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Availability:

Service under this schedule is available to any domestic or commercial customer located in Wahpeton, North Dakota whose maximum requirements are not more than 2,000 cubic feet per hour. See Rate 100 §III.2 for availability of firm gas service. Service under this rate shall not be subject to curtailment or interruption.

Rate:

Basic Service Charge:	
For customers with meters rated up to and including 500 cubic feet per hour	\$0.23 per day
For customers with meters rated over 500 cubic feet per hour	\$0.50 per day
Distribution Delivery Charge:	\$0.786 per dk
Cost of Gas:	Determined Monthly – See Rate Summary Sheet for Current Rate

Minimum Bill:

Basic Service Charge

Cost of Gas:

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

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.13, or any amendments or alterations thereto.

General Terms and Conditions:

The foregoing schedule is subject to Rates 100 and 101 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:

Service under this schedule is available on an interruptible basis to any commercial or industrial customer located in Wahpeton, North Dakota whose normal annual requirements are in excess of 1,000 Dk and who have satisfied Great Plains Natural Gas Co. of their ability and willingness to discontinue the use of said gas during the period of curtailment or interruption, by the use of standby facilities or suffering plant shut-down. The rates herein are applicable only to customer's interruptible load. Customer's firm natural gas requirements must be separately metered or specified in firm service agreement. The firm service volumes are subject to available capacity. Customer's firm load shall be billed at Firm Gas Service – General. For interruptible purposes, the maximum daily firm requirements shall be set forth in the firm service agreement.

Rate:

Basic Service Charge:	\$250.00 per month
Distribution Delivery Charge:	\$0.751 per Dk
Cost of Gas:	Determined Monthly – See Rate Summary Sheet for Current Rate

Minimum Bill:

Basic Service Charge

Cost of Gas:

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

Payment:

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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 gas service rate. Customers taking service hereunder agree that the Company, without prior notice, shall have the right to curtail or interrupt such service 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.12.
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 Gas Service – General rate (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.
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.

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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(s) caused by customer's action.

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Availability:

Service under this rate schedule is available on an interruptible basis to any commercial or industrial customer located in Wahpeton, North Dakota. This service is applicable for transportation of natural gas to customer's premise (metered at a single delivery point) through the Company's distribution facilities. To obtain transportation service, a customer must qualify under an applicable gas transportation rate, meet the general terms and conditions of service provided hereunder, and enter into a gas transportation agreement upon request of the Company.

Rate:

Basic Service Charge: \$250.00 per month

Customers shall pay Basic Service Charge plus a negotiated rate not to exceed the maximum rate or less than the minimum rate specified below. In the event customer also takes service under Interruptible Gas Service – General rate, the Basic Service Charge applicable under Transportation Service shall be waived.

Maximum rate per dk: \$0.751 per Dk

Minimum Rate per dk: \$0.130 per Dk

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.13, or any amendments or alterations thereto.

General Terms and Conditions:

1. CRITERIA FOR SERVICE: In order to receive transportation service, customer must qualify under the Company's applicable natural gas transportation service rate and comply with the general terms and conditions

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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.
 - b. Requests for transportation service shall be considered in accordance with the provisions of Rate 100, §V.12.
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 under the Firm Gas Service – General rate (distribution delivery charge and cost of gas). 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

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hereby given preference. The priority of service and allocation of capacity shall be accomplished in accordance with the provisions of Rate 100, §V.12.

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 Gas Service – General rate (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 the Firm Gas Service – General rate (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.18.

- 8. DAILY IMBALANCE – 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.

In the event that the deviation between scheduled daily volumes and actual daily volumes of gas used by customer causes the Company to incur any additional costs from interconnecting pipeline(s), customer shall be solely responsible for all such penalties, fines, fees or costs incurred. If more than one customer has caused the Company to incur these additional costs, all costs (excluding those associated with Company's firm deliveries) will be prorated to each customer based on the customer's over- or under-take as a percentage of the total.

- 9. MONTHLY IMBALANCE – The customer's monthly imbalance is the difference between the amount of gas received by Company on customer's behalf and the customer's actual metered use, plus the lost and unaccounted for factor. Monthly imbalances will not be carried forward to the next calendar month.

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- a. Undertake Purchase Payment – If the monthly imbalance is due to more gas delivered on customer’s behalf than the actual volumes used, Company shall pay customer an Undertake Purchase Payment in accordance with the following schedule:

% Monthly Imbalance	Undertake Purchase Rate
0 – 5%	100% Cash-out Mechanism
> 5 – 10%	85% Cash-out Mechanism
> 10 – 15%	70% Cash-out Mechanism
> 15 – 20%	60% Cash-out Mechanism
> 20%	50% Cash-out Mechanism

Where the Cash-out Mechanism is equal to the lesser of the Company’s WACOG or the Index Price, as defined in Paragraph 9(c).

- b. Overtake Charge – If the monthly imbalance is due to more gas actually used by the customer than volumes delivered on their behalf, customer shall pay Company an Overtake Charge in accordance with the following schedule:

% Monthly Imbalance	Overtake Charge Rate
0 – 5%	100% Cash-in Mechanism
> 5 – 10%	115% Cash-in Mechanism
> 10 – 15%	130% Cash-in Mechanism
> 15 – 20%	140% Cash-in Mechanism
> 20%	150% Cash-in Mechanism

Where the Cash-in Mechanism is equal to the greater of the Company’s WACOG or the Index Price, as defined in Paragraph 9(c).

- c. The Index Price shall be the arithmetic average of the “Weekly Weighted Average Prices” published by Gas Daily for Emerson, Manitoba during the given month. The Company’s WACOG (Weighted Average Cost of Gas) includes the commodity cost of gas and applicable transportation charges including the fuel cost of transportation.

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10. 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.
11. DAILY NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS:
- a. Customer or customer’s shipper or agent shall advise Company’s gas nominations center, by 9:00 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.
 - c. At no time shall Company have the responsibility to deliver gas in excess of customer’s nomination.
 - d. 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. **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.
15. **AGREEMENT** – Upon request of the Company, customer may be required to enter into an agreement for service hereunder.
16. The foregoing schedule is subject to Rates 100 and 101 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 cost of gas (COG) provision and specifies the procedure to be utilized to adjust the rates for natural gas sold under Great Plains rate schedules in order to reflect: (a) changes in Great Plains' average cost of natural gas supply and (b) amortization of the Gas Cost Reconciliation account.

2. **Effective Date and Limitation on Adjustments:**

- (a) The effective dates of the COG shall be service rendered on and after the first date of each month, unless the Commission shall otherwise order.
- (b) Great Plains shall file to reflect changes in its average cost of gas supply only when the amount of change in such COG is at least \$0.25 per dk. The adjustment to be effective June 1 shall be filed each year, regardless of the amount of the change.

3. **Cost of Gas:**

- (a) The monthly COG shall reflect changes in Great Plains' cost of gas supply as compared to the cost of gas supply approved in its most recent COG filing.
- (b) Firm Demand - The average cost of demand for Firm Gas Sales shall be computed on the basis of current pipeline rates and contract demand divided by twelve month weather normalized sales volumes applicable for the entire Great Plains' gas system.
- (c) Gas Commodity - The average weighted commodity cost, including transportation and other costs associated with the acquisition of gas, from all suppliers for the month the COG will be in effect.
- (d) Demand costs for interruptible sales customers shall be state on a 100% load factor basis.

4. **Gas Cost Reconciliation (GCR)**

- (a) For each twelve-month period ending April 30, a Gas Cost Reconciliation (GCR) will be calculated for each class set forth above. The GCR will be added to each customer class' cost of gas supply for the twelve-month period effective June 1 of each year. This adjustment shall include:

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1. The balance in the (over) under recovered gas cost account as of April 30.
 2. The difference between actual and recovered gas costs for each customer class for the twelve months ending April 30. The amount may be an under recovery or (over) recovery.
 3. Demand costs recovered from the interruptible sales customers will be credited to the residential and firm general service customers.
 4. Any refunds from suppliers of gas or pipeline services.
 5. Carrying charges or credits at a rate equal to the three-month Treasury Bill rate as published monthly by the Federal Reserve Board.
- (b) The resulting balance is divided by the projected dk sales for the next twelve months. The GCR adjustment shall be applied to the customers' monthly billings commencing on June 1 and remain in effective for a twelve (12) month period.

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III. CUSTOMER OBLIGATIONS:

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.

2. INPUT RATING – All new customers whose consumption of gas for any purpose will exceed an input of 2,000,000 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.
3. ACCESS TO CUSTOMER’S PREMISES – Company representatives, when properly identified, shall have access to customer’s premises at all reasonable times (8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday – Friday unless an emergency situation requires access outside of these hours) for the purpose of reading meters, making repairs, making inspections, removing the Company’s property or for any other purpose incidental to the service.

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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, 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.
10. QUALITY OF GAS – The gas tendered to the Company shall conform to the applicable quality specifications of the transporting pipeline’s tariff.

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.

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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, devices owned, installed or maintained by the customer or leased by the customer from third parties. The customer is responsible for the proper installation and maintenance of all structures, equipment, lines, appliances, or devices on customer’s side of the point of delivery, and for the natural gas after it passes the point of delivery. The customer must assume the duties of inspecting all structures including the house piping, chimneys, flues, and appliances on the customer’s side of the point of delivery to ensure all are in working order. It is the Company’s obligation to supply satisfactory service and any use of equipment by the customer that prevents the Company from carrying out this obligation must be corrected by the customer.

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 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

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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. TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

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

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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. SERVICE FACILITIES ON CUSTOMER PREMISES – The Company shall furnish, own, and maintain all material and equipment to the outlet side of the meter on the customer’s premises. Customer shall pay an installment or connection charge based upon the following rates:

(a) New Service Line Construction:

- (1) Minimum connecting charge, per meter, covering the cost of service connection, general inspection, and gas turn-on and payable at the time of sign-up is \$25.00 for customers with gas input loads up to 400,000 Btu/hour; \$50.00 for customers with gas input loads above 400,000 Btu/hour and \$100.00 for interruptible customers.
- (2) Service line installation charges shall be based upon the lesser of the Company’s labor and material rates or the current cost per foot.

Length of service line shall be determined by measurement made from customer’s property line to stop value on the service riser.

(b) Additional meters to existing service lines and inactive line connections:

A \$25.00 connection charge covering the cost of service connection, general inspection, and gas turn-on will be collected at time of application from each individual requesting an additional meter to an existing service line or connection to an inactive line.

(c) Relocation of Existing Meters and Service Lines:

When a customer requests relocation of a meter and/or service line, charges will be made at standard labor and material rates.

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4. TEMPORARY SERVICE – At the discretion of the Company, temporary service may be rendered to a customer’s premise. The Company may require the customer to bear the cost of installing and removing the service in excess of any salvage realized. Advance installation payment may be required prior to installing the service.

The customer shall pay the regular rates applicable to the class of service rendered.

5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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 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

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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.

8. **METERING AND MEASUREMENT** - 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.
9. **MEASUREMENT UNIT FOR BILLING PURPOSES** – The measurement unit for billing purposes shall be (1) dekatherm (dk), unless otherwise specified. One dk equals 10 therms or 1,000,000 Btu's. Dk 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.
10. **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

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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.

- 11. PRIORITY OF SERVICE – Priority of Service from Highest to Lowest:
 - (a) Priority 1 – Firm sales services.
 - (b) Priority 2 – Interruptible sales and interruptible transportation services.
 - (c) Gas scheduled to clear imbalances.

Company 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 Company system.

Company 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, Company will reinstate sales and/or transportation of gas according to each customer's original priority.

- 12. LATE PAYMENT – Amounts billed will be considered past due if not paid by the due date shown on the bill, or 22 days from date of bill. An amount equal to 1 1/3% per month will be applied to any unpaid balance if not paid by the due 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.
- 13. RETURNED CHECK CHARGE – A charge of \$18.25 will be collected by the Company for each check charged back to the Company by a bank.

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14. **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.

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, or telephone call to the Company's Customer Service Center. 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 of \$45.00.

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.

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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 \$45.00 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 when the call to request reconnection of service is received after 12:00 p.m. on a regular work day for reconnection that day..
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.
 - (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.

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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 \$45.00 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.
 - (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.

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- (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 21.b above.
 - (4) Reconnection fee equal to the Company's minimum service charge.
 - (5) A cash deposit, the amount of which will not exceed the maximum amount determined in accordance with Commission Rules.

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Applicability:

This rate schedule specifies the protocol to be followed for the testing of gas meters in compliance with Sections 69-09-01-14 and 69-09-01-16 of the North Dakota Century Code.

Testing Process for New Meters

1. Meter supplier(s) shall provide test data for all meters.
2. A sampling of 5% of new meter lots received will be tested at full load and light load. If unsatisfactory, all meters in the shipment shall be tested, and repaired if necessary, or shipment shall be returned to the manufacturer.

Testing Process for Meters in Service:

1. This meter test schedule shall not apply to meters larger than 650 cubic feet per hour (cfh). Such meters shall be tested and adjusted or repaired, if necessary, at a periodic interval of at least once in ten years.
2. All active meters, 650 cfh and smaller will be combined into a single random test program. Great Plains meters shall be combined with Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. meters for purposes of random sample testing only.
3. At the time the random selection is made, meters more than ten years old and active meters that have not been tested in the last ten years will be placed into an installation class defined model installation date lot to be part of a random population for testing.
4. All active meters rated at 650 CFH and smaller, will be assigned to lots on the basis of installation date. Meters shall be divided into lots based on manufacturer, type, and last install date in five year groups. The minimum number of samples taken from each lot will be as specified by Military Standard 414, Sample Procedures and Tables for Inspection by Variables for Percent Defective, inspection level IV with specification limits of +2.0%.
5. The meters tested within the random test program will include meters selected via a computer generated random selection process and meters pulled from a customer's premise in correlation with service technicians being on-site for other service related work.
6. Lot acceptability will be determined by the standard deviation method based on single sample, double specification limit, variability unknown, for an acceptable

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quality level of 15%. The following actions will be taken based on the test results:

- a. A meter for which the sample is satisfactory will remain in service.
- b. A meter lot for which the sample fails may remain in service if it passed the previous year and if no more than 10% of the sample registers over 102%.
- c. A meter lot for which the sample fails will be evaluated if the lot failed the previous year or if more than 10% if the sample registers over 102%
 - i. If evaluation determines the group is homogeneous, then the entire group will be removed.
 - ii. If group is not homogeneous and a subset of the group is found defective, the subset will be removed. Removal of a failed lot of meters or failed subset of lot will be removed from service for testing and repair within one year.

Reporting:

Great Plains shall file reports of its meter test results by December 15 for the meter testing conducted for the previous calendar year.

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The Company will install gas main extensions using the following guidelines applicable to firm gas main extensions:

- a) The term “main” refers to the facilities that are typically constructed from a border station or regulator station with no particular terminus at a building or structure. Mains are normally installed in streets, alleys, dedicated public ways or dedicated utility easements.
- b) Customer refers to customer ultimately taking natural gas service or a developer request to provide natural gas service to residential customers.
- c) Cost Participation. Cost participation for firm gas extensions shall be determined as follows:
 - i) Extensions 95 Feet or Less – The Company will extend a gas main up to, but not to exceed, 95 feet per home projected to be connected within twelve (12) months from the start of construction where natural gas is the primary fuel used for space heating.
 - ii) Extensions over 95 Feet or where natural gas is not the primary fuel used for space heating – The Company may require cost participation if the estimated capital expenditure is not cost justified. The extension will be considered cost justified if the calculated Maximum Allowable Investment equals or exceeds the estimated capital expenditures using the following formula:

Maximum Allowable Investment (MAI) =

Annual Basic Service Charge +

(3rd Year Estimated Dk x Distribution Delivery Charge)/LARR

Where: LARR = 12.417%

The LARR, defined as the Levelized Annual Revenue Requirement Factor, is the annual rate required to recover the present value of a project over the life of a project.

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- d) Cost of the extension shall include the gas main extension(s), valves, service line(s), cathodic protection equipment, 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.
- e) Where cost participation is required, such extension is subject to execution of the Company's standard agreement for extensions by the customer.
- f) Contributions. In the event the extension is not cost justified, the customer(s) shall pay the Company the portion of the capital expenditures not cost justified. The extension will proceed if the customer:
 - i) Pays in advance to the Company the excess amount not cost justified in cash, or
 - ii) Agrees to pay a special monthly charge. If the customer discontinues service prior to the excess being paid in full, the balance will be due and payable upon discontinuance of service, or
 - iii) Agrees to pay annually a specified minimum charge. If the customer discontinues service prior to the excess being paid in full, the balance will be due and payable upon discontinuance of service, or
 - iv) Agrees to a combination of above methods, or
 - v) Customer may post a bond or an irrevocable letter of credit in the amount of the required contribution prior to construction and acceptable by the Company. Such bond, issued by a bonding company authorized to do business in the state or letter of credit 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.

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- vi) Upon completion of the project, the contribution amount will be adjusted to reflect actual costs, and an additional charge may be levied or a refund may be made.
- vii) If within the five year period from the extension(s) in service date, the number of active customers and related volumes exceeds the projections used to determine MAI, the Company shall re-compute the contribution requirement by recalculating the MAI.
- viii) The recalculated contribution requirement shall be collected from the new applicant(s).
- g) Refunds. Contributions for gas main extensions are refundable, without interest, for a period up to five (5) years from the date of completion of the main extension as additional customers are connected to the particular main extension for which the advance was made.
 - i) The Company will refund to the original contributor(s) the amount required to reduce their contribution to the recalculated contribution requirement. Customers who have posted a bond or letter of credit will be notified of any reduction in surety or guarantee requirements.
 - ii) No refunds will be made until the new applicants begin taking service from the Company.
 - iii) 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.
 - iv) No refund shall be made by Company after the five-year refund period and in no event shall the refund exceed the amount of the contribution.
- h) The Company reserves the right to charge customer the cost associated with providing service to customer if service is not initiated within twelve (12) months of such installation.

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- i) Firm Gas Service Line Extensions:
The Company shall install gas service lines using the following general rules and regulations applicable to all firm gas service line extensions:
 - i) The term “service line” refers to facilities that are constructed from a main to the final terminus at a building or structure.
 - ii) The Company shall furnish, own, and maintain all material and equipment to the outlet side of the meter on the customer’s premise(s).
 - iii) The Company will extend a service line to serve customer(s) where natural gas is the primary fuel used for space heating without charge up to, but not to exceed, 65 feet. The length of the service line shall be determined by measurement from the customer’s property line to the stop valve on the service riser.
 - iv) If the additional service line required is beyond 65 feet or natural gas is not the primary fuel used for space heating, the Company may require cost participation if the estimated capital expenditure is not cost justified. The service line extension will be considered cost justified if the calculated MAI equals or exceeds the estimated capital expenditures using the MAI formula provided in ¶ 4.c.ii.
 - v) Where cost participation is required, such extension is subject to execution of the Company’s standard agreement for extensions by the customer.
 - vi) Relocation of Existing Meters and Service Lines: When a customer requests relocation of a meter and/or service line, charges will be made at standard labor and materials rates.

A minimum connection charge, per meter, covering the cost of the installation of the meter and regulator, the service connection, general inspection, and gas turn-on is payable at the time the application for service is submitted. The minimum connection charge is \$25.00 per meter for customers with gas input loads up to 400,000 BTU/hour; and \$50.00 per meter for customers with gas input loads above 400,000 BTU/hour.

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The Company will install gas main and service line extensions using the following guidelines:

- a) Contribution. 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), cathodic protection equipment, 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 applicable federal and state income taxes.
 - i) The extension will proceed if the customer:
 - (1) Pays in advance to the Company the total cost of construction, or
 - (2) Customer may post a bond or irrevocable letter of credit in the amount of the required contribution prior to construction and acceptable by the Company. Such bond, issued by a bonding company authorized to do business in the state or letter of credit 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.
 - ii) Upon completion of the construction, the contribution amount will be adjusted to reflect actual costs, and an additional charge may be levied or a refund may be made.
 - iii) Remote data acquisition equipment costs shall be subject to the terms and conditions specified in the Company's Interruptible Gas Transportation Rates.
- b) Refund. Contributions for gas main and service line extensions are refundable, without interest, for a period up to five (5) years from the date of completion of the main extension.
 - i) If within the five-year period from the extension(s) in service date, the total of

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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, the Company shall refund the amount exceeding the revenue requirement on the following basis:

- (1) Annually, beginning at the second (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.
 - (2) Customers who have posted a bond or letter of credit will be notified of any reduction in surety or guarantee requirements based on the above calculation.
 - (3) No refund shall be made by Company after the five-year refund period and in no event shall the refund exceed the amount of the contribution.
- ii) If within the five-year period from the extension(s) in service date, additional customers (firm or interruptible) are connected to an interruptible customer's main extension, the Company shall (1) determine the pro rata cost share applicable to the other customer (2) reduce the original customer's contribution requirement by the pro rata cost attributed to the new customer and (3) calculate an MAI for a firm customer through the process described in Section V.¶ 4 of the General Terms and Conditions or collect the full amount for an interruptible customer. The amount collected will be subject to the applicable refund provisions for the remainder of the refund period.
- c) Relocation of Existing Meters and Service Lines: When a customer requests relocation of a meter and/or service line, charges will be made at standard labor and material rates.
- d) A minimum connection charge, per meter, covering the cost of the installation of the meter and regulator, the service connection, general inspection, and gas turn-on is payable at the time the application for service is submitted. The minimum connection charge is \$100.00 for interruptible customers.

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Availability:

Service under this schedule is available to any domestic or commercial customer located in Wahpeton, North Dakota whose maximum requirements are not more than 2,000 cubic feet per hour. See Rate 100 §III.2 for availability of firm gas service. Service under this rate shall not be subject to curtailment or interruption.

Rate:

Basic Service Charge: \$3.50 per month

For customers with meters rated up to and including 500 cubic feet per hour \$0.23 per day

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

Distribution Delivery Charge: \$0.786 per Dk

First 10 dk/month \$1.2869 per dk

Excess of 10 dk/month \$1.0646 per dk

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

Minimum Monthly Bill: \$3.50

Basic Service Charge

Cost of Gas:

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

~~Terms of Payment:~~

~~Bill is due within 15 days from the billing date. If payment is not received in time to record to your account prior to the next scheduled billing date, unpaid balances are subject to a late payment charge in accordance with the provisions of Rate 100, §V.13 or any amendments or alterations thereto. 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.13, or any amendments or alterations thereto.~~

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General Terms and Conditions:

The foregoing schedule is subject to Rates 100 and 101 and any amendments or alterations thereto or additional rules and regulations promulgated by the Company under the laws of the state. ~~Gas purchased under this rate schedule shall not be resold by the purchaser thereof in any manner. Customers who begin service after October 1, 1996 shall not use gas under this schedule as a standby or backup fuel source. Company may supply gas from any standby equipment provided that the gas so supplied shall be reasonably equivalent to the natural gas supplied hereunder.~~

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Availability:

Service under this schedule is available on an interruptible basis to any commercial or industrial customer located in Wahpeton, North Dakota whose normal annual requirements are in excess of 1,000 ~~MCF-Dk~~ and who have satisfied Great Plains Natural Gas Co. of their ability and willingness to discontinue the use of said gas during the period of curtailment or interruption, by the use of standby facilities or suffering plant shut-down. ~~The gas supplied under this schedule shall be separately metered and not used interchangeably with gas supplied under any other schedules. The rates herein are applicable only to customer's interruptible load. Customer's firm natural gas requirements must be separately metered or specified in firm service agreement. The firm service volumes are subject to available capacity. Customer's firm load shall be billed at Firm Gas Service – General. For interruptible purposes, the maximum daily firm requirements shall be set forth in the firm service agreement.~~

Rate:

Basic Service Charge: ~~\$3.50~~250.00 per month

Distribution Delivery Charge: \$0.751 per Dk
~~First 400 dk/month \$1.1506 per dk~~
~~Next 2,600 dk/month \$0.9021 per dk~~
~~Excess of 3,000 dk/month \$0.7486 per dk~~

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

~~Minimum Monthly Bill:~~ \$3.50

Basic Service Charge

Cost of Gas:

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

Terms of Payment:

~~Bill is due within 15 days from the billing date. If payment is not received in time to record to your account prior to the next scheduled billing date, unpaid balances are subject to a late payment charge in accordance with the provisions~~

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~~of Rate 100, §V.13 or any amendments or alterations thereto. 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.13, or any amendments or alterations thereto.~~

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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 rate, ~~and the Company shall have the right to interrupt deliveries to customers taking service hereunder agree that the Company, without prior notice, shall have the right to curtail or interrupt such service 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.12.
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 Gas Service – General rate (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.

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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(s) 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. 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.~~

The foregoing schedule is subject to Rates 100 and 101 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 rate schedule shall apply to all grain drying customers in Wahpeton, North Dakota whose normal annual requirements are in excess of 1,000 dk and who have satisfied Great Plains Natural Gas Co. of their ability and willingness to discontinue the use of said gas during the period of curtailment or interruption, by the use of standby facilities or suffering plant shut-down. The gas supplied under this schedule shall be separately metered and not used interchangeably with gas supplied under any other schedules.~~

Rate:

~~Basic Service Charge: \$3.50 per month~~
~~Distribution Delivery Charge: \$1.2516 per dk~~
~~Cost of Gas: Determined Monthly – See Rate Summary Sheet for Current Rate~~
~~Minimum Monthly Bill: \$3.50~~

Cost of Gas:

~~The cost of gas includes all applicable cost of gas items as defined in the Cost of Gas – Interruptible Gas Service or any amendments or alterations thereto. The cost of gas component is subject to change on a monthly basis.~~

Terms of Payment:

~~Bill is due within 15 days from the billing date. If payment is not received in time to record to your account prior to the next scheduled billing date, unpaid balances are subject to a late payment charge in accordance with the provisions of Rate 100, §V.13 or any amendments or alterations thereto.~~

General Terms and Conditions:

- ~~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 rate, and the Company shall have the right to interrupt deliveries to customers under this schedule without being~~
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~~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.12.~~

- ~~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 Gas Service — General rate (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.~~
- ~~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(s) caused by customer's action.~~

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~~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. 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.~~

~~The foregoing schedule is subject to Rates 100 and 101 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:

Service under this rate schedule is available on an interruptible basis to any commercial or industrial customer located in Wahpeton, North Dakota. This service is applicable for transportation of natural gas to customer's premise (metered at a single delivery point) through the Company's distribution facilities, who has entered into a gas transportation agreement with Company to have gas other than Company system supply delivered to Company's border station on customer's behalf. To obtain transportation service, a customer must qualify under an applicable gas transportation rate, meet the general terms and conditions of service provided hereunder, and enter into a gas transportation agreement upon request of the Company.

~~This rate schedule is available to customers whose normal annual requirements are in excess of 1,000 dk and who, absent the request for transportation service, are eligible for natural gas service on an interruptible basis pursuant to Company's effective Interruptible Gas Service — General rate.~~

Rate:

Basic Service Charge: ~~\$3.50~~250.00 per month

~~Distribution Delivery Charge:~~

~~First 400 dk/month \$1.1506 per dk~~

~~Next 2,600 dk/month \$0.9021 per dk~~

~~Excess of 3,000 dk/month \$0.7486 per dk~~

Customers shall pay Basic Service Charge plus a negotiated rate not to exceed the maximum rate or less than the minimum rate specified below. In the event customer also takes service under Interruptible Gas Service – General rate, the Basic Service Charge applicable under Transportation Service shall be waived.

Maximum rate per dk: \$0.751 per Dk

Minimum Rate per dk: \$0.130 per Dk

~~Minimum Monthly Bill: \$3.50~~

Basic Service Charge

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~~Bill is due within 15 days from the billing date. If payment is not received in time to record to your account prior to the next scheduled billing date, unpaid balances are subject to a late payment charge in accordance with the provisions of Rate 100, §V.13 or any amendments or alterations thereto. Billed amounts bill 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.13, or any amendments or alterations thereto.~~

General Terms and Conditions:

1. CRITERIA FOR SERVICE: In order to receive transportation service, customer must qualify under the Company's applicable natural gas transportation service rate 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.12.
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 under the Firm Gas Service – General rate (distribution delivery charge and cost of gas). 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.12.

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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 Gas Service – General rate (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 the Firm Gas Service – General rate (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.18.

8. **DAILY IMBALANCE** – 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.

In the event that the deviation between scheduled daily volumes and actual daily volumes of gas used by customer causes the Company to incur any additional costs from interconnecting pipeline(s), customer shall be solely responsible for all such penalties, fines, fees or costs incurred. If more than one customer has caused the Company to incur these additional costs, all costs (excluding those associated with Company’s firm deliveries) will be prorated to each customer based on the customer’s over- or under-take as a percentage of the total.

9. **MONTHLY IMBALANCE** – The customer’s monthly imbalance is the difference between the amount of gas received by Company on customer’s behalf and the customer’s actual metered use, plus the lost and unaccounted for factor. Monthly imbalances will not be carried forward to the next calendar month.
 - a. **Undertake Purchase Payment** – If the monthly imbalance is due to more gas delivered on customer’s behalf than the actual volumes used, Company shall pay customer an Undertake Purchase Payment in accordance with the following schedule:

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<u>% Monthly Imbalance</u>	<u>Undertake Purchase Rate</u>
0 – 5%	100% Cash-out Mechanism
> 5 – 10%	85% Cash-out Mechanism
> 10 – 15%	70% Cash-out Mechanism
> 15 – 20%	60% Cash-out Mechanism
> 20%	50% Cash-out Mechanism

Where the Cash-out Mechanism is equal to the lesser of the Company's WACOG or the Index Price, as defined in Paragraph 9(c).

- b. Overtake Charge – If the monthly imbalance is due to more gas actually used by the customer than volumes delivered on their behalf, customer shall pay Company an Overtake Charge in accordance with the following schedule:

<u>% Monthly Imbalance</u>	<u>Overtake Charge Rate</u>
0 – 5%	100% Cash-in Mechanism
> 5 – 10%	115% Cash-in Mechanism
> 10 – 15%	130% Cash-in Mechanism
> 15 – 20%	140% Cash-in Mechanism
> 20%	150% Cash-in Mechanism

Where the Cash-in Mechanism is equal to the greater of the Company's WACOG or the Index Price, as defined in Paragraph 9(c).

- c. The Index Price shall be the arithmetic average of the "Weekly Weighted Average Prices" published by Gas Daily for Emerson, Manitoba during the given month. The Company's WACOG (Weighted Average Cost of Gas) includes the commodity cost of gas and applicable transportation charges including the fuel cost of transportation.

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10. 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.

11. 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.~~

~~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.~~

112. DAILY NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS:

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- a. Customer or customer's shipper or agent shall advise Company's gas nominations center, by 9:00 a.m. Central Clock Time, of the dk

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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.

123. 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.

134. 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

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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.

145. 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.

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

16. The foregoing schedule is subject to Rates 100 and 101 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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~~In the event there is a change in the cost of gas the Company purchases there shall be added to or deducted from the monthly bill computed according to the applicable Interruptible Gas Rate Schedule the product of the monthly consumption and the amount per DK to the nearest \$0.0001 for Cost of Gas.~~

~~The interruptible Gas Base Commodity Cost is based on the FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1 of Midwestern Gas Transmission Company, effective July 1, 1981.~~

~~In the event a refund is received by the Company from its supplier attributable to the cost of gas which has been sold by the Company under the foregoing provisions, such refund together with interest thereon will be refunded to the customers to whom this schedule applies in accordance with the Public Service Commission Regulations.~~

1. Applicability:

This rate schedule constitutes a cost of gas (COG) provision and specifies the procedure to be utilized to adjust the rates for natural gas sold under Great Plains rate schedules in order to reflect: (a) changes in Great Plains' average cost of natural gas supply and (b) amortization of the Gas Cost Reconciliation account.

2. Effective Date and Limitation on Adjustments:

(a) The effective dates of the COG shall be service rendered on and after the first date of each month, unless the Commission shall otherwise order.

(b) Great Plains shall file to reflect changes in its average cost of gas supply only when the amount of change in such COG is at least \$0.25 per dk. The adjustment to be effective June 1 shall be filed each year, regardless of the amount of the change.

3. Cost of Gas:

(a) The monthly COG shall reflect changes in Great Plains' cost of gas supply as compared to the cost of gas supply approved in its most recent COG filing.

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(b) Firm Demand - The average cost of demand for Firm Gas Sales shall be computed on the basis of current pipeline rates and contract demand divided by twelve month weather normalized sales volumes applicable for the entire Great Plains' gas system.

(c) Gas Commodity - The average weighted commodity cost, including transportation and other costs associated with the acquisition of gas, from all suppliers for the month the COG will be in effect.

(d) Demand costs for interruptible sales customers shall be state on a 100% load factor basis.

4. Gas Cost Reconciliation (GCR)

(a) For each twelve-month period ending April 30, a Gas Cost Reconciliation (GCR) will be calculated for each class set forth above. The GCR will be added to each customer class' cost of gas supply for the twelve-month period effective June 1 of each year. This adjustment shall include:

1. The balance in the (over) under recovered gas cost account as of April 30.
2. The difference between actual and recovered gas costs for each customer class for the twelve months ending April 30. The amount may be an under recovery or (over) recovery.
3. Demand costs recovered from the interruptible sales customers will be credited to the residential and firm general service customers.
4. Any refunds from suppliers of gas or pipeline services.
5. Carrying charges or credits at a rate equal to the three-month Treasury Bill rate as published monthly by the Federal Reserve Board.

(b) The resulting balance is divided by the projected dk sales for the next twelve months. The GCR adjustment shall be applied to the customers' monthly billings commencing on June 1 and remain in effective for a twelve (12) month period.

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~~In the event there is a change in the cost of gas the Company purchases, there shall be added to or deducted from the monthly bill computed according to the applicable Firm Gas Rate Schedule the product of the monthly consumption and the amount per DK to the nearest \$0.0001 for the Cost of Gas.~~

~~The Firm Gas Base Cost is based on the FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1 of Midwestern Gas Transmission Company, effective July 1, 1981 as follows:~~

~~_____ Demand Charge: _____ \$0.82 _____ DK/month
_____ Commodity Charge: _____ \$5.1708 _____ DK~~

~~The average cost of demand for Firm Gas Sales shall be computed on the basis of annual sales volume experienced during the most recent 12 months of the 14 month period preceding the change in rate adjusted by an average percentage change in sales computed over the preceding three year period and normalized for weather.~~

~~The cost of gas, such as propane, butane, L.N.G., coal gas or other manufactured gas, that is used by the Company to supplement the supplies of natural gas to service its customers will be added to the cost of gas as an additional adjustment on the same basis as the Demand Charge of gas purchased is apportioned to the cost of gas. The additional cost for supplemental gas is to be determined on an estimated annual firm gas sales requirement as of April 30 each year. Any variation from the estimated requirements – increases or decreases – will be adjusted each April 30. This Supplemental Gas Cost Adjustment shall be applied to billings during the next 12 month period commencing with the June billing of each year.~~

~~In the event a refund is received by the Company from its supplier attributable to the cost of gas which has been sold by the Company under the foregoing provisions, such refund together with interest thereon will be refunded to the customers to whom this schedule applies in accordance with the Public Service Commission Regulations.~~

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	Est. Wtd. Demand— Costs—	Average Commodity	GCR Adj.	Est. Wtd. Total— Firm—	Average Commodity	GCR Adj.	Total— Int.—
Base Rate	\$0.0662	\$5.1708	\$0.0000	\$5.2370	\$5.1708	\$0.0000	\$5.1708
Accumulated Adj.	1.4389	(0.9361)	0.1086	0.6114	(0.9361)	(0.2861)	(1.2222)
Current Adj.	0.0000	(0.7712)	0.0000	(0.7712)	(0.7712)	0.0000	(0.7712)
Total Adj.	1.4389	(1.7073)	0.1086	(0.1598)	(1.7073)	(0.2861)	(1.9934)
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Total Rate	\$1.5051	\$3.4635	\$0.1086	\$5.0772	\$3.4635	(\$0.2861)	\$3.1774

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III. CUSTOMER OBLIGATIONS:

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.

2. INPUT RATING – All new customers whose consumption of gas for any purpose will exceed an input of 2,000,000 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.
3. ACCESS TO CUSTOMER’S PREMISES – Company representatives, when properly identified, shall have access to customer’s premises at all reasonable times (8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday – Friday unless an emergency situation requires access outside of these hours) for the purpose of reading meters, making repairs, making inspections, removing the Company’s property or for any other purpose incidental to the service.

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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, 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.

10. QUALITY OF GAS – The gas tendered to the Company shall conform to the applicable quality specifications of the transporting pipeline’s tariff.

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.

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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. The customer is responsible for the proper installation and maintenance of all structures, equipment, lines, appliances, or devices on customer's side of the point of delivery, and for the natural gas after it passes the point of delivery. The customer must assume the duties of inspecting all structures including the house piping, chimneys, flues, and appliances on the customer's side of the point of delivery to ensure all are in working order. It is the Company's obligation to supply satisfactory service and any use of equipment by the customer that prevents the Company from carrying out this obligation must be corrected by the customer.
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 shall such causes or contingencies relieve either party of liability unless such

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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.

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3. SERVICE FACILITIES ON CUSTOMER PREMISES – The Company shall furnish, own, and maintain all material and equipment to the outlet side of the meter on the customer’s premises. Customer shall pay an installment or connection charge based upon the following rates:

(a) New Service Line Construction:

- (1) Minimum connecting charge, per meter, covering the cost of service connection, general inspection, and gas turn-on and payable at the time of sign-up is \$25.00 for customers with gas input loads up to 400,000 Btu/hour; \$50.00 for customers with gas input loads above 400,000 Btu/hour and \$100.00 for interruptible customers.
- (2) Service line installation charges shall be based upon the lesser of the Company’s labor and material rates or the current cost per foot.

Length of service line shall be determined by measurement made from customer’s property line to stop value on the service riser.

(b) Additional meters to existing service lines and inactive line connections:

A \$25.00 connection charge covering the cost of service connection, general inspection, and gas turn-on will be collected at time of application from each individual requesting an additional meter to an existing service line or connection to an inactive line.

(c) Relocation of Existing Meters and Service Lines:

When a customer requests relocation of a meter and/or service line, charges will be made at standard labor and material rates.

~~4. DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM EXTENSIONS – The Company shall not be required to extend its gas distribution mains more than one hundred (100) feet for each customer to be served from any such extension thereof.~~

45. TEMPORARY SERVICE – At the discretion of the Company, temporary service may be rendered to a customer’s premise. The Company may require the customer to bear the cost of installing and removing the service

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in excess of any salvage realized. Advance installation payment may be required prior to installing the service.

The customer shall pay the regular rates applicable to the class of service rendered.

- 56. 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.
- 67. 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.
- 78. 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 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.

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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.

89. 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.~~

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

101. 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

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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

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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.

- 112. PRIORITY OF SERVICE – Priority of Service from Highest to Lowest:
 - (a) Priority 1 – Firm sales services.
 - (b) Priority 2 – Interruptible sales and interruptible transportation services.
 - (c) Gas scheduled to clear imbalances.

Company 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 Company system.

Company 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, Company will reinstate sales and/or transportation of gas according to each customer's original priority.

- 123. LATE PAYMENT – Amounts billed will be considered past due if not paid by the due date shown on the bill, or 22 days from date of bill. An amount equal to 1 1/3% per month will be applied to any unpaid balance if not paid by the due date 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.

- 134. RETURNED CHECK CHARGE – A charge of ~~\$12.00~~18.25 will be collected by the Company for each check charged back to the Company by a bank.

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145. 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.

156. 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.

167. 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~~ Customer Service Center. ~~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.

178. 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 of \$45.00~~equal to the Company’s minimum service charge.~~

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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.

189. 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 ~~equal to its minimum service charge of \$45.00~~ 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 when the call to request reconnection of service is received after 12:00 p.m. on a regular work day for reconnection that day.

1920. 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.
- (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

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any action permissible hereunder, shall not be deemed a waiver of its rights to exercise same.

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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.

~~Prior to restoring service, which was disconnected for one of the above reasons, the customer may be required to pay a reconnection charge equal to the Company's minimum service charge. The Company may collect a reconnect fee of \$45.00 before restoring gas service, which has been disconnected for the above causes.~~

201. 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.

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- (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 21.b above.
 - (4) Reconnection fee equal to the Company's minimum service charge.
 - (5) A cash deposit, the amount of which will not exceed the maximum amount determined in accordance with Commission Rules.

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Applicability:

This rate schedule specifies the protocol to be followed for the testing of gas meters in compliance with Sections 69-09-01-14 and 69-09-01-16 of the North Dakota Century Code.

Installation Test: Testing Process for New Meters

~~Every new gas service meter shall be tested prior to installation and records of the meter's accuracy within two percent ($\pm 2\%$) will be available. Repaired service meters shall be tested and will have been found to be accurate within two percent ($\pm 2\%$) before being reinstalled.~~

1. Meter supplier(s) shall provide test data for all meters.
2. A sampling of 5% of new meter lots received will be tested at full load and light load. If unsatisfactory, all meters in the shipment shall be tested, and repaired if necessary, or shipment shall be returned to the manufacturer.

Method and Periods of Testing Testing Process for Meters in Service:

1. The registration of all positive displacement meters shall be determined by one test at a rate of flow of approximately one fifth (1/5) of the rated capacity of that meter and one test at a rate of flow of approximately the rated capacity of the meter. Each test shall be accurate within two percent ($\pm 2\%$). This meter test schedule shall not apply to meters larger than 650 cubic feet per hour (cfh). Such meters shall be tested and adjusted or repaired, if necessary, at a periodic interval of at least once in ten years.
2. Residential All active mMeters —, 650 cfh and smaller will be combined into a single random test program. This class of meters will include all meters from the 250 CFH to 1,000 CFH sizes. The meters will be tested and adjusted at least once every twelve (12) years. The preceding tests will be made with a meter prover. Great Plains meters shall be combined with Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. meters for purposes of random sample testing only.
3. At the time the random selection is made, meters more than ten years old and active meters that have not been tested in the last ten years will be placed into an installation class defined model installation date lot to be part of a random population for testing.
~~Large and Rotary Meters — This class of meters will include all meters 3,000 CFH and larger and all rotary meters. The meters will be tested and adjusted at least once every four (4) years. Positive displacement meters will be tested as described above. Rotary meters will be tested as described above, or using the differential pressure test method.~~

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~~Turbine Meters — This class of meters will include all turbine meters. The meters will be tested and adjusted every year. The preceding tests will be made with an industry-accepted meter spin testing method.~~

- ~~4. All active meters rated at 650 CFH and smaller, will be assigned to lots on the basis of installation date. Meters shall be divided into lots based on manufacturer, type, and last install date in five year groups. The minimum number of samples taken from each lot will be as specified by Military Standard 414, Sample Procedures and Tables for Inspection by Variables for Percent Defective, inspection level IV with specification limits of +2.0%.~~
- ~~5. The meters tested within the random test program will include meters selected via a computer generated random selection process and meters pulled from a customer's premise in correlation with service technicians being on-site for other service related work.~~
- ~~6. Lot acceptability will be determined by the standard deviation method based on single sample, double specification limit, variability unknown, for an acceptable quality level of 15%. The following actions will be taken based on the test results:
 - ~~a. A meter for which the sample is satisfactory will remain in service.~~
 - ~~b. A meter lot for which the sample fails may remain in service if it passed the previous year and if no more than 10% of the sample registers over 102%.~~
 - ~~c. A meter lot for which the sample fails will be evaluated if the lot failed the previous year or if more than 10% if the sample registers over 102%
 - ~~i. If evaluation determines the group is homogeneous, then the entire group will be removed.~~
 - ~~ii. If group is not homogeneous and a subset of the group is found defective, the subset will be removed. Removal of a failed lot of meters or failed subset of lot will be removed from service for testing and repair within one year.~~~~~~

Testing Upon Customer Request:

~~Company will make a test of the accuracy of any customer's meter upon request provided the customer does not request such a test more frequently than once in twelve (12) months. A report of the test will be given to the customer and kept on~~

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~~file with the Company. Customer may also make a written request to the North Dakota Public Service Commission for a test of the meter.~~

Records:

~~Company will keep records of all meter tests for at least two (2) years after the completion of a testing cycle. The records will include the identification of the meter including manufacturer, size, and type, reading of the meter before the test, the results of the test, and accuracy after adjustment, if adjustment is made. The records for each year will be filed with the North Dakota Public Service Commission detailing the number of meters tested, the number of meters found~~

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~~to be accurate within the two percent ($\pm 2\%$) limit, the number of meters found to be fast, and the number of meters to be found slow, and the distribution of the test inaccuracies.~~

Reporting:

Great Plains shall file reports of its meter test results by December 15 for the meter testing conducted for the previous calendar year.

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The Company will install gas main extensions using the following guidelines applicable to firm gas main extensions:

- a) The term "main" refers to the facilities that are typically constructed from a border station or regulator station with no particular terminus at a building or structure. Mains are normally installed in streets, alleys, dedicated public ways or dedicated utility easements.
- b) Customer refers to customer ultimately taking natural gas service or a developer request to provide natural gas service to residential customers.
- c) Cost Participation. Cost participation for firm gas extensions shall be determined as follows:
 - i) Extensions 95 Feet or Less – The Company will extend a gas main up to, but not to exceed, 95 feet per home projected to be connected within twelve (12) months from the start of construction where natural gas is the primary fuel used for space heating.
 - ii) Extensions over 95 Feet or where natural gas is not the primary fuel used for space heating – The Company may require cost participation if the estimated capital expenditure is not cost justified. The extension will be considered cost justified if the calculated Maximum Allowable Investment equals or exceeds the estimated capital expenditures using the following formula:

Maximum Allowable Investment (MAI) =

Annual Basic Service Charge +

(3rd Year Estimated Dk x Distribution Delivery Charge)/LARR

Where: LARR = 12.417%

The LARR, defined as the Levelized Annual Revenue Requirement Factor, is the annual rate required to recover the present value of a project over the life of a project.

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- d) Cost of the extension shall include the gas main extension(s), valves, service line(s), cathodic protection equipment, 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.
- e) Where cost participation is required, such extension is subject to execution of the Company's standard agreement for extensions by the customer.
- f) Contributions. In the event the extension is not cost justified, the customer(s) shall pay the Company the portion of the capital expenditures not cost justified. The extension will proceed if the customer:
 - i) Pays in advance to the Company the excess amount not cost justified in cash, or
 - ii) Agrees to pay a special monthly charge. If the customer discontinues service prior to the excess being paid in full, the balance will be due and payable upon discontinuance of service, or
 - iii) Agrees to pay annually a specified minimum charge. If the customer discontinues service prior to the excess being paid in full, the balance will be due and payable upon discontinuance of service, or
 - iv) Agrees to a combination of above methods, or
 - v) Customer may post a bond or an irrevocable letter of credit in the amount of the required contribution prior to construction and acceptable by the Company. Such bond, issued by a bonding company authorized to do business in the state or letter of credit 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.

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- vi) Upon completion of the project, the contribution amount will be adjusted to reflect actual costs, and an additional charge may be levied or a refund may be made.
- vii) If within the five year period from the extension(s) in service date, the number of active customers and related volumes exceeds the projections used to determine MAI, the Company shall re-compute the contribution requirement by recalculating the MAI.
- viii) The recalculated contribution requirement shall be collected from the new applicant(s).
- g) Refunds. Contributions for gas main extensions are refundable, without interest, for a period up to five (5) years from the date of completion of the main extension as additional customers are connected to the particular main extension for which the advance was made.
 - i) The Company will refund to the original contributor(s) the amount required to reduce their contribution to the recalculated contribution requirement. Customers who have posted a bond or letter of credit will be notified of any reduction in surety or guarantee requirements.
 - ii) No refunds will be made until the new applicants begin taking service from the Company.
 - iii) 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.
 - iv) No refund shall be made by Company after the five-year refund period and in no event shall the refund exceed the amount of the contribution.
- h) The Company reserves the right to charge customer the cost associated with providing service to customer if service is not initiated within twelve (12) months of such installation.

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i) Firm Gas Service Line Extensions:

The Company shall install gas service lines using the following general rules and regulations applicable to all firm gas service line extensions:

- i) The term "service line" refers to facilities that are constructed from a main to the final terminus at a building or structure.
- ii) The Company shall furnish, own, and maintain all material and equipment to the outlet side of the meter on the customer's premise(s).
- iii) The Company will extend a service line to serve customer(s) where natural gas is the primary fuel used for space heating without charge up to, but not to exceed, 65 feet. The length of the service line shall be determined by measurement from the customer's property line to the stop valve on the service riser.
- iv) If the additional service line required is beyond 65 feet or natural gas is not the primary fuel used for space heating, the Company may require cost participation if the estimated capital expenditure is not cost justified. The service line extension will be considered cost justified if the calculated MAI equals or exceeds the estimated capital expenditures using the MAI formula provided in ¶ 4.c.ii.
- v) Where cost participation is required, such extension is subject to execution of the Company's standard agreement for extensions by the customer.
- vi) Relocation of Existing Meters and Service Lines: When a customer requests relocation of a meter and/or service line, charges will be made at standard labor and materials rates.

A minimum connection charge, per meter, covering the cost of the installation of the meter and regulator, the service connection, general inspection, and gas turn-on is payable at the time the application for service is submitted. The minimum connection charge is \$25.00 per meter for customers with gas input loads up to 400,000 BTU/hour; and \$50.00 per meter for customers with gas input loads above 400,000 BTU/hour.

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The Company will install gas main and service line extensions using the following guidelines:

a) Contribution. 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), cathodic protection equipment, 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 applicable federal and state income taxes.

i) The extension will proceed if the customer:

(1) Pays in advance to the Company the total cost of construction, or

(2) Customer may post a bond or irrevocable letter of credit in the amount of the required contribution prior to construction and acceptable by the Company. Such bond, issued by a bonding company authorized to do business in the state or letter of credit 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.

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

iii) Remote data acquisition equipment costs shall be subject to the terms and conditions specified in the Company's Interruptible Gas Transportation Rates.

b) Refund. Contributions for gas main and service line extensions are refundable, without interest, for a period up to five (5) years from the date of completion of the main extension.

i) If within the five-year period from the extension(s) in service date, the total of

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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, the Company shall refund the amount exceeding the revenue requirement on the following basis:

(1) Annually, beginning at the second (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.

(2) Customers who have posted a bond or letter of credit will be notified of any reduction in surety or guarantee requirements based on the above calculation.

(3) No refund shall be made by Company after the five-year refund period and in no event shall the refund exceed the amount of the contribution.

ii) If within the five-year period from the extension(s) in service date, additional customers (firm or interruptible) are connected to an interruptible customer's main extension, the Company shall (1) determine the pro rata cost share applicable to the other customer (2) reduce the original customer's contribution requirement by the pro rata cost attributed to the new customer and (3) calculate an MAI for a firm customer through the process described in Section V.¶ 4 of the General Terms and Conditions or collect the full amount for an interruptible customer. The amount collected will be subject to the applicable refund provisions for the remainder of the refund period.

c) Relocation of Existing Meters and Service Lines: When a customer requests relocation of a meter and/or service line, charges will be made at standard labor and material rates.

d) A minimum connection charge, per meter, covering the cost of the installation of the meter and regulator, the service connection, general inspection, and gas turn-on is payable at the time the application for service is submitted. The minimum connection charge is \$100.00 for interruptible customers.

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