalculated contribution requirement, or

iv. Customer, upon approval by Company, may finance the amount of the required contribution subject to the following conditions: 1) maximum contribution to be financed shall be determined by the Company at its sole discretion, 2) maximum term shall be five years, 3) interest will be charged at the Company's incremental weighted cost of capital.

(c) Upon completion of construction, the contribution amount will be adjusted to reflect actual costs, and an additional charge may be levied or a refund may be made.

(d) If within the five-year period from the extension(s) in service date, the number of active customers and related volumes exceeds the third-year projections, the Company shall recompute the contribution requirement by recalculating the maximum allowable investment.

(e) The recalculated contribution requirement shall be collected from the new applicant(s).

2. Refund

(a) The Company will refund to the original contributor(s) the amount required to reduce their contribution to the recalculated contribution requirement. No refunds will be made for amounts less than \$25. Customers who have posted a bond, letter of credit, or written guarantee commitment will be notified of any reduction in surety or guarantee requirements.

(b) No refunds will be made until the new applicants begin taking service from the Company.

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- (c) If the addition of new customers will increase the contribution required from existing customer(s), the extension will be considered a new extension and treated separately.

3. Incremental Expansion Surcharge

- (a) The Company, in its sole discretion, may offer an Incremental Expansion Surcharge (Surcharge) to a project consisting of 10 or more customers requesting service when the total estimated cost would otherwise have been prohibitive under the Company's present rates and gas service extension policy. If the Company and customers mutually agree that the project will be funded through a Surcharge, the project will be designated an expansion area and the Surcharge will be applicable to all connections within the expansion area. The contribution requirement to be collected under the Surcharge shall be the amount of the capital expenditure in excess of the Maximum Allowable Investment determined in accordance with ¶A.3.

- i. A minimum up-front payment of \$100.00 will be collected from each customer who signs an agreement to participate in the expansion.
- ii. For projects that are expected to be recovered within a 5-year period, the Surcharge shall be set at a fixed monthly charge of \$5.00 per month plus \$1.50 per dk.
- iii. For projects that are not expected to be recovered within a 5-year period, the Surcharge shall be set at a fixed monthly charge of \$5.00 per month plus a commodity charge designed to provide recovery of the contribution requirement in a five-year period.

- (b) The Surcharge shall remain in effect until the net present value of the contribution requirement, calculated using a discount rate equal to the overall rate of return authorized in the last rate case, is collected.

- (c) The Surcharge shall apply to all customers connecting to natural gas service within the expansion area until the contribution requirement is satisfied.

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- (d) The net present value of the Surcharge will be treated as a contribution-in-aid of construction for accounting purposes.

(C) Developer Extensions

Cost participation may be required for extensions such as a subdivision or a mobile home court, in which a developer is installing roads, utilizes, etc., before housing is built.

1. Contribution

- (a) When a contribution is required, the developer shall pay the Company the portion of the capital expenditure not cost justified as determined in accordance with ¶A.3.
- (b) The contribution shall be made by:
- i. A one-time payment prior to construction, or
 - ii. Developer may post a bond, irrevocable letter of credit, or a written guarantee commitment in the amount of the required contribution prior to construction. Such bond, issued by a bonding company authorized to do business in the state, letter of credit, or a written guarantee commitment, shall be effective for the original five-year term and is subject to approval and acceptance by the Company. If at the end of the original five-year term, a contribution requirement exists in the subject project based on a recalculated maximum expenditure, the surety shall reimburse the Company for such recalculated contribution requirement, or
 - iii. Customer, upon approval by Company, may finance the amount of the required contribution subject to the following conditions: 1) maximum contribution to be financed shall be determined by the Company at its sole discretion, 2) maximum term shall be five years, 3) interest will be charged at the Company's incremental weighted cost of capital.

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- (c) Upon completion of construction, the contribution amount will be adjusted to reflect actual costs, and an additional charge may be levied or a refund may be made.

2. Refund

- (a) If within the five-year period from the extension(s) in service date, the number of active customers and related volumes exceeds the third-year projections, the Company shall recompute the contribution requirement by recalculating the maximum allowable investment. Such recalculation shall be done annually based upon the anniversary of the extension(s) in service date.
- (b) The Company will refund to the developer the amount required to reduce their contribution to the recalculated contribution requirement. No refunds will be made for amounts less than \$25. Developers who have posted a bond, letter of credit, or written guarantee commitment will be notified of any reduction in surety or guaranty requirements.
- (c) If the addition of new customer(s) will increase the contribution required from the developer, the extension will be considered a new extension and treated separately.

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1. The Company will install, at its expense, a service line extending from the main to the connection at the premise regulator and/or meter for all customers connected on and after (effective date of tariff) and all replacement service lines installed on and after (effective date of tariff). The service line installed by the Company will remain the Company's property.
2. A non-refundable contribution may be required for that portion of the service line cost not supported by the expected or actual connected load. The contribution requirement will be determined based on minimum footage allowances determined annually taking into account the maximum allowable investment defined in Rate 120 and the average installed per foot cost. The Company reserves the right to charge customer the total cost of the installed service line if service is not initiated within 12 months of such installation.
3. The portion of the service line not cost justified shall be charged to the customer on the basis of direct costs to the Company. The Company may, at its option, calculate a statewide average cost per foot for such work based on its experience and may use such calculated amount for billing purposes. No minimum amount shall apply.
4. Where service line location changes are made due to building encroachments (a building is being constructed or is already located over a service line, etc.), the customer shall be charged for on the basis of direct costs incurred by the Company.
5. Whenever a service line is damaged by the customer or someone under the employ of the customer necessitating the service line to be either repaired or replaced in whole or in substantial part, such work shall be charged on a direct cost basis. If the damage was caused by independent contractors, not in the employ of the customer, the charges shall be billed directly to such contractor.
6. Service line changes necessary to increase the size and capacity of an existing service line because of increased demand shall be treated in accordance with ¶2 above.

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Rate Schedule	Sheet No.	Basic Service Charge	Distribution Delivery Charge	PGA Items	Total Rate/ Dk
Residential Rate 60	4	\$0.30 per day	\$0.894	\$6.653	\$7.547
Air Force Rate 64	7				
Minot Air Force Base		\$1,000.00 per month			
PAR Site		\$135.00 per month			
Firm Service			\$0.138	\$6.653	\$6.791
Interruptible Service - PAR			\$0.120	\$5.761	\$5.881
Interruptible Service - MAFB			\$0.120	\$5.494	\$5.614
Firm General Service Rate 70	13				
Meters rated < 500 cubic feet		\$0.52 per day			
Meters rated > 500 cubic feet		\$1.75 per day	\$0.626	\$6.653	\$7.279
Small Interruptible Gas Rate 71	14	\$100.00 per month	(Maximum) \$0.871	\$5.761	(Maximum) \$6.632
Optional Seasonal Gas Service Rate 72	15				
Meters rated < 500 cubic feet		\$0.52 per day			
Meters rated > 500 cubic feet		\$1.75 per day			
Winter Gas Usage			\$0.626	\$6.749	\$7.375
Summer Gas Usage			\$0.626	\$5.647	\$6.273
Transportation Service	24				
Small Interruptible Rate 81		\$150.00 per month			
Maximum			\$0.427		
Minimum			\$0.102		
Fuel Charge				\$0.025	
Large Interruptible Rate 82		\$725.00 per month			
Maximum			\$0.298		
Minimum			\$0.061		
Fuel Charge				\$0.025	
Large Interruptible Gas Rate 85	27	\$675.00 per month	(Maximum) \$0.719	\$5.761	(Maximum) \$6.480
Residential Propane Rate 90	32	\$0.30 per day	\$0.894	\$9.335	\$10.229
Firm General Propane Rate 92	34				
Meters rated < 500 cubic feet		\$0.52 per day			
Meters rated > 500 cubic feet		\$1.75 per day	\$0.626	\$9.335	\$9.961

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Miscellaneous Charges	Amount
Late Payment	1% per month
Returned Check	\$10.00 per check
Reconnection charge after termination for nonpayment	
-During normal business hours	\$12.00
-After normal business hours	Current service labor rate per hour
Reconnection charge after termination for causes defined in Rate 100 ¶19	
-During normal business hours	\$30.00
-After normal business hours	Current service labor rate per hour
Reconnection charge applicable to seasonal or temporary customers	Basic Service Charge applicable during the period while service was not being used.
-During normal business hours	Minimum- \$30.00
-After normal business hours	Minimum- Current service labor rate per hour
Maximum reconnection charge applicable to transportation customers when remote data acquisition equipment must be reinstalled	\$160.00

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Availability:

In all communities served for all domestic uses. See Rate 100, §V.3, for definition on class of service.

Rate:

Basic Service Charge:	\$0.30 per day
Distribution Delivery Charge:	\$.894 per dk
Cost of Gas:	Determined Monthly- See Rate Summary Sheet for Current Rate

Minimum Bill:

Basic Service Charge.

Payment:

Billed amounts will be considered past due if not paid by the due date shown on the bill. Past due bills are subject to a late payment charge in accordance with the provisions of Rate 100, §V.11, or any amendments or alterations thereto.

Cost of Purchased Gas:

The cost of gas includes all applicable cost of gas items as defined in the Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment Rate 88 or any amendments or alterations thereto. The cost of gas component is subject to change on a monthly basis.

Distribution Delivery Stabilization Mechanism:

Service under this rate schedule is subject to an adjustment for the effects of weather in accordance with the Distribution Delivery Stabilization Mechanism Rate 87 or any amendments or alterations thereto.

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General Terms and Conditions:

1. Standby Service: Gas supplied under this rate schedule is not to be used as a standby or backup fuel source by purchaser. However, if it is determined that gas service is being supplied for use as a standby or backup energy source, there shall be an additional charge of \$8.00 per month in addition to all other charges applicable under this rate schedule.
2. The foregoing schedule is subject to Rates 100 through 124 and any amendments or alterations thereto or additional rules and regulations promulgated by the Company under the laws of the state.

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Availability:

In all communities served for all purposes except for resale. See Rate 100, §3, for definition on class of service.

Rate:

Basic Service Charge:

For customers with meters rated under
500 cubic feet per hour

\$0.52 per day

For customers with meters rated over
500 cubic feet per hour

\$1.75 per day

Distribution Delivery Charge:

\$.626 per dk

Cost of Gas:

Determined Monthly- See
Rate Summary Sheet for
Current Rate

Minimum Bill:

Basic Service Charge.

Payment:

Billed amounts will be considered past due if not paid by the due date shown on the bill. Past due bills are subject to a late payment charge in accordance with the provisions of Rate 100, §V.11, or any amendments or alterations thereto.

Cost of Purchased Gas:

The cost of gas includes all applicable cost of gas items as defined in the Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment Rate 88 or any amendments or alterations thereto. The cost of gas component is subject to change on a monthly basis.

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General Terms and Conditions:

1. Standby Service: Gas supplied under this rate schedule is not to be used as a standby or backup fuel source by purchaser. However, if it is determined that gas service is being supplied for use as a standby or backup energy source, there shall be an additional charge in addition to all other charges applicable under this rate schedule:

For customers with meters
rated under 500 cubic feet per hour: \$15.00 per month

For customers with meters
rated over 500 cubic feet per hour: \$15.00 per month plus applicable
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2. The foregoing schedule is subject to Rates 100 through 124 and any amendments or alterations thereto or additional rules and regulations promulgated by the Company under the laws of the state.

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Availability:

In all communities served for all interruptible general gas service customers whose interruptible natural gas load will exceed an input rate of 2,500,000 Btu per hour, metered at a single delivery point and whose use of natural gas will not exceed 100,000 dk annually. The rates herein are applicable only to customer's interruptible load. Customer's firm natural gas requirements must be separately metered or specified in a firm service agreement. Customer's firm load shall be billed at Firm General Gas Service Rate 70. For interruptible purposes, the maximum daily firm requirement shall be set forth in the firm service agreement.

Rate:

Basic Service Charge:	\$100.00 per month	
Distribution Delivery Charge:	<u>Maximum</u> \$.871 per dk	<u>Minimum</u> \$.427 per dk
Cost of Gas:	Determined Monthly- See Rate Summary Sheet for Current Rate	

The Distribution Delivery Charge shall be set forth in the service agreement required as provided in the General Terms and Conditions for service. Such rate, as adjusted to reflect changes in the cost of Purchased Gas, shall apply for the term of the agreement regardless of a change in the rates set forth above.

Minimum Bill:

Basic Service Charge.

Payment:

Billed amounts will be considered past due if not paid by the due date shown on the bill. Past due bills are subject to a late payment charge in accordance with the provisions of Rate 100, §V.11, or any amendments or alterations thereto.

Cost of Purchased Gas:

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General Terms and Conditions:

1. **PRIORITY OF SERVICE** – Deliveries of gas under this schedule shall be subject at all times to the prior demands of customers served on the Company's firm general gas service rates, and the Company shall have the right to interrupt deliveries to customers under this schedule without being required to give previous notice of intention to so interrupt whenever, in Company's sole judgment, it may be necessary to do so to protect the interest of its customers whose capacity requirements are otherwise and hereby given preference. The priority of service and allocation of capacity shall be accomplished in accordance with the provisions of Rate 100, §V.10.
2. **PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO CURTAIL OR INTERRUPT** – If customer fails to curtail or interrupt their use of gas hereunder when requested to do so by the Company, any gas taken shall be billed at the Firm General Gas Service Rate 70 (distribution delivery charge and cost of gas), plus either an amount equal to any penalty payments or overrun charges the Company is required to make to its interconnecting pipeline(s) under the terms of its contract(s) as a result of such failure to curtail or interrupt, or \$50.00 per dk of gas used in excess of the volume of gas to which customer was requested to curtail or interrupt, whichever amount is greater. The Company, in its discretion, may shut off customer's supply of gas in the event of customer's failure to curtail or interrupt use of gas when requested to do so by the Company.
3. **AGREEMENT** – Customer will be required to enter into an agreement for service hereunder for a minimum term of 12 months. Written notice of termination by either Company or customer must be given at least 60 days prior to the end of the initial term. Absent such termination notice, the agreement shall continue for additional terms of equal length until written notice is given, as provided herein, prior to the end of any subsequent term. Upon expiration of service, the customer may apply for and receive, at the sole discretion of the Company, gas service under this rate or another appropriate rate schedule for the customer's operations.

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4. **OBLIGATION TO NOTIFY COMPANY OF CHANGE IN DAILY OPERATIONS** – Customer will be required as specified in the service agreement to notify Company of an anticipated change in daily operations. Failure to comply with requirements specified in the service agreement may result in the assessment of penalties to the customer equal to the penalty amounts Company must pay to the interconnecting pipeline caused by customer's action.
5. **METERING REQUIREMENTS** – Remote data acquisition equipment required for daily measurement will be installed by the Company, at its sole discretion, prior to the initiation of service hereunder.

The customer shall be required to provide and maintain, at no cost to Company, a 120 volt, 15 ampere, AC power supply, or other power source acceptable to the Company, and acceptable telephone service available at customer's meter location(s). Customer agrees to provide and maintain, at no cost to the Company, any necessary telephone enhancements to assure Company of a quality telephone signal necessary to properly transmit data. The customer shall pay all charges for continuous electric and telephone service associated with the Company's connection of the remote data acquisition equipment. And any interruption in such services must be promptly remedied or service under this tariff will be suspended until satisfactory corrections have been made.

The Company reserves the right to charge for each service call to investigate, repair and/or reprogram the Company's remote data acquisition equipment when the service call is the result of a failure or change in communication or power source provided by customer or damage to Company's equipment.

6. The foregoing schedule is subject to Rates 100 through 124 and any amendments or alterations thereto or additional rules and regulations promulgated by the Company under the laws of the state.

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Availability:

In all communities served for all purposes except for resale. See Rate 100, §V.3, for definition on class of service.

Rate:

Basic Service Charge:

For customers with meters rated
under 500 cubic feet per hour

\$0.52 per day

For customers with meters rated
over 500 cubic feet per hour

\$1.75 per day

Distribution Delivery Charge:

\$.626 per dk

Cost of Gas:

Winter- Bills rendered October 1 through May 31

Determined Monthly-
See Rate Summary
Sheet for Current Rate

Summer- Bills rendered June 1 through September 30

Determined Monthly-
See Rate Summary
Sheet for Current Rate

Minimum Bill:

Basic Service Charge.

Payment:

Billed amounts will be considered past due if not paid by the due date shown on the bill. Past due bills are subject to a late payment charge in accordance with the provisions of Rate 100, §V.11, or any amendments or alterations thereto.

Cost of Purchased Gas:

The cost of gas includes all applicable cost of gas items as defined in the Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment Rate 88 or any amendments or alterations thereto. The cost of gas component is subject to change on a monthly basis.

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Distribution Delivery Stabilization Mechanism:

Service under this rate schedule is subject to an adjustment for the effects of weather in accordance with the Distribution Delivery Stabilization Mechanism Rate 87 or any amendments or alterations thereto.

General Terms and Conditions:

1. The customer agrees to contract for service under the Optional Seasonal General Gas Service Rate 72 for a minimum of one year.
2. The foregoing schedule is subject to Rates 100 through 124 and any amendments or alterations thereto or additional rules and regulations promulgated by the Company under the laws of the state.

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Availability:

This service is applicable for transportation of natural gas to customer's premise (metered at a single delivery point) through Company's distribution facilities. In order to obtain transportation service, customer must qualify under an applicable gas transportation service rate; meet the general terms and conditions of service provided hereunder; and enter into a gas transportation agreement upon request by the Company.

The transportation services are as follows:

Small Interruptible General Gas Transportation Service Rate 81:

Transportation service is available for all general gas service customers whose interruptible natural gas load will exceed an input rate of 2,500,000 Btu per hour, metered at a single delivery point, whose average use of natural gas will not exceed 100,000 dk annually and who, absent the request for transportation service, are eligible for natural gas service, on an interruptible basis, pursuant to Company's effective Small Interruptible General Gas Service Rate 71. Customer's firm natural gas requirements must be separately metered or specified in a firm service agreement. Customer's firm load shall be treated and billed in accordance with the provisions of Firm General Gas Service Rate 70.

Large Interruptible General Gas Transportation Service Rate 82:

Transportation service is available for all general gas service customers whose interruptible natural gas load will exceed 100,000 dk annually metered at a single delivery point, and who, absent the request for transportation service, are eligible for natural gas service, on an interruptible basis, pursuant to Company's effective Large Interruptible General Gas Service Rate 85. Customer's firm natural gas requirements must be separately metered or specified in a firm service agreement. Customer's firm load shall be treated and billed in accordance with the provisions of Firm General Gas Service Rate 70.

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Rate:

Under Rate 81 or 82, customer shall pay the applicable Basic Service Charge plus a negotiated rate not more than the maximum rate or less than the minimum rate specified below. In the event customer also takes service under Rate 71 or Rate 85, the Basic Service Charge applicable under Rate 81 or Rate 82 shall be waived.

Basic Service Charge:

Rate 81 \$150.00 per month
Rate 82 \$725.00 per month

	<u>Rate 81</u>	<u>Rate 82</u>
Maximum Rate per dk	\$0.427	\$0.298
Minimum Rate per dk	\$0.102	\$0.061
Balancing Charge per dk	\$0.300	\$0.300

Fuel Charge:

Applicable to all dk transported to customers located within the distribution system. Charge does not apply to transmission level customers. See Rate Summary Sheet for currently effective charge.

General Terms and Conditions:

1. **CRITERIA FOR SERVICE:** In order to receive the service, customer must qualify under one of the Company's applicable natural gas transportation service rates and comply with the general terms and conditions of the service provided herein. The customer is responsible for making all arrangements for transporting the gas from its source to the Company's interconnection with the delivering pipeline(s).
2. **REQUEST FOR GAS TRANSPORTATION SERVICE:**
 - a. To qualify for gas transportation service a customer must request the service pursuant to the provisions set forth herein. The service shall be provided only to the extent that the Company's existing operating capacity permits.

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- b. Requests for transportation service shall be considered in accordance with the provisions of Rate 100, §V.10.
3. MULTIPLE SERVICES THROUGH ONE METER:
 - a. In the event customer desires firm sales service in addition to gas transportation service, customer shall request such firm volume requirements, and upon approval by Company, such firm volume requirements shall be set forth in a firm service agreement. For billing purposes, the level of volumes so specified or the actual volume used, whichever is lower shall be billed at Rate 70. Volumes delivered in excess of such firm volumes shall be billed at the applicable gas transportation rate. Customer has the option to install at their expense, piping necessary for separate measurement of sales and transportation volumes.
 - b. The customer shall pay, in addition to charges specified in the applicable gas transportation rate schedule, charges under all other applicable rate schedules for any service in addition to that provided herein (irrespective of whether the customer receives only gas transportation service in any billing period).
4. PRIORITY OF SERVICE – Company shall have the right to curtail or interrupt deliveries without being required to give previous notice of intention to curtail or interrupt, whenever, in its judgment, it may be necessary to do so to protect the interest of its customers whose capacity requirements are otherwise and hereby given preference. The priority of service and allocation of capacity shall be accomplished in accordance with the provisions of Rate 100, §V.10.

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5. **PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO CURTAIL OR INTERRUPT** – If customer fails to curtail or interrupt their use of gas hereunder when requested to do so by the Company, any gas taken above that received on customer's behalf, shall be billed at the Firm General Gas Service Rate 70 (distribution delivery charge and cost of gas), plus either an amount equal to any penalty payments or overrun charges the Company is required to make to its interconnecting pipeline(s) under the terms of its contract(s) as a result of such failure to curtail or interrupt, or \$50.00 per dk of gas used in excess of the volume of gas to which customer was requested to curtail or interrupt, whichever amount is greater. The Company, in its discretion, may shut off customer's supply of gas in the event of customer's failure to curtail or interrupt use of gas when requested to do so by the Company.

6. **NON-DELIVERED VOLUMES/PENALTY:**
 - a. In the event customer uses more gas than is being delivered to the Company's interconnection with the delivering pipeline(s) (receipt point), customer shall pay an amount equal to any penalty payments or overrun charges the Company is required to make to its interconnecting pipeline(s) under the terms of its contract(s) resulting from such action by customer. In the event that more than one customer is obtaining gas from the same shipper and/or agent at the same receipt point, any payment or overrun penalties the Company is required to make shall be allocated on a pro rata basis among such customers on the basis of each customer's use of gas in excess of available volumes.

 - b. In the event the customer's gas is not being delivered to the receipt point for any reason and the customer continues to take gas, the customer shall be subject to any applicable penalties or charges set forth in Paragraph 6.a. Gas volumes supplied by Company will be charged at Firm General Gas Service Rate 70 (distribution delivery charge and cost of gas). The Company is under no obligation to notify customer of non-delivered volumes.

 - c. In the event customer's transportation volumes are not available for any reason, customer may take interruptible sales service if such service is available. The availability of interruptible sales service shall be determined at the sole discretion of the Company.

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7. ELECTION OF SERVICE – Prior to the initiation of service hereunder, the customer shall make an election of its requirements under each applicable rate schedule for the entire term of service. If mutually agreed to by Company and customer, the term of service may be amended. Upon expiration of service, the customer may apply for and receive, at the sole discretion of the Company, gas service under the appropriate sales rate schedule for the customer's operations.

Transportation customers who cease service and then resume service within the succeeding 12 months shall be subject to a reconnection charge as specified in Rate 100, §V.17.

8. BALANCING:

- a. To the extent practicable, customer and Company agree to the daily balancing of volumes of gas received and delivered on a thermal basis. Such balancing is subject to the customer's request and the Company's discretion to vary scheduled receipts and deliveries within existing Company operating limitations.

If, at the end of a billing month, the accumulated difference between actual gas deliveries to the customer and nominated (scheduled) receipts on behalf of such customer exceeds 4% of that month's scheduled receipts, resulting in a negative imbalance (i.e., deliveries exceed scheduled receipts), the customer will be assessed a balancing charge, set forth herein, on the imbalance exceeding 4%. If such imbalance is not eliminated by the end of the next monthly billing period, the customer shall then be billed, in addition to the applicable transportation rate, a penalty for the under nominated volume exceeding 4% at the Firm General Gas Service Rate 70 (distribution delivery charge and cost of gas). The accumulated difference between the actual gas deliveries to the customer and nominated (scheduled) receipts on behalf of such customer will be adjusted for the volume on which a penalty was imposed.

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If, at the end of a billing month, the accumulated difference between nominated (scheduled) receipts on behalf of such customer and actual gas deliveries to the customer exceeds 4% of that month's scheduled receipts resulting in a positive imbalance (i.e., scheduled receipts exceed deliveries), the customer will be assessed a balancing charge, set forth herein, on the imbalance exceeding 4%. If such imbalance is not eliminated by the end of the next monthly billing period, (1) the Company may adjust the volume of gas received on behalf of the customer so as to eliminate the prior period over nomination exceeding 4% up to 10% and (2) the Company shall retain the over nomination of gas exceeding 10% free and clear of any adverse claims relating thereto when such accumulated difference exceeds 50 dk. The accumulated difference between the actual gas deliveries to the customer and nominated (scheduled) receipts on behalf of such customer will be adjusted for the volume retained.

- b. In the event customer's imbalance causes the Company to incur a balancing penalty from its interconnecting pipeline(s), customer shall pay any penalty payments or overrun charges the Company is required to make under the terms of its contract(s) with interconnecting pipeline(s) resulting from such action by customer. In the event that more than one customer is obtaining gas from the same shipper and/or agent at the same interconnection with a delivering pipeline, any payment or overrun penalties the Company is required to make shall be apportioned among such customers on the basis of each customer's contribution toward the imbalance.
- c. Customer's nomination made to clear imbalances will be subject to the priority of service and allocation of capacity provisions set forth in Rate 100, §V.10 and the penalties for failure to curtail or interrupt use of gas set forth in Paragraph 5 of this rate schedule.
- d. Termination of the gas transportation service shall not relieve Company and customer of the obligation to correct any quantity imbalances hereunder or customer of the obligation to pay money due hereunder to Company.

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- e. The Company may waive any penalty associated with Company adjustments to end-use customer nominations in those instances where the Company, due to operating limitations, is required to adjust end-use transportation customer nominations and such Company adjustments create a penalty situation, or preclude a customer from correcting an imbalance which results in a penalty.
9. **NOMINATION VARIANCE CHARGE** – The customer shall pay any payments the Company must make to its interconnecting pipeline(s), as a result of nomination variance penalties caused by customer's nomination variances. Such penalties will be allocated on the basis of each customer's contribution toward the nomination variance.
10. **METERING REQUIREMENTS:**
 - a. Remote data acquisition equipment required by the Company for daily measurement will be purchased and installed by the Company prior to the initiation of service hereunder. The cost of the equipment and its installation shall be paid for by the customer. Such contribution in aid, as adjusted for federal and state income taxes, must be paid prior to the installation of such equipment unless otherwise agreed to by the Company. Such equipment will be maintained by the Company and will remain the sole property of the Company. Company may remove such equipment when service hereunder is terminated.
 - b. The customer shall provide and maintain, at no cost to Company, a 120 volt, 15 ampere, AC power supply or other power source acceptable to the Company and acceptable telephone service available at customer's meter location(s). Customer agrees to provide and maintain, at no cost to the Company, any necessary telephone enhancements to assure Company of a quality telephone signal necessary to properly transmit data. The customer shall pay all charges for continuous electric and telephone service associated with the Company's connection of the remote data acquisition equipment, and any interruption in such services must be promptly remedied or service under this tariff will be suspended until satisfactory corrections have been made.

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- c. The Company reserves the right to charge for each service call to investigate, repair and/or reprogram the Company's remote data acquisition equipment when the service call is the result of a failure or change in communication or power source provided by customer or damage to Company's equipment.
11. DAILY NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS:
- a. Customer or customer's shipper or agent shall advise Company's gas nominations center, by 11:30 a.m. Central Clock Time, of the dk requirements customer has requested to be delivered at each delivery point the following day. Customer's daily nomination shall be its best estimate of the expected utilization for the gas day. Unless other arrangements are made, customer will be required to nominate for the non-business days involved prior to weekends and holidays.
 - b. All nominations should include shipper and/or agent defined begin and end dates. Shippers and/or agents may nominate for periods longer than 1 day, provided the nomination begin and end dates are within the term of the service agreement.
 - c. The Company has the sole right to refuse receipt of any volumes which exceed the maximum daily contract quantity and at no time shall the Company be required to accept quantities of gas for a customer in excess of the quantities of gas to be delivered to customer. If total nominated receipts exceed total deliveries at receipt points where more than one customer is receiving service, nominations will be allocated on a pro rata basis.
 - d. At no time shall Company have the responsibility to deliver gas in excess of customer's nomination.
 - e. In the event that more than one customer is receiving gas from the same shipper and/or agent at the same receipt point, any reduction in nominated volumes will be allocated on a pro rata basis, unless Company and shipper(s) and/or agent(s) have agreed to a predetermined allocation procedure.

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12. **WARRANTY** – The customer, customer's agent, or customer's shipper warrants that it will have title to all gas it tenders or causes to be tendered to the Company, and such gas shall be free and clear of all liens and adverse claims and the customer, customer's agent, or customer's shipper shall indemnify the Company against all damages, costs, and expenses of any nature whatsoever arising from every claim against said gas.
13. **FACILITY EXTENSIONS** – If facilities are required in order to furnish gas transportation service, and those facilities are in addition to the facilities required to furnish firm gas service, the customer shall pay for those additional facilities and their installation in accordance with the Company's applicable natural gas extension policy. Company may remove such facilities when service hereunder is terminated.
14. **PAYMENT** – Billed amounts will be considered past due if not paid by the due date shown on the bill. Past due bills are subject to a late payment charge in accordance with the provisions of Rate 100, §V.11, or any amendments or alterations thereto.
15. **BILLING ERROR** – In the event an error is discovered in any bill that the Company renders to customer, such error shall be adjusted within a period not to exceed 6 months from the date the billing error is first discovered.
16. **AGREEMENT** – Upon request of the Company, customer may be required to enter into an agreement for service hereunder.
17. The foregoing schedule is subject to Rates 100 through 124 and any amendments or alterations thereto or additional rules and regulations promulgated by the Company under the laws of the state.

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DISTRIBUTION DELIVERY STABILIZATION MECHANISM Rate 87

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APPLICABILITY:

This rate schedule represents a Distribution Delivery Stabilization Mechanism (DDSM) and specifies the procedure to be utilized to correct for the over/under collection of distribution delivery charge revenues due to weather fluctuations during the heating season defined as November 1 through March 31. Service provided under the Company's Residential Rates 60 and 90 and Firm General Service Rates 70 and 92 shall be subject to decreases or increases under the DDSM.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

Adjustments under this DDSM will commence in May 2005 and continue through April 2006. The DDSM will be recalculated on an annual basis and a new DDSM will be filed to be effective May 1 each year thereafter.

DISTRIBUTION DELIVERY STABILIZATION MECHANISM:

A DDSM will be determined for each rate schedule subject to the DDSM and shall be expressed as rate per dk. Monthly bills beginning with the first billing cycle following May 1, 2005 and each May 1 thereafter, will be adjusted (decreased or increased) by the application of a DDSM rate computed in accordance with the procedures based on temperature conditions for the winter heating season beginning November 1, 2004 ending March 31, 2005, and each heating season thereafter, compared to normal temperature levels established in the most recent general rate case. The DDSM rate will be stated as a surcharge or credit on all rate schedules to which the DDSM is applicable. A DDSM rate will be computed for each applicable rate schedule to be effective for a period of one year. Following the initial one-year term, and annually thereafter, the DDSM rate calculation shall include any over or under collection of DDSM revenue from the preceding twelve month recovery period.

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DDSM RATE CALCULATION:

A DDSM shall be determined for each rate schedule subject to the DDSM and shall be expressed as a rate per dk. In order to calculate the respective DDSM rates, the winter season HDD variation from the normal HDDs will be determined and multiplied by the temperature sensitive consumption per customer per HDD, as determined in the most recent general rate case. The resulting product shall be multiplied by the applicable Distribution Delivery Charge rate and then divided by the average annual use per customer to determine a dollar amount per dk.

$$DDSM_i = \frac{R_i (DDF_i (NDD - ADD)) + (PDDSM_i - ADDSM_i)}{ANU_i}$$

Where:

DDSM_i = Distribution Delivery Stabilization dollar amount per dk

i = Applicable rate class subject to the DDSM

R_i = Applicable Distribution Delivery Charge per dk

DDF_i = Temperature sensitive use per customer per degree day

NDD = Normal degree days for the winter service period

ADD = Actual degree days for the winter service period

ANU_i = Average normal use per customer for the prospective twelve month period

PDDSM_i = Projected DDSM revenue from the preceding twelve month period

ADDSM_i = Actual DDSM revenue recovered from the preceding twelve month period

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DEFINITIONS:

- Heating Degree Days - The difference between the average of the daily high and low temperature subtracted from 60 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Normal Degree Days - The heating degree days that are based on the 30 year average ending June 30, 2001.
- Actual Degree Days - The actual degree days reported by National Weather Service Stations for applicable service areas in North Dakota weighted by customers.

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RESIDENTIAL PROPANE SERVICE Rate 90

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Availability:

For the community of Hettinger for all domestic purposes. See Rate 100, §V.3, for definition on class of service.

Rate:

Basic Service Charge:	\$0.30 per day
Distribution Delivery Charge:	\$.894 per dk
Cost of Propane:	Determined Monthly- See Rate Summary Sheet for Current Rate

Minimum Bill:

Basic Service Charge.

Payment:

Billed amounts will be considered past due if not paid by the due date shown on the bill. Past due bills are subject to a late payment charge in accordance with the provisions of Rate 100, §V.11, or any amendments or alterations thereto.

Cost of Purchased Propane:

The cost of propane as defined in the Purchased Propane Cost Adjustment Rate 99 or any amendments or alterations thereto. The cost of propane component is subject to change on a monthly basis.

Distribution Delivery Stabilization Mechanism:

Service under this rate schedule is subject to an adjustment for the effects of weather in accordance with the Distribution Delivery Stabilization Mechanism Rate 87 or any amendments or alterations thereto.

General Terms and Conditions:

1. The Company may at its discretion and upon thirty days notice, disconnect service to a customer utilizing a second source of propane. Any customer so disconnected shall not be eligible for service hereunder for one year from date of disconnection and shall be subject to reconnection charges to restore service after the one-year period.

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FIRM GENERAL PROPANE SERVICE Rate 92

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Availability:

For the community of Hettinger for all purposes except for resale. See Rate 100, §V.3, for definition on class of service.

Rate:

Basic Service Charge:

For customers with meters rated
under 500 cubic feet per hour \$0.52 per day

For customers with meters rated
over 500 cubic feet per hour \$1.75 per day

Distribution Delivery Charge: \$.626 per dk

Cost of Propane: Determined Monthly- See Rate
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Minimum Bill:

Basic Service Charge.

Payment:

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General Terms and Conditions:

1. The Company may at its discretion and upon thirty days notice, disconnect service to a customer utilizing a second source of propane. Any customer so disconnected shall not be eligible for service hereunder for one year from date of disconnection and shall be subject to reconnection charges to restore service after the one-year period.
2. The foregoing schedule is subject to Rates 100 through 124 and any amendments or alterations thereto or additional rules and regulations promulgated by the Company under the laws of the state.

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I. **PURPOSE:**

These rules are intended to define good practice which can normally be expected, but are not intended to exclude other accepted standards and practices not covered herein. They are intended to ensure adequate service to the public and protect the Company from unreasonable demands.

The Company undertakes to furnish service subject to the rules and regulations of the Public Service Commission of North Dakota and as supplemented by these general provisions, as now in effect or as may hereafter be lawfully established, and in accepting service from the Company, each customer agrees to comply with and be bound by said rules and regulations and the applicable rate schedules.

II. **DEFINITIONS:**

The following terms used in this tariff shall have the following meanings, unless otherwise indicated:

AGENT – The party authorized by the transportation service customer to act on that customer's behalf.

APPLICANT – A customer requesting Company to provide service.

COMMISSION – Public Service Commission of the State of North Dakota.

COMPANY – Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.

COMPANY'S OPERATING CONVENIENCE – The utilization, under certain circumstances, of facilities or practices not ordinarily employed which contribute to the overall efficiency of Company's operations. This does not refer to the customer's convenience nor to the use of facilities or adoption of practices required to comply with applicable laws, ordinances, rules or regulations, or similar requirements of public authorities.

CURTAILMENT – A reduction of transportation or retail natural gas service deemed necessary by the Company. Also includes any reduction of transportation natural gas service deemed necessary by the pipeline.

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CUSTOMER – Any individual, partnership, corporation, firm, other organization or government agency supplied with service by Company at one location and at one point of delivery unless otherwise expressly provided in these rules or in a rate schedule.

DELIVERY POINT – The point at which customer assumes custody of the gas being transported. This point will normally be at the outlet of Company's meter(s) located on customer's premises.

GAS DAY – Means a period of twenty-four consecutive hours, beginning and ending at 9:00 a.m. Central Clock Time.

INTERRUPTION – A cessation of transportation or retail natural gas service deemed necessary by Company.

NOMINATION – The daily dk volume of natural gas requested by customer for transportation and delivery to customer at the delivery point during a gas day.

PIPELINE – The transmission company(s) delivering natural gas into company's system.

RATE – Shall mean and include every compensation, charge, fare, toll, rental and classification, or any of them, demanded, observed, charged or collected by the Company for any service, product, or commodity, offered by the Company to the public, and any rules, regulations, practices or contracts affecting any such compensation, charge, fare, toll, rental or classification.

RECEIPT POINT – The intertie between Company and the interconnecting pipeline(s) at which point Company assumes custody of the gas being transported.

SHIPPER – The party with whom the Pipeline has entered into a service agreement for transportation services.

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III. CUSTOMER OBLIGATION:

1. APPLICATION FOR SERVICE – A customer desiring gas service must make application to the Company before commencing the use of the Company's service. The Company reserves the right to require a signed application or written contract for service to be furnished. All applications and contracts for service must be made in the legal name of the customer desiring the service. The Company may refuse a customer or terminate service to a customer who fails or refuses to furnish reasonable information requested by the Company for the establishment of a service account. Any customer who uses gas service in the absence of application or contract shall be subject to the Company's rates, rules, and regulations and shall be responsible for payment of all service used.

Subject to rates, rules, and regulations, the Company will continue to supply gas service until notified by customer to discontinue the service. The customer will be responsible for payment of all service furnished through the date of discontinuance.

Any customer may be required to make a deposit as required.

2. INPUT RATING – All new customers whose consumption of gas for any purpose will exceed an input of 2,500,000 Btu per hour, metered at a single delivery point, shall consult with the Company and furnish details of estimated hourly input rates for all gas utilization equipment. Where system design capacity permits, such customers may be served on a firm basis. Where system design capacity is limited, and at Company's sole discretion, Company will serve all such new customers on an interruptible basis only. Architects, contractors, heating engineers and installers, and all others should consult with the Company before proceeding to design, erect or redesign such installations for the use of natural gas. This will ensure that such equipment will conform to the Company's ability to adequately serve such installations with gas.

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3. ACCESS TO CUSTOMER'S PREMISES – Company representatives, when properly identified, shall have access to customer's premises at all reasonable times for the purpose of reading meters, making repairs, making inspections, removing the Company's property, or for any other purpose incidental to the service.
4. COMPANY PROPERTY – The customers shall exercise reasonable diligence in protecting the Company's property on their premises, and shall be liable to the Company in case of loss or damage caused by their negligence or that of their employees.
5. INTERFERENCE WITH COMPANY PROPERTY – The customer shall not disconnect, change connections, make connections or otherwise interfere with Company's meters or other property or permit same to be done by other than the Company's authorized employees.
6. RELOCATED LINES – Where Company facilities are located on a public or private utility easement and there is a building encroachment(s), over gas facilities (Company-owned main, Company-owned service line or customer-owned service line) the customer shall be charged for line relocation on the basis of actual costs incurred by the Company including any required easements.
7. NOTIFICATION OF LEAKS – The customer shall immediately notify the Company at its office of any escape of gas in or about the customer's premises.
8. TERMINATION OF SERVICE – All customers are required to notify the Company, to prevent their liability for service used by succeeding tenants, when vacating their premises. Upon receipt of such notice, the Company will read the meter and further liability for service used on the part of the vacating customer will cease.
9. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS – Customer shall furnish Company all information as may be required or appropriate to comply with reporting requirements of duly constituted authorities having jurisdiction over the matter herein.

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IV. LIABILITY

1. CONTINUITY OF SERVICE – The Company will use all reasonable care to provide continuous service but does not assume responsibility for a regular and uninterrupted supply of gas service and will not be liable for any loss, injury, death, or damage resulting from the use of service, or arising from or caused by the interruption or curtailment of the same.
2. CUSTOMER'S EQUIPMENT – Neither by inspection or non-rejection, nor in any other way does the Company give any warranty, express or implied, as to the adequacy, safety or other characteristics of any structures, equipment, lines, appliances or devices owned, installed or maintained by the customer or leased by the customer from third parties.
3. COMPANY EQUIPMENT AND USE OF SERVICE – The Company will not be liable for any loss, injury, death or damage resulting in any way from the supply or use of gas or from the presence or operation of the Company's structures, equipment, lines, appliances or devices on the customer's premises, except loss, injuries, death, or damages resulting from the negligence of the Company.
4. INDEMNIFICATION – Customer agrees to indemnify and hold Company harmless from any and all injury, death, loss or damage resulting from customer's negligent or wrongful acts under and during the term of service. Company agrees to indemnify and hold customer harmless from any and all injury, death, loss or damage resulting from Company's negligent or wrongful acts under and during the term of service.
5. FORCE MAJEURE – In the event of either party being rendered wholly or in part by force majeure unable to carry out its obligations, then the obligations of the parties hereto, so far as they are affected by such force majeure, shall be suspended during the continuance of any inability so caused. Such causes or contingencies affecting the performance by either party, 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 remove the cause in an adequate manner and with all reasonable dispatch, nor shall such causes or contingencies affecting the performance relieve either party

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from its obligations to make payments of amounts then due hereunder, nor shall such causes or contingencies relieve either party of liability unless such party shall give notice and full particulars of the same in writing or by telephone to the other party as soon as possible after the occurrence relied on. If volumes of customer's gas are destroyed while in Company's possession by an event of force majeure, the obligations of the parties shall terminate with respect to the volumes lost.

The term "force majeure" as employed herein shall include, but shall not be limited to, acts of God, strikes, lockouts or other industrial disturbances, failure to perform by any third party, which performance is necessary to the performance by either customer or Company, acts of the public enemy or terrorists, wars, blockades, insurrections, riots, epidemics, landslides, lightning, earthquakes, fires, storms, floods, washouts, arrest and restraint of rulers and peoples, civil disturbances, explosions, breakage or accident to machinery or lines of pipe, line freeze-ups, sudden partial or sudden entire failure of gas supply, failure to obtain materials and supplies due to governmental regulations, and causes of like or similar kind, whether herein enumerated or not, and not within the control of the party claiming suspension, and which by the exercise of due diligence such party is unable to overcome; provided that the exercise of due diligence shall not require settlement of labor disputes against the better judgment of the party having the dispute.

The term "force majeure" as employed herein shall also include, but shall not be limited to, inability to obtain or acquire, at reasonable cost, grants, servitudes, rights-of-way, permits, licenses, or any other authorization from third parties or agencies (private or governmental) or inability to obtain or acquire at reasonable cost necessary materials or supplies to construct, maintain, and operate any facilities required for the performance of any obligations under this agreement, when any such inability directly or indirectly contributes to or results in either party's inability to perform its obligations.

V. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

1. AGREEMENT – Upon request of the Company, customer may be required to enter into an agreement for any service.

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2. RATE OPTIONS – Where more than one rate schedule is available for the same class of service, the Company will assist the customer in selecting the applicable rate schedule(s). The Company is not required to change a customer from one rate schedule to another more often than once in twelve months unless there is a material change in the customer's load which alters the availability and/or applicability of such rate(s), or unless a change becomes necessary as a result of an order issued by the Commission or a court having jurisdiction. The Company will not be required to make any change in a fixed term contract except as provided therein.

3. RULES FOR APPLICATION OF GAS SERVICE:
 - (a) Residential gas service is available to any residential customer for domestic purposes only. Residential gas service is defined as service for general domestic household purposes in space occupied as living quarters, designed for occupancy by one family. Typical service would include the following: separately metered units, such as single private residences, single apartments, mobile homes and sorority and fraternity houses (this is not an all-inclusive list). In addition, auxiliary buildings on the same premise as the living quarters, used for residential purposes, may be served on the residential rate.

 - (b) Nonresidential service is defined as service provided to a business enterprise in space occupied and operated for nonresidential purposes. Typical service would include stores, offices, shops, restaurants, boarding houses, hotels, service garages, wholesale houses, filling stations, barber shops, beauty parlors, master metered apartment houses, common areas of shopping malls or apartments (such as halls or basements), churches, elevators, schools and facilities located away from the home site (this is not an all-inclusive list).

 - (c) The definitions above are based upon the supply of service to an entire premise through a single delivery and metering point. Separate supply for the same customer at other points of consumption may be separately metered and billed.

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- (d) If separate metering is not practical for a single unit (one premise) that is using gas for both domestic purposes and for conducting business (or for nonresidential purposes as defined herein), the customer will be billed under the predominate use policy. Under this policy, the customer's combined service is billed under the rate (Residential or Nonresidential) applicable to the type of service which constitutes 50% or more of the customer's total connected load.
- (e) Other classes of service furnished by the Company shall be defined in applicable rate schedules or in rules and regulations pertaining thereto. Service to customers for which no specific rate schedule is applicable shall be billed on the Nonresidential rates.
4. **DISPATCHING** – Transportation customers will adhere to gas dispatching policies and procedures established by Company to facilitate transportation service. Company will inform customer of any changes in dispatching policies that may affect transportation services as they occur.
5. **RULES COVERING GAS SERVICE TO MANUFACTURED HOMES** – The rules and regulation for providing gas service to manufactured homes are in accordance with the Code of Federal Regulations (24CFR Part 3280 – Manufactured Homes Construction and Safety Standards) Subpart G and H which pertain to gas piping and appliance installation. In addition to the above rules, the Company also follows the regulations set forth in the NFPA 501A, Fire Safety Criteria for Manufactured Home Installations, Sites, and Communities.
6. **CONSUMER DEPOSITS** – The Company will determine whether or not a deposit shall be required of an applicant for gas service in accordance with Commission rules.
- (a) The amount of such deposit shall not exceed one and one-half times the estimated amount of one month's average bill.

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- (b) The Company may accept in lieu of a cash deposit a contract signed by a guarantor, satisfactory to the Company, whereby the payment of a specified sum not to exceed the required cash deposit is guaranteed. The term of such contract shall be indeterminate, but it shall automatically terminate when the customer gives notice of service discontinuance to the Company or a change in location covered by the guarantee agreement of thirty days after written request for termination is made to the utility by the guarantor. However, no agreement shall be terminated without the customer having made satisfactory settlement for any balance, which the customer owes the Company. Upon termination of a guarantee contract, a new contract or a cash deposit may be required by the Company.

A deposit shall earn interest at the rate paid by the Bank of North Dakota on a six-month certificate of deposit as of the first business day of each year. Interest shall be credited to the customer's account annually during the month of December.

Deposits with interest shall be refunded to customers at termination of service provided all billings for service have been paid. Deposits with interest will be refunded to all active customers, after the deposit has been held for twelve months, provided prompt payment record has been established.

7. METERING AND MEASUREMENT:

- (a) Company will meter the volume of natural gas delivered to customer at the delivery point. Such meter measurement will be conclusive upon both parties unless such meter is found to be inaccurate, in which case the quantity supplied to customer shall be determined by as correct an estimate as it is possible to make, taking into consideration the time of year, the schedule of customer's operations and other pertinent facts. Company will test meters in accordance with applicable state utility rules and regulations.

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- (b) Transportation customers agree to provide the cost of the installation of remote data acquisition equipment to Company before transportation service is implemented.
8. MEASUREMENT UNIT FOR BILLING PURPOSES – The measurement unit for billing purposes shall be one (1) decatherm (dk), unless otherwise specified. Billing will be calculated to the nearest one-tenth (1/10) dk. One dk equals 10 therms or 1,000,000 Btu's. Dk's shall be calculated by the application of a thermal factor to the volumes metered. This thermal factor consists of:
- (a) An altitude adjustment factor used to convert metered volumes at local sales base pressure to a standard pressure base of 14.73 psia, and
- (b) A Btu adjustment factor used to reflect the heating value of the gas delivered.
9. UNIT OF VOLUME FOR MEASUREMENT – The unit of volume for purpose of measurement shall be one (1) cubic foot of gas at either local sales base pressure or 14.73 psia, as appropriate, and at a temperature base of sixty degrees Fahrenheit (60°F). All measurement of natural gas by orifice meter shall be reduced to this standard by computation methods, in accordance with procedures contained in ANSI-API Standard 2530, First Edition, as amended. Where natural gas is measured with positive displacement or turbine meters, correction to local sales base pressure shall be made for actual pressure and temperature with factors calculated from Boyle's and Charles' Laws. Where gas is delivered at 20 psig or more, the deviation of the natural gas from Boyle's Law shall be determined by application of Supercompressibility Factors for Natural Gas published by the American Gas Association, Inc., copyright 1955, as amended or superseded. Where gas is measured with electronic correcting instruments at pressures greater than local sales base, supercompressibility will be calculated in the corrector using AGA-3/NX-19, as amended, supercompressibility calculation. For handbilled accounts, application of supercompressibility factors will be waived on monthly-billed volumes of 250 dk or less.

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10. PRIORITY OF SERVICE AND ALLOCATION OF CAPACITY – Priority of Service from Highest to Lowest:
- (a) Priority 1 – Firm sales services.
 - (b) Priority 2 – Small interruptible sales at the maximum rate on a pro rata basis.
 - (c) Priority 3 – Small interruptible sales at less than the maximum rate from the highest rate to the lowest rate on the pro rata basis where equal rates are applicable among customers.
 - (d) Priority 4 – Large interruptible sales at the maximum rate on a pro rata basis.
 - (e) Priority 5 – Small interruptible transportation services from the highest rate to the lowest rate and on a pro rata basis where equal rates are applicable among customers.
 - (f) Priority 6 – Large interruptible transportation services from the highest rate to the lowest rate and on a pro rata basis where equal rates are applicable among customers.
 - (g) Priority 7 – Gas scheduled to clear imbalances.

Montana-Dakota shall have the right, in its sole discretion, to deviate from the above schedule when necessary for system operational reasons and if following the above schedule would cause an interruption in service to a customer who is not contributing to an operational problem on Montana-Dakota's system.

Montana-Dakota reserves the right to provide service to customers with lower priority while service to higher priority customers is being curtailed due to restrictions at a given delivery or receipt point. When such restrictions are eliminated, Montana-Dakota will reinstate sales and/or transportation of gas according to each customer's original priority.

11. LATE PAYMENT – Amounts billed will be considered past due if not paid by the due date shown on the bill. An amount equal to 1% per month will be applied to any unpaid balance existing at the immediate subsequent billing date, provided however, that such amount shall not apply where a bill is in dispute or a formal complaint is being processed. All payments received will apply to the customer's account prior to calculating the late payment charge. Those payments applied shall satisfy the oldest portion of the bill first.

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12. RETURNED CHECK CHARGE – A charge of \$10.00 will be collected by the Company for each check charged back to the Company by a bank.
13. TAX CLAUSE – In addition to the charges provided for in the gas tariffs of the Company, there shall be charged pro rata amounts which, on an annual basis, shall be sufficient to yield to the Company the full amount of any sales, use or excise taxes, whether they be denominated as license taxes, occupation taxes, business taxes, privilege taxes, or otherwise, levied against or imposed upon the Company by any municipality, political subdivision, or other entity, for the privilege of conducting its utility operations therein.

The charges to be added to the customer's service bills under this clause shall be limited to the customers within the corporate limits of the municipality, political subdivision or other entity imposing the tax.

14. UTILITY CUSTOMER SERVICES:
- (a) The following services will be performed at no charge regardless of the time of performance:
- (1) Fire and explosions calls.
 - (2) Investigate hazardous condition on customer premises, such as gas leaks, odor complaints, combustion gas fumes.
 - (3) Maintenance or repair of Company-owned facilities on the customer's premises.
- (b) The following service calls will be performed at no charge during the Company's normal business hours:
- (1) Cut-ins and cut-outs.
 - (2) Lighting pilots, inspecting, and adjusting gas equipment in connection with establishing service when working cut-in orders.
 - (3) High bills or inadequate service complaints.

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(4) Location of underground Company facilities and customer-owned gas service lines for contractors, builders, plumbers, etc.

15. UTILITY SERVICES PERFORMED AFTER NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS – For service requested by customers after the Company's normal business hours and on Saturday, Sunday, or legal holidays, a charge will be made for labor at standard overtime service rates and materials at retail prices.

Customers requesting service after the Company's normal business hours will be informed of the after hour service rate and encouraged to have the service performed during normal business hours.

16. NOTICE TO DISCONTINUE GAS SERVICE – Customers desiring to have their gas service disconnected shall notify the Company during regular business hours, one business day before service is to be disconnected. Such notice shall be by letter, personal visit or telephone call to the Company's local business office, in communities which an office is maintained. In other communities such notice shall be given to the Company's representative who services the community or to the nearest business office. Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays are not considered business days.
17. RECONNECTION FEE FOR SEASONAL OR TEMPORARY CUSTOMER – A customer who requests reconnection of service, during normal working hours, at a location where same customer discontinued the same service during the preceding 12-month period will be charged a reconnection fee as follows:

Residential - The Basic Service Charge applicable during the period while service was not being used or a minimum of \$30.00. The minimum will be based on standard overtime rates for reconnection of service after normal business hours.

Non-Residential – The Basic Service Charge applicable during the period while service was not being used, however, seasonal business concerns such as irrigation, grain drying and asphalt processing shall be given credit for distribution revenues contributed during the prior in-service

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period. A minimum of \$30.00 will apply. The minimum will be based on standard overtime rates for reconnection of service after normal business hours.

Transportation customers who cease service and then resume service within the succeeding 12 months shall be subject to a minimum reconnection charge of \$160.00 whenever reinstallation of the required remote data acquisition equipment is necessary.

18. DISCONNECTION OF SERVICE FOR NONPAYMENT OF BILLS – All amounts billed for service are due when rendered and will be considered delinquent if not paid by due date shown on the bill. If any customer shall become delinquent in the payment of amounts billed, such service may be discontinued by the Company under the applicable rules of the Commission. The Company may collect a fee of \$12.00 before restoring gas service, which has been disconnected for nonpayment of service bills during normal business hours. Standard overtime rates will apply for services performed after normal business hours.
19. DISCONNECTION OF SERVICE FOR CAUSES OTHER THAN NONPAYMENT OF BILLS – The Company reserves the right to discontinue service for any of the following reasons:
- (a) In the event of customer use of equipment in such a manner as to adversely affect the Company's equipment or service to others.
 - (b) In the event of tampering with the equipment furnished and owned by the Company.
 - (c) For violation of or noncompliance with the Company's rules on file with the Commission.
 - (d) For failure of the customer to fulfill the contractual obligations imposed as conditions of obtaining service.

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- (e) For refusal of reasonable access to property to the agent or employee of the Company for the purpose of inspecting the facilities or for testing, reading, maintaining or removing meters.

The right to discontinue service for any of the above reasons may be exercised whenever and as often as such reasons may occur, and any delay on the part of the Company in exercising such rights, or omission of any action permissible hereunder, shall not be deemed a waiver of its rights to exercise same.

Nothing in these regulations shall be construed to prevent discontinuing service without advance notice for reasons of safety, health, cooperation with civil authorities, or fraudulent use, tampering with or destroying Company facilities.

The Company may collect a reconnect fee of \$12.00 before restoring gas service, which has been disconnected for the above causes.

20. UNAUTHORIZED USE OF SERVICE – Unauthorized use of service is defined as any deliberate interference such as tampering with a Company meter, pressure regulator, registration, connections, equipment, seals, procedures or records that result in a loss of revenue to the Company. Unauthorized service is also defined as reconnection of service that has been terminated, without the Company's consent.

- (a) Examples of unauthorized use of service include the following, but are not limited to:
- (1) Bypass piping around meter.
 - (2) Bypass piping installed in place of meter.
 - (3) Meter reversed.
 - (4) Meter index disengaged or removed.
 - (5) Service or equipment tampered with or piping connected ahead of meter.
 - (6) Tampering with meter or pressure regulator that affects the accurate registration of gas usage.

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- (7) Gas being used after service has been discontinued by the Company.
 - (8) Gas being used after service has been discontinued by the Company as a result of a new customer turning gas on without the proper connect request.
- (b) In the event that there has been unauthorized use of service, customer shall be charged for:
- (1) Time, material and transportation costs used in investigation.
 - (2) Estimated charge for non-metered gas.
 - (3) On-premise time to correct situation.
 - (4) Any damage to Company property.
- (c) Customer service so disconnected shall be reconnected after a customer has furnished satisfactory evidence of compliance with Company's rules and conditions of service, and paid all charges as hereinafter set forth in this procedure.
- (1) All delinquent bills, if any.
 - (2) The amount of any Company revenue loss attributable to said tampering.
 - (3) Expenses incurred by the Company in replacing or repairing the meter or other appliance costs incurred in preparation of the bill, plus costs as outlined in number 20.b above.
 - (4) Reconnection fee applicable.
 - (5) A cash deposit, the amount of which will not exceed the maximum amount determined in accordance with Commission Rules.
21. SEE ALSO THE FOLLOWING RATES FOR SPECIAL PROVISIONS:
- Rate 102 – Residential Rate for Regular Employees
 - Rate 119 – Interruptible Gas Service Extension Policy
 - Rate 120 – Firm Gas Service Extension Policy
 - Rate 124 – Service Lines

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1. The Company will install, at its expense, a service line extending from the main to the connection at the premise regulator and/or meter for all customers. The service line installed by the Company will remain the Company's property.
2. A non-refundable contribution may be required for that portion of the service line cost not supported by the expected or actual connected load. The contribution requirement will be determined based on minimum footage allowances determined annually taking into account the maximum allowable investment defined in Rate 120 and the average installed per foot cost. The Company reserves the right to charge customer the total cost of the installed service line if service is not initiated within 12 months of such installation.
3. The portion of the service line not cost justified shall be charged to the customer on the basis of direct costs to the Company. The Company may, at its option, calculate a statewide average cost per foot for such work based on its experience and may use such calculated amount for billing purposes. No minimum amount shall apply.
4. Where service line location changes are made due to building encroachments (a building is being constructed or is already located over a service line, etc.), the customer shall be charged for on the basis of direct costs incurred by the Company.
5. Whenever a service line is damaged by the customer or someone under the employ of the customer necessitating the service line to be either repaired or replaced in whole or in substantial part, such work shall be charged on a direct cost basis. If the damage was caused by independent contractors, not in the employ of the customer, the charges shall be billed directly to such contractor.
6. Service line changes necessary to increase the size and capacity of an existing service line because of increased demand shall be treated in accordance with ¶2 above.

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Rate Schedule	Sheet No.	Basic Service Charge	Distribution Delivery Charge	PGA Items	Total Rate/ Dk
Residential Rate 60	4	\$0.30 per day	\$0.894	\$6.653	\$7.547
Air Force Rate 64	7				
Minot Air Force Base		\$1,000.00 per month			
PAR Site		\$135.00 per month			
Firm Service			\$0.138	\$6.653	\$6.791
Interruptible Service - PAR			\$0.120	\$5.761	\$5.881
Interruptible Service - MAFB			\$0.120	\$5.494	\$5.614
Firm General Service Rate 70	13				
Meters rated < 500 cubic feet		\$0.52 per day			
Meters rated > 500 cubic feet		\$1.75 per day	\$0.626	\$6.653	\$7.279
Small Interruptible Gas Rate 71	14	\$100.00 per month	(Maximum) \$0.871	\$5.761	(Maximum) \$6.632
Optional Seasonal Gas Service Rate 72	15				
Meters rated < 500 cubic feet		\$0.52 per day			
Meters rated > 500 cubic feet		\$1.75 per day			
Winter Gas Usage			\$0.626	\$6.749	\$7.375
Summer Gas Usage			\$0.626	\$5.647	\$6.273
Transportation Service	24				
Small Interruptible Rate 81		\$150.00 per month			
Maximum			\$0.427		
Minimum			\$0.102		
Fuel Charge				\$0.025	
Large Interruptible Rate 82		\$725.00 per month			
Maximum			\$0.298		
Minimum			\$0.061		
Fuel Charge				\$0.025	
Large Interruptible Gas Rate 85	27	\$675.00 per month	(Maximum) \$0.719	\$5.761	(Maximum) \$6.480
Residential Propane Rate 90	32	\$0.30 per day	\$0.894	\$9.335	\$10.229
Firm General Propane Rate 92	34				
Meters rated < 500 cubic feet		\$0.52 per day			
Meters rated > 500 cubic feet		\$1.75 per day	\$0.626	\$9.335	\$9.961

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Miscellaneous Charges	Amount
Late Payment	1% per month
Returned Check	\$10.00 per check
Reconnection charge after termination for nonpayment	
-During normal business hours	\$12.00
-After normal business hours	Current service labor rate per hour
Reconnection charge after termination for causes defined in Rate 100 ¶19	
-During normal business hours	\$30.00
-After normal business hours	Current service labor rate per hour
Reconnection charge applicable to seasonal or temporary customers	Basic Service Charge applicable during the period while service was not being used.
-During normal business hours	Minimum- \$30.00
-After normal business hours	Minimum- Current service labor rate per hour
Maximum reconnection charge applicable to transportation customers when remote data acquisition equipment must be reinstalled	\$160.00

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RESIDENTIAL GAS SERVICE Rate 60

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Availability:

In all communities served for all domestic uses. See Rate 100, §V.3, for definition on class of service.

Rate:

Basic Service Charge:	\$0.29-30 per day	C
Distribution Delivery Charge:	\$.641-894 per dk	C
Cost of Gas:	Determined Monthly- See Rate Summary Sheet for Current Rate	

Minimum Bill:

Basic Service Charge.

Payment:

Billed amounts will be considered past due if not paid by the due date shown on the bill. Past due bills are subject to a late payment charge in accordance with the provisions of Rate 100, §V.11, or any amendments or alterations thereto.

Cost of Purchased Gas:

The cost of gas includes all applicable cost of gas items as defined in the Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment Rate 88 or any amendments or alterations thereto. The cost of gas component is subject to change on a monthly basis.

Distribution Delivery Stabilization Mechanism:

Service under this rate schedule is subject to an adjustment for the effects of weather in accordance with the Distribution Delivery Stabilization Mechanism Rate 87 or any amendments or alterations thereto.

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General Terms and Conditions:

1. Standby Service: Gas supplied under this rate schedule is not to be used as a standby or backup fuel source by purchaser. However, if it is determined that gas service is being supplied for use as a standby or backup energy source, there shall be an additional charge of \$8.00 per month in addition to all other charges applicable under this rate schedule.

2. The foregoing schedule is subject to Rates 100 through 124 and any amendments or alterations thereto or additional rules and regulations promulgated by the Company under the laws of the state.

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FIRM GENERAL GAS SERVICE Rate 70

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Availability:

In all communities served for all purposes except for resale. See Rate 100, §3, for definition on class of service.

Rate:

Basic Service Charge:

For customers with meters rated under
500 cubic feet per hour

\$0.50-52 per day

For customers with meters rated over
500 cubic feet per hour

\$1.70-1.75 per day

Distribution Delivery Charge:

\$.473-626 per dk

Cost of Gas:

Determined Monthly- See
Rate Summary Sheet for
Current Rate

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Minimum Bill:

Basic Service Charge.

Payment:

Billed amounts will be considered past due if not paid by the due date shown on the bill. Past due bills are subject to a late payment charge in accordance with the provisions of Rate 100, §V.11, or any amendments or alterations thereto.

Cost of Purchased Gas:

The cost of gas includes all applicable cost of gas items as defined in the Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment Rate 88 or any amendments or alterations thereto. The cost of gas component is subject to change on a monthly basis.

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General Terms and Conditions:

1. Standby Service: Gas supplied under this rate schedule is not to be used as a standby or backup fuel source by purchaser. However, if it is determined that gas service is being supplied for use as a standby or backup energy source, there shall be an additional charge in addition to all other charges applicable under this rate schedule:

For customers with meters
rated under 500 cubic feet per hour: \$15.00 per month

For customers with meters
rated over 500 cubic feet per hour: \$15.00 per month plus applicable
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SMALL INTERRUPTIBLE GENERAL GAS SERVICE Rate 71

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Availability:

In all communities served for all interruptible general gas service customers whose interruptible natural gas load will exceed an input rate of 2,500,000 Btu per hour, metered at a single delivery point and whose use of natural gas will not exceed 100,000 dk annually. The rates herein are applicable only to customer's interruptible load. Customer's firm natural gas requirements must be separately metered or specified in a firm service agreement. Customer's firm load shall be billed at Firm General Gas Service Rate 70. For interruptible purposes, the maximum daily firm requirement shall be set forth in the firm service agreement.

Rate:

Basic Service Charge:	\$100.00 per month	
Distribution Delivery Charge:	<u>Maximum</u> \$.871 per dk	<u>Minimum</u> \$.427 per dk
Cost of Gas:	Determined Monthly- See Rate Summary Sheet for Current Rate	

The Distribution Delivery Charge shall be set forth in the service agreement required as provided in the General Terms and Conditions for service. Such rate, as adjusted to reflect changes in the cost of Purchased Gas, shall apply for the term of the agreement regardless of a change in the rates set forth above.

Minimum Bill:

Basic Service Charge.

Payment:

Billed amounts will be considered past due if not paid by the due date shown on the bill. Past due bills are subject to a late payment charge in accordance with the provisions of Rate 100, §V.11, or any amendments or alterations thereto.

Cost of Purchased Gas:

The cost of gas includes all applicable cost of gas items as defined in the Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment Rate 88 or any amendments or alterations thereto. The cost of gas component is subject to change on a monthly basis.

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General Terms and Conditions:

1. **PRIORITY OF SERVICE** – Deliveries of gas under this schedule shall be subject at all times to the prior demands of customers served on the Company's firm general gas service rates, and the Company shall have the right to interrupt deliveries to customers under this schedule without being required to give previous notice of intention to so interrupt whenever, in Company's sole judgment, it may be necessary to do so to protect the interest of its customers whose capacity requirements are otherwise and hereby given preference. The priority of service and allocation of capacity shall be accomplished in accordance with the provisions of Rate 100, §V.10.
2. **PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO CURTAIL OR INTERRUPT** – If customer fails to curtail or interrupt their use of gas hereunder when requested to do so by the Company, any gas taken shall be billed at the Firm General Gas Service Rate 70 (distribution delivery charge and cost of gas), plus either an amount equal to any penalty payments or overrun charges the Company is required to make to its interconnecting pipeline(s) under the terms of its contract(s) as a result of such failure to curtail or interrupt, or \$50.00 per dk of gas used in excess of the volume of gas to which customer was requested to curtail or interrupt, whichever amount is greater. The Company, in its discretion, may shut off customer's supply of gas in the event of customer's failure to curtail or interrupt use of gas when requested to do so by the Company.
3. **AGREEMENT** – Customer will be required to enter into an agreement for service hereunder for a minimum term of 12 months. Written notice of termination by either Company or customer must be given at least 60 days prior to the end of the initial term. Absent such termination notice, the agreement shall continue for additional terms of equal length until written notice is given, as provided herein, prior to the end of any subsequent term. Upon expiration of service, the customer may apply for and receive, at the sole discretion of the Company, gas service under this rate or another appropriate rate schedule for the customer's operations.

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4. OBLIGATION TO NOTIFY COMPANY OF CHANGE IN DAILY OPERATIONS – Customer will be required as specified in the service agreement to notify Company of an anticipated change in daily operations. Failure to comply with requirements specified in the service agreement may result in the assessment of penalties to the customer equal to the penalty amounts Company must pay to the interconnecting pipeline caused by customer's action.
5. METERING REQUIREMENTS – Remote data acquisition equipment required for daily measurement will be installed by the Company, at its sole discretion, prior to the initiation of service hereunder.

The customer shall be required to provide and maintain, at no cost to Company, a 120 volt, 15 ampere, AC power supply, or other power source acceptable to the Company, and acceptable telephone service available at customer's meter location(s). Customer agrees to provide and maintain, at no cost to the Company, any necessary telephone enhancements to assure Company of a quality telephone signal necessary to properly transmit data. The customer shall pay all charges for continuous electric and telephone service associated with the Company's connection of the ~~electronic measurement~~ remote data acquisition equipment. ~~And any interruption in such services must be promptly remedied or service under this tariff will be suspended until satisfactory corrections have been made.~~

The Company reserves the right to charge for each service call to investigate, repair and/or reprogram the Company's remote data acquisition equipment when the service call is the result of a failure or change in communication or power source provided by customer or damage to Company's equipment.

6. The foregoing schedule is subject to Rates 100 through 124 and any amendments or alterations thereto or additional rules and regulations promulgated by the Company under the laws of the state.

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OPTIONAL SEASONAL GENERAL GAS SERVICE Rate 72

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Availability:

In all communities served for all purposes except for resale. See Rate 100, §V.3, for definition on class of service.

Rate:

Basic Service Charge:

For customers with meters rated
under 500 cubic feet per hour

~~\$0.50~~52 per day

For customers with meters rated
over 500 cubic feet per hour

~~\$1.70~~75 per day

Distribution Delivery Charge:

~~\$.473~~626 per dk

Cost of Gas:

Winter- Bills rendered October 1 through May 31

Determined Monthly-
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Sheet for Current Rate

Summer- Bills rendered June 1 through September 30

Determined Monthly-
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Sheet for Current Rate

Minimum Bill:

Basic Service Charge.

Payment:

Billed amounts will be considered past due if not paid by the due date shown on the bill. Past due bills are subject to a late payment charge in accordance with the provisions of Rate 100, §V.11, or any amendments or alterations thereto.

Cost of Purchased Gas:

The cost of gas includes all applicable cost of gas items as defined in the Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment Rate 88 or any amendments or alterations thereto. The cost of gas component is subject to change on a monthly basis.

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Distribution Delivery Stabilization Mechanism:

Service under this rate schedule is subject to an adjustment for the effects of weather in accordance with the Distribution Delivery Stabilization Mechanism Rate 87 or any amendments or alterations thereto.

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General Terms and Conditions:

1. The customer agrees to contract for service under the Optional Seasonal General Gas Service Rate 72 for a minimum of one year.
2. The foregoing schedule is subject to Rates 100 through 124 and any amendments or alterations thereto or additional rules and regulations promulgated by the Company under the laws of the state.

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Availability:

This service is applicable for transportation of natural gas to customer's premise (metered at a single delivery point) through Company's distribution facilities. In order to obtain transportation service, customer must qualify under an applicable gas transportation service rate; meet the general terms and conditions of service provided hereunder; and enter into a gas transportation agreement upon request by the Company.

The transportation services are as follows:

Small Interruptible General Gas Transportation Service Rate 81:

Transportation service is available for all general gas service customers whose interruptible natural gas load will exceed an input rate of 2,500,000 Btu per hour, metered at a single delivery point, whose average use of natural gas will not exceed 100,000 dk annually and who, absent the request for transportation service, are eligible for natural gas service, on an interruptible basis, pursuant to Company's effective Small Interruptible General Gas Service Rate 71.

Customer's firm natural gas requirements must be separately metered or specified in a firm service agreement. Customer's firm load shall be treated and billed in accordance with the provisions of Firm General Gas Service Rate 70.

Large Interruptible General Gas Transportation Service Rate 82:

Transportation service is available for all general gas service customers whose interruptible natural gas load will exceed 100,000 dk annually metered at a single delivery point, and who, absent the request for transportation service, are eligible for natural gas service, on an interruptible basis, pursuant to Company's effective Large Interruptible General Gas Service Rate 85. Customer's firm natural gas requirements must be separately metered or specified in a firm service agreement. Customer's firm load shall be treated and billed in accordance with the provisions of Firm General Gas Service Rate 70.

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Rate:

Under Rate 81 or 82, customer shall pay the applicable Basic Service Charge plus a negotiated rate not more than the maximum rate or less than the minimum rate specified below. In the event customer also takes service under Rate 71 or Rate 85, the Basic Service Charge applicable under Rate 81 or Rate 82 shall be waived.

Basic Service Charge:

Rate 81 \$150.00 per month
Rate 82 \$725.00 per month

	<u>Rate 81</u>	<u>Rate 82</u>
Maximum Rate per dk	\$0.427	\$0.298
Minimum Rate per dk	\$0.102	\$0.061
Balancing Charge per dk	\$0.300	\$0.300

Fuel Charge:

Applicable to all dk transported to customers located within the distribution system. Charge does not apply to transmission level customers. See Rate Summary Sheet for currently effective charge.

General Terms and Conditions:

1. **CRITERIA FOR SERVICE:** In order to receive the service, customer must qualify under one of the Company's applicable natural gas transportation service rates and comply with the general terms and conditions of the service provided herein. The customer is responsible for making all arrangements for transporting the gas from its source to the Company's interconnection with the delivering pipeline(s).
2. **REQUEST FOR GAS TRANSPORTATION SERVICE:**
 - a. To qualify for gas transportation service a customer must request the service pursuant to the provisions set forth herein. The service shall be provided only to the extent that the Company's existing operating capacity permits.

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- b. Requests for transportation service shall be considered in accordance with the provisions of Rate 100, §V.10.
- 3. MULTIPLE SERVICES THROUGH ONE METER:
 - a. In the event customer desires firm sales service in addition to gas transportation service, customer shall request such firm volume requirements, and upon approval by Company, such firm volume requirements shall be set forth in a firm service agreement. For billing purposes, the level of volumes so specified or the actual volume used, whichever is lower shall be billed at Rate 70. Volumes delivered in excess of such firm volumes shall be billed at the applicable gas transportation rate. Customer has the option to install at their expense, piping necessary for separate measurement of sales and transportation volumes.
 - b. The customer shall pay, in addition to charges specified in the applicable gas transportation rate schedule, charges under all other applicable rate schedules for any service in addition to that provided herein (irrespective of whether the customer receives only gas transportation service in any billing period).
- 4. PRIORITY OF SERVICE – Company shall have the right to curtail or interrupt deliveries without being required to give previous notice of intention to curtail or interrupt, whenever, in its judgment, it may be necessary to do so to protect the interest of its customers whose capacity requirements are otherwise and hereby given preference. The priority of service and allocation of capacity shall be accomplished in accordance with the provisions of Rate 100, §V.10.

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5. **PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO CURTAIL OR INTERRUPT** – If customer fails to curtail or interrupt their use of gas hereunder when requested to do so by the Company, any gas taken above that received on customer's behalf, shall be billed at the Firm General Gas Service Rate 70 (distribution delivery charge and cost of gas), plus either an amount equal to any penalty payments or overrun charges the Company is required to make to its interconnecting pipeline(s) under the terms of its contract(s) as a result of such failure to curtail or interrupt, or \$50.00 -per dk of gas used in excess of the volume of gas to which customer was requested to curtail or interrupt, whichever amount is greater. The Company, in its discretion, may shut off customer's supply of gas in the event of customer's failure to curtail or interrupt use of gas when requested to do so by the Company.
6. **NON-DELIVERED VOLUMES/PENALTY:**
 - a. In the event customer uses more gas than is being delivered to the Company's interconnection with the delivering pipeline(s) (receipt point), customer shall pay an amount equal to any penalty payments or overrun charges the Company is required to make to its interconnecting pipeline(s) under the terms of its contract(s) resulting from such action by customer. In the event that more than one customer is obtaining gas from the same shipper and/or agent at the same receipt point, any payment or overrun penalties the Company is required to make shall be allocated on a pro rata basis among such customers on the basis of each customer's use of gas in excess of available volumes.
 - b. In the event the customer's gas is not being delivered to the receipt point for any reason and the customer continues to take gas, the customer shall be subject to any applicable penalties or charges set forth in Paragraph 6.a. Gas volumes supplied by Company will be charged at Firm General Gas Service Rate 70 (distribution delivery charge and cost of gas). The Company is under no obligation to notify customer of non-delivered volumes.
 - c. In the event customer's transportation volumes are not available for any reason, customer may take interruptible sales service if such service is available. The availability of interruptible sales service shall be determined at the sole discretion of the Company.

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7. ELECTION OF SERVICE – Prior to the initiation of service hereunder, the customer shall make an election of its requirements under each applicable rate schedule for the entire term of service. If mutually agreed to by Company and customer, the term of service may be amended. Upon expiration of service, the customer may apply for and receive, at the sole discretion of the Company, gas service under the appropriate sales rate schedule for the customer's operations.

Transportation customers who cease service and then resume service within the succeeding 12 months shall be subject to a reconnection charge as specified in Rate 100, §V.17.

8. BALANCING:

- a. To the extent practicable, customer and Company agree to the daily balancing of volumes of gas received and delivered on a thermal basis. Such balancing is subject to the customer's request and the Company's discretion to vary scheduled receipts and deliveries within existing Company operating limitations.

If, at the end of a billing month, the accumulated difference between actual gas deliveries to the customer and nominated (scheduled) receipts on behalf of such customer exceeds 4% of that month's scheduled receipts, resulting in a negative imbalance (i.e., deliveries exceed scheduled receipts), the customer will be assessed a balancing charge, set forth herein, on the imbalance exceeding 4%. If such imbalance is not eliminated by the end of the next monthly billing period, the customer shall then be billed, in addition to the applicable transportation rate, a penalty for the under nominated volume exceeding 4% at the Firm General Gas Service Rate 70 (distribution delivery charge and cost of gas). The accumulated difference between the actual gas deliveries to the customer and nominated (scheduled) receipts on behalf of such customer will be adjusted for the volume on which a penalty was imposed.

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If, at the end of a billing month, the accumulated difference between nominated (scheduled) receipts on behalf of such customer and actual gas deliveries to the customer exceeds 4% of that month's scheduled receipts resulting in a positive imbalance (i.e., scheduled receipts exceed deliveries), the customer will be assessed a balancing charge, set forth herein, on the imbalance exceeding 4%. If such imbalance is not eliminated by the end of the next monthly billing period, (1) the Company may adjust the volume of gas received on behalf of the customer so as to eliminate the prior period over nomination exceeding 4% up to 10% and (2) the Company shall retain the over nomination of gas exceeding 10% free and clear of any adverse claims relating thereto when such accumulated difference exceeds 50 dk. The accumulated difference between the actual gas deliveries to the customer and nominated (scheduled) receipts on behalf of such customer will be adjusted for the volume retained.

- b. In the event customer's imbalance causes the Company to incur a balancing penalty from its interconnecting pipeline(s), customer shall pay any penalty payments or overrun charges the Company is required to make under the terms of its contract(s) with interconnecting pipeline(s) resulting from such action by customer. In the event that more than one customer is obtaining gas from the same shipper and/or agent at the same interconnection with a delivering pipeline, any payment or overrun penalties the Company is required to make shall be apportioned among such customers on the basis of each customer's contribution toward the imbalance.
- c. Customer's nomination made to clear imbalances will be subject to the priority of service and allocation of capacity provisions set forth in Rate 100, §V.10 and the penalties for failure to curtail or interrupt use of gas set forth in Paragraph 5 of this rate schedule.
- d. Termination of the gas transportation service shall not relieve Company and customer of the obligation to correct any quantity imbalances hereunder or customer of the obligation to pay money due hereunder to Company.

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- e. The Company may waive any penalty associated with Company adjustments to end-use customer nominations in those instances where the Company, due to operating limitations, is required to adjust end-use transportation customer nominations and such Company adjustments create a penalty situation, or preclude a customer from correcting an imbalance which results in a penalty.
9. **NOMINATION VARIANCE CHARGE** – The customer shall pay any payments the Company must make to its interconnecting pipeline(s), as a result of nomination variance penalties caused by customer’s nomination variances. Such penalties will be allocated on the basis of each customer’s contribution toward the nomination variance.
10. **METERING REQUIREMENTS:**
- a. Remote data acquisition equipment required by the Company for daily measurement will be purchased and installed by the Company prior to the initiation of service hereunder. The cost of the equipment and its installation shall be paid for by the customer. Such contribution in aid, as adjusted for federal and state income taxes, must be paid prior to the installation of such equipment unless otherwise agreed to by the Company. Such equipment will be maintained by the Company and will remain the sole property of the Company. Company may remove such equipment when service hereunder is terminated.
 - b. The customer shall provide and maintain, at no cost to Company, a 120 volt, 15 ampere, AC power supply or other power source acceptable to the Company and acceptable telephone service available at customer’s meter location(s). Customer agrees to provide and maintain, at no cost to the Company, any necessary telephone enhancements to assure Company of a quality telephone signal necessary to properly transmit data. The customer shall pay all charges for continuous electric and telephone service associated with the Company’s connection of the electronic measurement remote data acquisition equipment, and any interruption in such services must be promptly remedied or service under this tariff will be suspended until satisfactory corrections have been made.

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- c. The Company reserves the right to charge for each service call to investigate, repair and/or reprogram the Company's remote data acquisition equipment when the service call is the result of a failure or change in communication or power source provided by customer or damage to Company's equipment.
11. DAILY NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS:
- a. Customer or customer's shipper or agent shall advise Company's gas nominations center, by 11:30 a.m. Central Clock Time, of the dk requirements customer has requested to be delivered at each delivery point the following day. Customer's daily nomination shall be its best estimate of the expected utilization for the gas day. Unless other arrangements are made, customer will be required to nominate for the non-business days involved prior to weekends and holidays.
 - b. All nominations should include shipper and/or agent defined begin and end dates. Shippers and/or agents may nominate for periods longer than 1 day, provided the nomination begin and end dates are within the term of the service agreement.
 - c. The Company has the sole right to refuse receipt of any volumes which exceed the maximum daily contract quantity and at no time shall the Company be required to accept quantities of gas for a customer in excess of the quantities of gas to be delivered to customer. If total nominated receipts exceed total deliveries at receipt points where more than one customer is receiving service, nominations will be allocated on a pro rata basis.
 - d. At no time shall Company have the responsibility to deliver gas in excess of customer's nomination.
 - e. In the event that more than one customer is receiving gas from the same shipper and/or agent at the same receipt point, any reduction in nominated volumes will be allocated on a pro rata basis, unless Company and shipper(s) and/or agent(s) have agreed to a predetermined allocation procedure.

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12. **WARRANTY** – The customer, customer's agent, or customer's shipper warrants that it will have title to all gas it tenders or causes to be tendered to the Company, and such gas shall be free and clear of all liens and adverse claims and the customer, customer's agent, or customer's shipper shall indemnify the Company against all damages, costs, and expenses of any nature whatsoever arising from every claim against said gas.
13. **FACILITY EXTENSIONS** – If facilities are required in order to furnish gas transportation service, and those facilities are in addition to the facilities required to furnish firm gas service, the customer shall pay for those additional facilities and their installation in accordance with the Company's applicable natural gas extension policy. Company may remove such facilities when service hereunder is terminated.
14. **PAYMENT** – Billed amounts will be considered past due if not paid by the due date shown on the bill. Past due bills are subject to a late payment charge in accordance with the provisions of Rate 100, §V.11, or any amendments or alterations thereto.
15. **BILLING ERROR** – In the event an error is discovered in any bill that the Company renders to customer, such error shall be adjusted within a period not to exceed 6 months from the date the billing error is first discovered.
16. **AGREEMENT** – Upon request of the Company, customer may be required to enter into an agreement for service hereunder.
17. The foregoing schedule is subject to Rates 100 through 124 and any amendments or alterations thereto or additional rules and regulations promulgated by the Company under the laws of the state.

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APPLICABILITY:

This rate schedule represents a Distribution Delivery Stabilization Mechanism (DDSM) and specifies the procedure to be utilized to correct for the over/under collection of distribution delivery charge revenues due to weather fluctuations during the heating season defined as November 1 through March 31. Service provided under the Company's Residential Rates 60 and 90 and Firm General Service Rates 70 and 92 shall be subject to decreases or increases under the DDSM.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

Adjustments under this DDSM will commence in May 2005 and continue through April 2006. The DDSM will be recalculated on an annual basis and a new DDSM will be filed to be effective May 1 each year thereafter.

DISTRIBUTION DELIVERY STABILIZATION MECHANISM:

A DDSM will be determined for each rate schedule subject to the DDSM and shall be expressed as rate per dk. Monthly bills beginning with the first billing cycle following May 1, 2005 and each May 1 thereafter, will be adjusted (decreased or increased) by the application of a DDSM rate computed in accordance with the procedures based on temperature conditions for the winter heating season beginning November 1, 2004 ending March 31, 2005, and each heating season thereafter, compared to normal temperature levels established in the most recent general rate case. The DDSM rate will be stated as a surcharge or credit on all rate schedules to which the DDSM is applicable. A DDSM rate will be computed for each applicable rate schedule to be effective for a period of one year. Following the initial one-year term, and annually thereafter, the DDSM rate calculation shall include any over or under collection of DDSM revenue from the preceding twelve month recovery period.

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DDSM RATE CALCULATION:

A DDSM shall be determined for each rate schedule subject to the DDSM and shall be expressed as a rate per dk. In order to calculate the respective DDSM rates, the winter season HDD variation from the normal HDDs will be determined and multiplied by the temperature sensitive consumption per customer per HDD, as determined in the most recent general rate case. The resulting product shall be multiplied by the applicable Distribution Delivery Charge rate and then divided by the average annual use per customer to determine a dollar amount per dk.

$$\text{DDSM}_i = \frac{R_i (\text{DDF}_i (\text{NDD} - \text{ADD})) + (\text{PDDSM}_i - \text{ADDSM}_i)}{\text{ANU}_i}$$

Where:

DDSM_i = Distribution Delivery Stabilization dollar amount per dk

i = Applicable rate class subject to the DDSM

R_i = Applicable Distribution Delivery Charge per dk

DDF_i = Temperature sensitive use per customer per degree day

NDD = Normal degree days for the winter service period

ADD = Actual degree days for the winter service period

ANU_i = Average normal use per customer for the prospective twelve month period

PDDSM_i = Projected DDSM revenue from the preceding twelve month period

ADDSM_i = Actual DDSM revenue recovered from the preceding twelve month period

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DEFINITIONS:

- Heating Degree Days - The difference between the average of the daily high and low temperature subtracted from 60 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Normal Degree Days - The heating degree days that are based on the 30 year average ending June 30, 2001.
- Actual Degree Days - The actual degree days reported by National Weather Service Stations for applicable service areas in North Dakota weighted by customers.

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Availability:

For the community of Hettinger for all domestic purposes. See Rate 100, §V.3, for definition on class of service.

Rate:

Basic Service Charge:	\$ 0.29 <u>30</u> per day	C
Distribution Delivery Charge:	\$.641 <u>.894</u> per dk	C
Cost of Propane:	Determined Monthly- See Rate Summary -Sheet for Current Rate	

Minimum Bill:

Basic Service Charge.

Payment:

Billed amounts will be considered past due if not paid by the due date shown on the bill. Past due bills are subject to a late payment charge in accordance with the provisions of Rate 100, §V.11, or any amendments or alterations thereto.

Cost of Purchased Propane:

The cost of propane as defined in the Purchased Propane Cost Adjustment Rate 99 or any amendments or alterations thereto. The cost of propane component is subject to change on a monthly basis.

Distribution Delivery Stabilization Mechanism:

Service under this rate schedule is subject to an adjustment for the effects of weather in accordance with the Distribution Delivery Stabilization Mechanism Rate 87 or any amendments or alterations thereto.

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General Terms and Conditions:

1. The Company may at its discretion and upon thirty days notice, disconnect service to a customer utilizing a second source of propane. Any customer so disconnected shall not be eligible for service hereunder for one year from date of disconnection and shall be subject to reconnection charges to restore service after the one-year period.

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FIRM GENERAL PROPANE SERVICE Rate 92

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Availability:

For the community of Hettinger for all purposes except for resale. See Rate 100, §V.3, for definition on class of service.

Rate:

Basic Service Charge:

For customers with meters rated
under 500 cubic feet per hour

~~\$0.50~~52 per day

For customers with meters rated
over 500 cubic feet per hour

~~\$1.70~~1.75 per day

Distribution Delivery Charge:

~~\$.473~~626 per dk

Cost of Propane:

Determined Monthly- See Rate
Summary Sheet for Current Rate

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Minimum Bill:

Basic Service Charge.

Payment:

Billed amounts will be considered past due if not paid by the due date shown on the bill. Past due bills are subject to a late payment charge in accordance with the provisions of Rate 100, §V.11, or any amendments or alterations thereto.

Cost of Purchased Propane:

The cost of propane as defined in the Purchased Propane Cost Adjustment Rate 99 or any amendments or alterations thereto. The cost of propane component is subject to change on a monthly basis.

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General Terms and Conditions:

1. The Company may at its discretion and upon thirty days notice, disconnect service to a customer utilizing a second source of propane. Any customer so disconnected shall not be eligible for service hereunder for one year from date of disconnection and shall be subject to reconnection charges to restore service after the one-year period.
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I. **PURPOSE:**

These rules are intended to define good practice which can normally be expected, but are not intended to exclude other accepted standards and practices not covered herein. They are intended to ensure adequate service to the public and protect the Company from unreasonable demands.

The Company undertakes to furnish service subject to the rules and regulations of the Public Service Commission of North Dakota and as supplemented by these general provisions, as now in effect or as may hereafter be lawfully established, and in accepting service from the Company, each customer agrees to comply with and be bound by said rules and regulations and the applicable rate schedules.

II. **DEFINITIONS:**

The following terms used in this tariff shall have the following meanings, unless otherwise indicated:

AGENT – The party authorized by the transportation service customer to act on that customer's behalf.

APPLICANT – A customer requesting Company to provide service.

COMMISSION – Public Service Commission of the State of North Dakota.

COMPANY – Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.

COMPANY'S OPERATING CONVENIENCE – The utilization, under certain circumstances, of facilities or practices not ordinarily employed which contribute to the overall efficiency of Company's operations. This does not refer to the customer's convenience nor to the use of facilities or adoption of practices required to comply with applicable laws, ordinances, rules or regulations, or similar requirements of public authorities.

CURTAILMENT – A reduction of transportation or retail natural gas service deemed necessary by the Company. Also includes any reduction of transportation natural gas service deemed necessary by the pipeline.

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CUSTOMER – Any individual, partnership, corporation, firm, other organization or government agency supplied with service by Company at one location and at one point of delivery unless otherwise expressly provided in these rules or in a rate schedule.

DELIVERY POINT – The point at which customer assumes custody of the gas being transported. This point will normally be at the outlet of Company's meter(s) located on customer's premises.

GAS DAY – Means a period of twenty-four consecutive hours, beginning and ending at 9:00 a.m. Central Clock Time.

INTERRUPTION – A cessation of transportation or retail natural gas service deemed necessary by Company.

NOMINATION – The daily dk volume of natural gas requested by customer for transportation and delivery to customer at the delivery point during a gas day.

PIPELINE – The transmission company(s) delivering natural gas into company's system.

RATE – Shall mean and include every compensation, charge, fare, toll, rental and classification, or any of them, demanded, observed, charged or collected by the Company for any service, product, or commodity, offered by the Company to the public, and any rules, regulations, practices or contracts affecting any such compensation, charge, fare, toll, rental or classification.

RECEIPT POINT – The intertie between Company and the interconnecting pipeline(s) at which point Company assumes custody of the gas being transported.

SHIPPER – The party with whom the Pipeline has entered into a service agreement for transportation services.

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III. CUSTOMER OBLIGATION:

1. APPLICATION FOR SERVICE – A customer desiring gas service must make application to the Company before commencing the use of the Company's service. The Company reserves the right to require a signed application or written contract for service to be furnished. All applications and contracts for service must be made in the legal name of the customer desiring the service. The Company may refuse a customer or terminate service to a customer who fails or refuses to furnish reasonable information requested by the Company for the establishment of a service account. Any customer who uses gas service in the absence of application or contract shall be subject to the Company's rates, rules, and regulations and shall be responsible for payment of all service used.

Subject to rates, rules, and regulations, the Company will continue to supply gas service until notified by customer to discontinue the service. The customer will be responsible for payment of all service furnished through the date of discontinuance.

Any customer may be required to make a deposit as required.

2. INPUT RATING – All new customers whose consumption of gas for any purpose will exceed an input of 2,500,000 Btu per hour, metered at a single delivery point, shall consult with the Company and furnish details of estimated hourly input rates for all gas utilization equipment. Where system design capacity permits, such customers may be served on a firm basis. Where system design capacity is limited, and at Company's sole discretion, Company will serve all such new customers on an interruptible basis only. Architects, contractors, heating engineers and installers, and all others should consult with the Company before proceeding to design, erect or redesign such installations for the use of natural gas. This will ensure that such equipment will conform to the Company's ability to adequately serve such installations with gas.

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3. ACCESS TO CUSTOMER'S PREMISES – Company representatives, when properly identified, shall have access to customer's premises at all reasonable times for the purpose of reading meters, making repairs, making inspections, removing the Company's property, or for any other purpose incidental to the service.
4. COMPANY PROPERTY – The customers shall exercise reasonable diligence in protecting the Company's property on their premises, and shall be liable to the Company in case of loss or damage caused by their negligence or that of their employees.
5. INTERFERENCE WITH COMPANY PROPERTY – The customer shall not disconnect, change connections, make connections or otherwise interfere with Company's meters or other property or permit same to be done by other than the Company's authorized employees.
6. RELOCATED LINES – Where Company facilities are located on a public or private utility easement and there is a building encroachment(s), over gas facilities (Company-owned main, Company-owned service line or customer-owned service line) the customer shall be charged for line relocation on the basis of actual costs incurred by the Company including any required easements.
7. NOTIFICATION OF LEAKS – The customer shall immediately notify the Company at its office of any escape of gas in or about the customer's premises.
8. TERMINATION OF SERVICE – All customers are required to notify the Company, to prevent their liability for service used by succeeding tenants, when vacating their premises. Upon receipt of such notice, the Company will read the meter and further liability for service used on the part of the vacating customer will cease.
9. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS – Customer shall furnish Company all information as may be required or appropriate to comply with reporting requirements of duly constituted authorities having jurisdiction over the matter herein.

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IV. LIABILITY

1. CONTINUITY OF SERVICE – The Company will use all reasonable care to provide continuous service but does not assume responsibility for a regular and uninterrupted supply of gas service and will not be liable for any loss, injury, death, or damage resulting from the use of service, or arising from or caused by the interruption or curtailment of the same.
2. CUSTOMER'S EQUIPMENT – Neither by inspection or non-rejection, nor in any other way does the Company give any warranty, express or implied, as to the adequacy, safety or other characteristics of any structures, equipment, lines, appliances or devices owned, installed or maintained by the customer or leased by the customer from third parties.
3. COMPANY EQUIPMENT AND USE OF SERVICE – The Company will not be liable for any loss, injury, death or damage resulting in any way from the supply or use of gas or from the presence or operation of the Company's structures, equipment, lines, appliances or devices on the customer's premises, except loss, injuries, death, or damages resulting from the negligence of the Company.
4. INDEMNIFICATION – Customer agrees to indemnify and hold Company harmless from any and all injury, death, loss or damage resulting from customer's negligent or wrongful acts under and during the term of service. Company agrees to indemnify and hold customer harmless from any and all injury, death, loss or damage resulting from Company's negligent or wrongful acts under and during the term of service.
5. FORCE MAJEURE – In the event of either party being rendered wholly or in part by force majeure unable to carry out its obligations, then the obligations of the parties hereto, so far as they are affected by such force majeure, shall be suspended during the continuance of any inability so caused. Such causes or contingencies affecting the performance by either party, 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 remove the cause in an adequate manner and with all reasonable dispatch, nor shall such causes or contingencies affecting the performance relieve either party from its obligations to make payments of amounts then due hereunder, nor

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shall such causes or contingencies relieve either party of liability unless such party shall give notice and full particulars of the same in writing or by telephone to the other party as soon as possible after the occurrence relied on. If volumes of customer's gas are destroyed while in Company's possession by an event of force majeure, the obligations of the parties shall terminate with respect to the volumes lost.

The term "force majeure" as employed herein shall include, but shall not be limited to, acts of God, strikes, lockouts or other industrial disturbances, failure to perform by any third party, which performance is necessary to the performance by either customer or Company, acts of the public enemy or terrorists, wars, blockades, insurrections, riots, epidemics, landslides, lightning, earthquakes, fires, storms, floods, washouts, arrest and restraint of rulers and peoples, civil disturbances, explosions, breakage or accident to machinery or lines of pipe, line freeze-ups, sudden partial or sudden entire failure of gas supply, failure to obtain materials and supplies due to governmental regulations, and causes of like or similar kind, whether herein enumerated or not, and not within the control of the party claiming suspension, and which by the exercise of due diligence such party is unable to overcome; provided that the exercise of due diligence shall not require settlement of labor disputes against the better judgment of the party having the dispute.

The term "force majeure" as employed herein shall also include, but shall not be limited to, inability to obtain or acquire, at reasonable cost, grants, servitudes, rights-of-way, permits, licenses, or any other authorization from third parties or agencies (private or governmental) or inability to obtain or acquire at reasonable cost necessary materials or supplies to construct, maintain, and operate any facilities required for the performance of any obligations under this agreement, when any such inability directly or indirectly contributes to or results in either party's inability to perform its obligations.

V. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

1. AGREEMENT – Upon request of the Company, customer may be required to enter into an agreement for any service.

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2. RATE OPTIONS – Where more than one rate schedule is available for the same class of service, the Company will assist the customer in selecting the applicable rate schedule(s). The Company is not required to change a customer from one rate schedule to another more often than once in twelve months unless there is a material change in the customer's load which alters the availability and/or applicability of such rate(s), or unless a change becomes necessary as a result of an order issued by the Commission or a court having jurisdiction. The Company will not be required to make any change in a fixed term contract except as provided therein.
3. RULES FOR APPLICATION OF GAS SERVICE:
 - (a) Residential gas service is available to any residential customer for domestic purposes only. Residential gas service is defined as service for general domestic household purposes in space occupied as living quarters, designed for occupancy by one family. Typical service would include the following: separately metered units, such as single private residences, single apartments, mobile homes and sorority and fraternity houses (this is not an all-inclusive list). In addition, auxiliary buildings on the same premise as the living quarters, used for residential purposes, may be served on the residential rate.
 - (b) Nonresidential service is defined as service provided to a business enterprise in space occupied and operated for nonresidential purposes. Typical service would include stores, offices, shops, restaurants, boarding houses, hotels, service garages, wholesale houses, filling stations, barber shops, beauty parlors, master metered apartment houses, common areas of shopping malls or apartments (such as halls or basements), churches, elevators, schools and facilities located away from the home site (this is not an all-inclusive list).
 - (c) The definitions above are based upon the supply of service to an entire premise through a single delivery and metering point. Separate supply for the same customer at other points of consumption may be separately metered and billed.
 - (d) If separate metering is not practical for a single unit (one premise) that is using gas for both domestic purposes and for conducting business (or for

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-nonresidential purposes as defined herein), the customer will be billed under the predominate use policy. Under this policy, the customer's combined service is billed under the rate (Residential or Nonresidential) applicable to the type of service which constitutes 50% or more of the customer's total connected load.

e.(e) Other classes of service furnished by the Company shall be defined in applicable rate schedules or in rules and regulations pertaining thereto. Service to customers for which no specific rate schedule is applicable shall be billed on the Nonresidential rates.

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4. DISPATCHING – Transportation customers will adhere to gas dispatching policies and procedures established by Company to facilitate transportation service. Company will inform customer of any changes in dispatching policies that may affect transportation services as they occur.
5. RULES COVERING GAS SERVICE TO MANUFACTURED HOMES – The rules and regulation for providing gas service to manufactured homes are in accordance with the Code of Federal Regulations (24CFR Part 3280 – Manufactured Homes Construction and Safety Standards) Subpart G and H which pertain to gas piping and appliance installation. In addition to the above rules, the Company also follows the regulations set forth in the NFPA 501A, Fire Safety Criteria for Manufactured Home Installations, Sites, and Communities.
6. CONSUMER DEPOSITS – The Company will determine whether or not a deposit shall be required of an applicant for gas service in accordance with Commission rules.
 - (a) The amount of such deposit shall not exceed one and one-half times the estimated amount of one month's average bill.
 - (b) The Company may accept in lieu of a cash deposit a contract signed by a guarantor, satisfactory to the Company, whereby the payment of a specified sum not to exceed the required cash deposit is guaranteed. The term of such contract shall be indeterminate, but it shall automatically terminate when the customer gives notice of service discontinuance to

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the Company or a change in location covered by the guarantee agreement of thirty days after written request for termination is made to the utility by the guarantor. However, no agreement shall be terminated without the customer having made satisfactory settlement for any balance, which the customer owes the Company. Upon termination of a guarantee contract, a new contract or a cash deposit may be required by the Company.

A deposit shall earn interest at the rate paid by the Bank of North Dakota on a six-month certificate of deposit as of the first business day of each year. Interest shall be credited to the customer's account annually during the month of December.

Deposits with interest shall be refunded to customers at termination of service provided all billings for service have been paid. Deposits with interest will be refunded to all active customers, after the deposit has been held for twelve months, provided prompt payment record has been established.

7. **METERING AND MEASUREMENT:**

(a) Company will meter the volume of natural gas delivered to customer at the delivery point. Such meter measurement will be conclusive upon both parties unless such meter is found to be inaccurate, in which case the quantity supplied to customer shall be determined by as correct an estimate as it is possible to make, taking into consideration the time of year, the schedule of customer's operations and other pertinent facts. Company will test meters in accordance with applicable state utility rules and regulations.

(b) Transportation customers agree to provide the cost of the installation of remote data acquisition equipment to Company before transportation service is implemented.

8. **MEASUREMENT UNIT FOR BILLING PURPOSES** – The measurement unit for billing purposes shall be one (1) decatherm (dk), unless otherwise specified. Billing will be calculated to the nearest one-tenth (1/10) dk. One dk equals 10 therms or 1,000,000 Btu's. Dk's shall be calculated by the

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application of a thermal factor to the volumes metered. This thermal factor consists of:

- (a) An altitude adjustment factor used to convert metered volumes at local sales base pressure to a standard pressure base of 14.73 psia, and
- (b) A Btu adjustment factor used to reflect the heating value of the gas delivered.

9. **UNIT OF VOLUME FOR MEASUREMENT** – The unit of volume for purpose of measurement shall be one (1) cubic foot of gas at either local sales base pressure or 14.73 psia, as appropriate, and at a temperature base of sixty degrees Fahrenheit (60°F). All measurement of natural gas by orifice meter shall be reduced to this standard by computation methods, in accordance with procedures contained in ANSI-API Standard 2530, First Edition, as amended. Where natural gas is measured with positive displacement or turbine meters, correction to local sales base pressure shall be made for actual pressure and temperature with factors calculated from Boyle's and Charles' Laws. Where gas is delivered at 20 psig or more, the deviation of the natural gas from Boyle's Law shall be determined by application of Supercompressibility Factors for Natural Gas published by the American Gas Association, Inc., copyright 1955, as amended or superseded. Where gas is measured with electronic correcting instruments at pressures greater than local sales base, supercompressibility will be calculated in the corrector using AGA-3/NX-19, as amended, supercompressibility calculation. For handbilled accounts, application of supercompressibility factors will be waived on monthly-billed volumes of 250 dk or less.

10. **PRIORITY OF SERVICE AND ALLOCATION OF CAPACITY** – Priority of Service from Highest to Lowest:

- (a) Priority 1 – Firm sales services.
- (b) Priority 2 – Small interruptible sales and ~~small interruptible transportation services~~ at the maximum rate on a pro rata basis.
- (c) Priority 3 – Small interruptible sales at less than the maximum rate from the highest rate to the lowest rate on the pro rata basis where equal rates are applicable among customers.

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- ~~(e)~~(d) Priority ~~34~~ – Large interruptible sales and large interruptible transportation services at the maximum rate on a pro rata basis.
- ~~(d)~~(e) Priority ~~45~~ – Small interruptible transportation services at less than the maximum rate from the highest rate to the lowest rate and on a pro rata basis where equal rates are applicable among customers.
- ~~(e)~~(f) Priority ~~56~~ – Large interruptible transportation services at less than the maximum rate from the highest rate to the lowest rate and on a pro rata basis where equal rates are applicable among customers.
- ~~(f)~~(g) Priority ~~67~~ – Gas scheduled to clear imbalances.

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Montana-Dakota shall have the right, in its sole discretion, to deviate from the above schedule when necessary for system operational reasons and if following the above schedule would cause an interruption in service to a customer who is not contributing to an operational problem on Montana-Dakota's system.

Montana-Dakota reserves the right to provide service to customers with lower priority while service to higher priority customers is being curtailed due to restrictions at a given delivery or receipt point. When such restrictions are eliminated, Montana-Dakota will reinstate sales and/or transportation of gas according to each customer's original priority.

11. LATE PAYMENT – Amounts billed will be considered past due if not paid by the due date shown on the bill. An amount equal to 1% per month will be applied to any unpaid balance existing at the immediate subsequent billing date, provided however, that such amount shall not apply where a bill is in dispute or a formal complaint is being processed. All payments received will apply to the customer's account prior to calculating the late payment charge. Those payments applied shall satisfy the oldest portion of the bill first.
12. RETURNED CHECK CHARGE – A charge of \$10.00 will be collected by the Company for each check charged back to the Company by a bank.
13. TAX CLAUSE – In addition to the charges provided for in the gas tariffs of the Company, there shall be charged pro rata amounts which, on an annual basis, shall be sufficient to yield to the Company the full amount of any sales,

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use or excise taxes, whether they be denominated as license taxes, occupation taxes, business taxes, privilege taxes, or otherwise, levied against or imposed upon the Company by any municipality, political subdivision, or other entity, for the privilege of conducting its utility operations therein.

The charges to be added to the customer's service bills under this clause shall be limited to the customers within the corporate limits of the municipality, political subdivision or other entity imposing the tax.

14. UTILITY CUSTOMER SERVICES:

(a) The following services will be performed at no charge regardless of the time of performance:

- (1) Fire and explosions calls.
- (2) Investigate hazardous condition on customer premises, such as gas leaks, odor complaints, combustion gas fumes.
- (3) Maintenance or repair of Company-owned facilities on the customer's premises.

(b) The following service calls will be performed at no charge during the Company's normal business hours:

- (1) Cut-ins and cut-outs.
- ~~(2) Disconnecting of gas appliances permanently removed from service or in connection with cut-outs.~~ D
- ~~(3)~~(2) Lighting pilots, inspecting, and adjusting gas equipment in connection with establishing service when working cut-in orders.
- ~~(4) Initial burner adjustment on residential gas burning appliances.~~ D

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~~(5)(3)~~ High bills or inadequate service complaints.

~~(6)(4)~~ Location of underground Company facilities and customer-owned gas service lines for contractors, builders, plumbers, etc.

~~(7)~~ Pilot relighting, testing thermocouple for proper operation and any pilot cleaning that can be done without removing pilot assembly.

~~(8)~~ Service calls for routine cut-ins, when the order is received prior to 12:00 p.m. on a regular work day, requiring service on the date the order is received, will be considered as non-chargeable regardless if work is performed outside of normal working hours.

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15. UTILITY SERVICES PERFORMED AFTER NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS – For service requested by customers after the Company's normal business hours and on Saturday, Sunday, or legal holidays, a charge will be made for labor at standard overtime service rates and materials at retail prices.

Customers requesting service after the Company's normal business hours will be informed of the after hour service rate and encouraged to have the service performed during normal business hours.

16. NOTICE TO DISCONTINUE GAS SERVICE – Customers desiring to have their gas service disconnected shall notify the Company during regular business hours, one business day before service is to be disconnected. Such notice shall be by letter, personal visit or telephone call to the Company's local business office, in communities which an office is maintained. In other communities such notice shall be given to the Company's representative who services the community or to the nearest business office. Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays are not considered business days.

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17. RECONNECTION FEE FOR SEASONAL OR TEMPORARY CUSTOMER –
A customer who requests reconnection of service, during normal working hours, at a location where same customer discontinued the same service during the preceding 12-month period will be charged a reconnection fee as follows:

Residential - The Basic Service Charge applicable during the period while service was not being used or a minimum of \$30.00. The minimum will be based on standard overtime rates for reconnection of service after normal business hours.

Non-Residential – The Basic Service Charge applicable during the period while service was not being used, however, seasonal business concerns such as irrigation, grain drying and asphalt processing shall be given credit for distribution revenues contributed during the prior in-service period. A minimum of \$30.00 will apply. The minimum will be based on standard overtime rates for reconnection of service after normal business hours.

Transportation customers who cease service and then resume service within the succeeding 12 months shall be subject to a minimum reconnection charge of \$160.00 whenever reinstallation of the required electronic measurement remote data acquisition equipment is necessary.

18. DISCONNECTION OF SERVICE FOR NONPAYMENT OF BILLS – All amounts billed for service are due when rendered and will be considered delinquent if not paid by due date shown on the bill. If any customer shall become delinquent in the payment of amounts billed, such service may be discontinued by the Company under the applicable rules of the Commission. The Company may collect a fee of \$12.00 before restoring gas service, which has been disconnected for nonpayment of service bills during normal business hours. Standard overtime rates will apply for services performed after normal business hours.

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19. DISCONNECTION OF SERVICE FOR CAUSES OTHER THAN NONPAYMENT OF BILLS – The Company reserves the right to discontinue service for any of the following reasons:
- (a) In the event of customer use of equipment in such a manner as to adversely affect the Company's equipment or service to others.
 - (b) In the event of tampering with the equipment furnished and owned by the Company.
 - (c) For violation of or noncompliance with the Company's rules on file with the Commission.
 - (d) For failure of the customer to fulfill the contractual obligations imposed as conditions of obtaining service.
 - ~~(d)~~(e) For refusal of reasonable access to property to the agent or employee of the Company for the purpose of inspecting the facilities or for testing, reading, maintaining or removing meters.

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The right to discontinue service for any of the above reasons may be exercised whenever and as often as such reasons may occur, and any delay on the part of the Company in exercising such rights, or omission of any action permissible hereunder, shall not be deemed a waiver of its rights to exercise same.

Nothing in these regulations shall be construed to prevent discontinuing service without advance notice for reasons of safety, health, cooperation with civil authorities, or fraudulent use, tampering with or destroying Company facilities.

The Company may collect a reconnect fee of \$12.00 before restoring gas service, which has been disconnected for the above causes.

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20. UNAUTHORIZED USE OF SERVICE – Unauthorized use of service is defined as any deliberate interference such as tampering with a Company meter, pressure regulator, registration, connections, equipment, seals, procedures or records that result in a loss of revenue to the Company. Unauthorized service is also defined as reconnection of service that has been terminated, without the Company's consent.

(a) Examples of unauthorized use of service include the following, but are not limited to:

- (1) Bypass piping around meter.
- (2) Bypass piping installed in place of meter.
- (3) Meter reversed.
- (4) Meter index disengaged or removed.
- (5) Service or equipment tampered with or piping connected ahead of meter.
- (6) Tampering with meter or pressure regulator that affects the accurate registration of gas usage.
- (7) Gas being used after service has been discontinued by the Company.
- (8) Gas being used after service has been discontinued by the Company as a result of a new customer turning gas on without the proper connect request.

(b) In the event that there has been unauthorized use of service, customer shall be charged for:

- (1) Time, material and transportation costs used in investigation.
- (2) Estimated charge for non-metered gas.
- (3) On-premise time to correct situation.
- (4) Any damage to Company property.

(c) Customer service so disconnected shall be reconnected after a customer has furnished satisfactory evidence of compliance with Company's rules and conditions of service, and paid all charges as hereinafter set forth in this procedure.

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- (1) All delinquent bills, if any.
- (2) The amount of any Company revenue loss attributable to said tampering.
- (3) Expenses incurred by the Company in replacing or repairing the meter or other appliance costs incurred in preparation of the bill, plus costs as outlined in number 20.b above.
- (4) Reconnection fee applicable.
- (5) A cash deposit, the amount of which will not exceed the maximum amount determined in accordance with Commission Rules.

21. SEE ALSO THE FOLLOWING RATES FOR SPECIAL PROVISIONS:

Rate 102 – Residential Rate for Regular Employees

Rate 119 – Interruptible Gas Service Extension Policy

Rate 120 – Firm Gas Service Extension Policy

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1. The Company will install, at its expense, a service line extending from the main to the connection at the premise regulator and/or meter for all customers ~~connected on and after (effective date of tariff) and all replacement service lines installed on and after (effective date of tariff).~~ The service line installed by the Company will remain the Company's property. D
2. A non-refundable contribution may be required for that portion of the service line cost not supported by the expected or actual connected load. The contribution requirement will be determined based on minimum footage allowances determined annually taking into account the maximum allowable investment defined in Rate 120 and the average installed per foot cost. The Company reserves the right to charge customer the total cost of the installed service line if service is not initiated within 12 months of such installation. D
3. The portion of the service line not cost justified shall be charged to the customer on the basis of direct costs to the Company. The Company may, at its option, calculate a statewide average cost per foot for such work based on its experience and may use such calculated amount for billing purposes. No minimum amount shall apply.
4. Where service line location changes are made due to building encroachments (a building is being constructed or is already located over a service line, etc.), the customer shall be charged for on the basis of direct costs incurred by the Company.
5. Whenever a service line is damaged by the customer or someone under the employ of the customer necessitating the service line to be either repaired or replaced in whole or in substantial part, such work shall be charged on a direct cost basis. If the damage was caused by independent contractors, not in the employ of the customer, the charges shall be billed directly to such contractor.
6. Service line changes necessary to increase the size and capacity of an existing service line because of increased demand shall be treated in accordance with ¶2 above.

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