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**ORIGINAL VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS**

Mr. Steve Kahl, Executive Secretary  
North Dakota Public Service Commission  
600 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept. 480  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

RE: Application for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity  
for Larimore, North Dakota and Arvilla, North Dakota

Dear Mr. Kahl:

Enclosed herewith, please find a collection of documents related to Dakota Natural Gas, LLC's (DNG's) Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, submitted pursuant to N.D. Admin. Code § 49-03.1-01. The Application seeks such a Certificate to allow DNG to construct and operate the facilities described therein to provide natural gas service to the Larimore, North Dakota and Arvilla, North Dakota areas. Specifically, the following documents are filed herewith:

1. Request for Jurisdictional Determination;
2. Application for Trade Secret Protection;
3. Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (both trade secret and public versions); and,
4. Application for Tariff Revision.

Please note that there are two versions of the Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity; namely, one that is redacted for public viewing and one that includes a non-public attachment containing trade secret information. The trade secret version is so marked. Ergo, DNG's Application for Trade Secret Protection, also enclosed, seeks protection for certain information appended to the Request as Attachment C. The trade secret version of the document is being sent via Federal Express along with a sealed envelope containing the protected Attachment.

In order to mitigate the impacts of continuing increases in material costs and to allow for construction to begin promptly, DNG respectfully requests expedited treatment of its requests. DNG is hopeful that a jurisdictional determination can be made quickly. Additionally, DNG is both cognizant and respectful of the Commission's time and, in order to maximize efficiency, DNG respectfully requests that the Commission consolidate the matters into one docket and allow the timeline for notice and an opportunity to be heard to run contemporaneously, such that the Commission give notice of an opportunity to request a hearing to interested parties and, if no



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hearing is requested within twenty days, that it waive the hearing in accordance with N.D.C.C. § 49-03.1-05; and, that it enter an Order approving DNG's Applications and issue a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing DNG to construct and operate the natural gas distribution facilities at issue in the Application and that it approve the associated tariff provisions.

Finally, DNG respectfully requests that the Commission reduce the requisite filing fees to one combined filing fee of \$10,000 on the basis that \$10,000 is sufficient for cases requiring publication of notices and, accordingly, DNG submits a check herewith for that amount, including in its Federal Express package.

Thank you for your assistance. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or concerns or if you require additional information. My direct dial number is (507) 209-2110 and my email address is kanderson@greatermngas.com.

Sincerely,

DAKOTA NATURAL GAS, LLC

/s/

Kristine A. Anderson

Corporate Attorney (Minnesota) & Regulatory Affairs

Enclosures

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**

Randy Christmann  
Julie Fedorchak  
Sheri Haugen-Hoffart

Chair  
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Commissioner

Case No. \_\_\_\_\_

**In the Matter of the Application of  
Dakota Natural Gas, LLC for a  
Tariff Revision to Create an  
Additional Rate Area**

**APPLICATION FOR  
TARIFF REVISION**

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Dakota Natural Gas, LLC (DNG), respectfully requests that the North Dakota Public Service Commission (Commission) approve certain revisions to its tariff to create an additional rate area stemming from its Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to serve the Larimore, North Dakota and Arvilla, North Dakota areas. Revised tariff sheets reflecting the requested changes, which would take effect in 2024, are appended hereto.

**DISCUSSION**

DNG remains committed to expanding access to natural gas in North Dakota by bringing service to previously unserved communities in the state. As more fully discussed in its Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity filed simultaneously herewith, DNG determined that bringing natural gas service to the communities of Larimore and Arvilla may be feasible, so DNG secured access to gas capacity and designed a project to serve the area. The proposed project would entail construction of approximately 13.25 miles of distribution main and approximately 10.8 miles of service main and service lines to serve the communities of Larimore and Arvilla and their environs. The investment associated with the project is estimated at a cost of approximately \$3.46 million. Given the magnitude of the investment and the uncertainty of future connections associated with the gas extension, DNG must implement a mechanism to recover the cost of service to make the project economically viable. Therefore, DNG proposes that a second rate area be added to its tariff and that a rate area adjustment of \$0.10 per Ccf be added to all customers in Rate Area 2 for a period of fifteen years.<sup>1</sup> Thereafter, the rate area adjustment would be removed. The rate area adjustment will be combined with the currently authorized distribution charge and billed as one rate.

DNG intends to use a comprehensive cost of gas calculation for all its rate areas, such that all DNG customers incur the same cost of gas based on the combined costs from DNG's suppliers

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<sup>1</sup> . The fifteen-year period will run contemporaneously with the fifteen-year property tax exemption pursuant to N.D.C.C. 57-06-17.5.

and custody transfer points. That method is consistent with how DNG currently derives its cost of gas for rate calculation purposes; hence, DNG does not believe that specific regulatory approval is required since no change to the cost of gas calculation is requested. Nonetheless, in the interest of candor and transparency, DNG advises the Commission that, in order secure capacity for the project, DNG's agreement with Xcel Energy is composed of three parts – a firm transport agreement, an interruptible transport agreement, and a minimum use agreement that assures a minimum cumulative annual total payment from DNG to Xcel arising out of all three agreements. DNG will include all costs associated with the Xcel agreements, along with those associated with DNG's existing Viking agreements, in its cost of gas. DNG anticipates that its customers will likely initially experience a slight increase in the cost of gas once the new service is operational, but the impact on the average residential customer should be nominal, anticipated to be approximately \$2.67 per month at the beginning of the project and decreasing over time as more customers are added and gas usage increases.

DNG's proposed revised tariff sheets are incorporated herewith as Attachment A and redlined copies to easily identify the proposed changes are incorporated herewith as Attachment B, specifically including the following:

Section I Sheet Nos. 1 - 2 – Table of Contents  
Section II Sheet No. 1 – Company's Service Area  
Section IV Sheet No. 1 – Technical Terms and Abbreviations  
Section V Sheet Nos. 1.0 - 4.12 – Rate Schedule

### **REQUEST FOR COMMISSION ACTION**

DNG respectfully requests that the Commission approve the tariff revision in conjunction with approval of DNG's Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity so that its proposed project is economically viable and the communities of Larimore and Arvilla can obtain access to natural gas.

Dated: August 30, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

/s/  
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Corporate Attorney (Minnesota) and Regulatory Affairs  
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**COMPANY'S SERVICE AREA**

**Section II**  
Third Revised Sheet No. 1

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Dakota Natural Gas, LLC supplies retail gas service in the State of North Dakota in the communities and surrounding areas listed below:

Rate Area 1

*Cities*

Drayton  
Hillsboro  
Mayville  
Portland

*Townships*

Bingham  
Drayton  
Ervin  
El Dorado  
Hillsboro  
Lindaas  
Mayville  
Norway  
Roseville  
Viking  
Wold

Rate Area 2

*Cities*

Larimore

*Townships*

Arvilla  
Chester  
Larimore  
Oakville

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**TECHNICAL TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS**

**Section IV**  
Second Revised Sheet No. 1

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Company does not employ any technical or special terms which are unique to the application of any of its rate schedules, rules or regulations. All terms used by Company are common terms in the industry.

Rate Areas

See Section IV, Sheet No. 1

<u>Rate Schedule</u>	<u>Class Code</u>
General Service Firm Rate Area 1	RS1 SCS1 CS1
General Interruptible Service Rate Area 1	IND1
General Service Firm Rate Area 2	RS2 SCS2 CS2
General Interruptible Service Rate Area 2	IND2
General Service Transportation Rate	TR1
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**GENERAL FIRM SERVICE RATE  
Rate Code RS1**

**Section V**  
Sheet No. 1.0  
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**Availability**

Available to any firm customer for use of natural gas service in Rate Area 1.

**Applicability and Character of Service**

Rate schedule applies to firm gas service for residential customers whose normal requirements do not exceed 1,999 Ccf annually. Residential customers are defined as those that use gas for general domestic household purposes in space occupied as living quarters, designed for occupancy by one family with separate cooking facilities. Typical service locations include the following: single private residences, separately metered single apartments, mobile homes with separate meters, and auxiliary buildings on the same premises as the living quarters when used for residential purposes. This is not an all-inclusive list.

**Therm Adjustment**

Customer's consumption in Ccf will be adjusted to reflect 1,000 Btu per cubic foot, base pressure 14.73 PSIA, and a gas temperature of 60 degrees Fahrenheit.

**Rate**

Facility Fee per Month	\$16.00
Distribution Charge per Ccf	\$0.377
Cost of Gas per Ccf	\$ _____

**Determination of Cost of Gas**

The Cost of Gas is the Company's Cost of Gas as provided for in the Cost of Gas clause herein.

**Monthly Minimum Charge**

Facility Fee.

**Late Payment Charge**

Any unpaid balance over \$10.00 is subject to a 1.5% late payment charge or \$1.00, whichever is greater, after the date due. The charge may be assessed as provided in the General Rules and Regulations, Section VI-2.

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**GENERAL FIRM SERVICE RATE  
Rate Code RS2**

**Section V  
Sheet No. 1.1**

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**Availability**

Available to any firm customer for use of natural gas service in Rate Area 2.

**Applicability and Character of Service**

Rate schedule applies to firm gas service for residential customers whose normal requirements do not exceed 1,999 Ccf annually. Residential customers are defined as those that use gas for general domestic household purposes in space occupied as living quarters, designed for occupancy by one family with separate cooking facilities. Typical service locations include the following: single private residences, separately metered single apartments, mobile homes with separate meters, and auxiliary buildings on the same premises as the living quarters when used for residential purposes. This is not an all-inclusive list.

**Therm Adjustment**

Customer's consumption in Ccf will be adjusted to reflect 1,000 Btu per cubic foot, base pressure 14.73 PSIA, and a gas temperature of 60 degrees Fahrenheit.

**Rate**

Facility Fee per Month	\$16.00
Distribution Charge per Ccf	\$0.477
Cost of Gas per Ccf	\$ _____

**Determination of Cost of Gas**

The Cost of Gas is the Company's Cost of Gas as provided for in the Cost of Gas clause herein.

**Monthly Minimum Charge**

Facility Fee.

**Late Payment Charge**

Any unpaid balance over \$10.00 is subject to a 1.5% late payment charge or \$1.00, whichever is greater, after the date due. The charge may be assessed as provided in the General Rules and Regulations, Section VI-2.

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**GENERAL FIRM SERVICE RATE  
Rate Code SCS1**

**Section V**  
Sheet No. 2.0  
Replaced Sheet No. 2

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**Availability**

Available to any firm customer for use of natural gas service in Rate Area 1.

**Applicability and Character of Service**

Rate schedule applies to firm gas service for small commercial customers whose normal requirements do not exceed 4,999 Ccf annually. Small commercial customers are defined as those that use gas for a business enterprise in space occupied and operated for nonresidential purposes. Typical service locations include stores, offices, shops, restaurants, boarding houses, hotels, service garages, wholesale houses, filling stations, barber shops, beauty salons, master metered apartment houses, common areas of shopping malls or apartments (such as halls or basements), churches, elevators, schools, and facilities located away from the home site including garages and out buildings. This is not an all-inclusive list.

**Therm Adjustment**

Customer's consumption in Ccf will be adjusted to reflect 1,000 Btu per cubic foot, base pressure 14.73 PSIA, and a gas temperature of 60 degrees Fahrenheit.

**Rate**

Facility Fee per Month	\$16.00
Distribution Charge per Ccf	\$0.377
Cost of Gas per Ccf	\$ _____

**Determination of Cost of Gas**

The Cost of Gas is the Company's Cost of Gas as provided for in the Cost of Gas clause herein.

**Monthly Minimum Charge**

Facility Fee.

**Late Payment Charge**

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**GENERAL FIRM SERVICE RATE  
Rate Code SCS2**

**Section V  
Sheet No. 2.1**

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**Availability**

Available to any firm customer for use of natural gas service in Rate Area 2.

**Applicability and Character of Service**

Rate schedule applies to firm gas service for small commercial customers whose normal requirements do not exceed 4,999 Ccf annually. Small commercial customers are defined as those that use gas for a business enterprise in space occupied and operated for nonresidential purposes. Typical service locations include stores, offices, shops, restaurants, boarding houses, hotels, service garages, wholesale houses, filling stations, barber shops, beauty salons, master metered apartment houses, common areas of shopping malls or apartments (such as halls or basements), churches, elevators, schools, and facilities located away from the home site including garages and out buildings. This is not an all-inclusive list.

**Therm Adjustment**

Customer's consumption in Ccf will be adjusted to reflect 1,000 Btu per cubic foot, base pressure 14.73 PSIA, and a gas temperature of 60 degrees Fahrenheit.

**Rate**

Facility Fee per Month	\$16.00
Distribution Charge per Ccf	\$0.477
Cost of Gas per Ccf	\$ _____

**Determination of Cost of Gas**

The Cost of Gas is the Company's Cost of Gas as provided for in the Cost of Gas clause herein.

**Monthly Minimum Charge**

Facility Fee.

**Late Payment Charge**

Any unpaid balance over \$10.00 is subject to a 1.5% late payment charge or \$1.00, whichever is greater, after the date due. The charge may be assessed as provided in the General Rules and Regulations, Section VI-2.

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**GENERAL FIRM SERVICE RATE  
Rate Code CS1**

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Sheet No. 3.0  
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**Availability**

Available to any firm customer for use of natural gas service in Rate Area 1.

**Applicability and Character of Service**

Rate schedule applies to firm gas service for customers whose normal requirements exceed 4,999 Ccf annually.

**Therm Adjustment**

Customer's consumption in Ccf will be adjusted to reflect 1,000 Btu per cubic foot, base pressure 14.73 PSIA, and a gas temperature of 60 degrees Fahrenheit.

**Rate**

Facility Fee per Month	\$100.00
Distribution Charge per Ccf	\$0.375
Cost of Gas per Ccf	\$ _____

**Determination of Cost of Gas**

The Cost of Gas is the Company's Cost of Gas as provided for in the Cost of Gas clause herein.

**Monthly Minimum Charge**

Facility Fee.

**Late Payment Charge**

Any unpaid balance over \$10.00 is subject to a 1.5% late payment charge or \$1.00, whichever is greater, after the date due. The charge may be assessed as provided in the General Rules and Regulations, Section VI-2.

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**GENERAL FIRM SERVICE RATE**  
**Rate Code CS2**

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**Availability**

Available to any firm customer for use of natural gas service in Rate Area 2.

**Applicability and Character of Service**

Rate schedule applies to firm gas service for customers whose normal requirements exceed 4,999 Ccf annually.

**Therm Adjustment**

Customer's consumption in Ccf will be adjusted to reflect 1,000 Btu per cubic foot, base pressure 14.73 PSIA, and a gas temperature of 60 degrees Fahrenheit.

**Rate**

Facility Fee per Month	\$100.00
Distribution Charge per Ccf	\$0.475
Cost of Gas per Ccf	\$ _____

**Determination of Cost of Gas**

The Cost of Gas is the Company's Cost of Gas as provided for in the Cost of Gas clause herein.

**Monthly Minimum Charge**

Facility Fee.

**Late Payment Charge**

Any unpaid balance over \$10.00 is subject to a 1.5% late payment charge or \$1.00, whichever is greater, after the date due. The charge may be assessed as provided in the General Rules and Regulations, Section VI-2.

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**GENERAL INTERRUPTIBLE SERVICE RATE  
Rate Code IND1**

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**Availability**

Available on an interruptible basis to any commercial or industrial customer in Rate Area 1; and, shall be applied to all commercial and industrial customers for the purpose of providing construction heat during the winter months of December, January, and February.

Customers in this Rate class agree to:

1. Curtail use within one hour after Company's notification to do so;
2. Provide and maintain suitable and adequate alternate fuel capable standby facilities; and,
3. Have access to sufficient standby alternate fuel for periods of curtailment of the delivery of gas sold hereunder.

If a portion of Customer's usage is for processing or manufacturing and curtailment would not be in violation of codes, then requirements (2) and (3) above shall not apply to that portion. If Customer agrees to confine the use of natural gas for specified end uses under this rate to the months of April through October in any calendar year, requirements (2) and (3) above shall not apply. However, any use under this rate is still curtailable at Company's option.

**Applicability and Character of Service**

Rate schedule applies to interruptible gas service for customers, and construction heating during the winter months of December, January, and February.

Delivery of gas hereunder shall be subject to curtailment whenever requested by the Company. Service may be provided through a Company owned meter with telemetering or other automated meter reading capabilities installed.

**Therm Adjustment**

Customer's consumption in Ccf will be adjusted to reflect 1,000 Btu per cubic foot, base pressure 14.73 PSIA, and a gas temperature of 60 degrees Fahrenheit.

**Rate**

Facility Fee per Month	\$100.00
Distribution Charge per Ccf	\$0.25
Cost of Gas per Ccf	\$ _____

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**GENERAL INTERRUPTIBLE SERVICE RATE (continued)**  
**Rate Code IND1**

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Flexible Distribution Charge. Where eligible pursuant to this Section, Company and Customer may agree to a price between \$0.0300 and \$0.25 per Ccf. Unless otherwise agreed, a five day notice of price change shall be provided.

Service on the Flexible Rate. Customers are normally served on a fixed rate but may be placed on the flexible rate if: (1) Customer requests flexible rate service; (2) for pricing reasons, Customer uses a non-gas alternate energy supply/service from a supplier not regulated by the North Dakota Public Service Commission; or, (3) Customer uses gas from a supplier not regulated by the North Dakota Public Service Commission.

Returning to the Fixed Rate. A customer who has been on the flexible rate for at least six months can give the Company notice that in an additional six months Customer wishes to return to the fixed rate. The notice is made void if Customer thereafter voluntarily uses an alternate fuel or service.

Flexible Rate Exemption. The Company shall not offer or impose the flexible rate in competition with indigenous biomass energy.

Non-Agreement Penalties. If Company and Customer cannot agree to a flexible distribution charge and Customer nonetheless uses gas, then Customer shall be charged the maximum allowable flexible distribution charge, plus all other applicable charges and penalties.

**Determination of Cost of Gas**

The Cost of Gas is the Company's Cost of Gas as provided for in the Cost of Gas clause herein.

**Monthly Minimum Charge**

Facility Fee

**Additional Charge for Unauthorized use of Gas During Service Curtailment, Interruption, or Restriction**

If Customer fails to curtail, interrupt, or otherwise restrict use of gas hereunder when requested to do so by Company, Customer shall pay, in addition to the appropriate rates above, the higher of (i) \$5.00 per Ccf, or (ii) an amount equal to any payment Company is required to make to its transporting pipeline as a result of such failure to curtail, interrupt, or restrict service as follows:

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**GENERAL INTERRUPTIBLE SERVICE RATE (continued)  
Rate Code IND1**

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If the transporting pipeline calls an operational flow order, system operation limitation (SOL) or critical day, the additional charge for unauthorized use will be equal to the transporting pipeline charges to the Company as a result of Customer's unauthorized use. As the transporting pipeline revises its rate schedules, the Company's rate will be adjusted accordingly.

Such payments, however, shall not preclude Company from shutting off Customer's supply of gas in the event of Customer's failure to curtail, interrupt, or restrict the use thereof when requested by Company to do so.

**Late Payment Charge**

Any unpaid balance over \$10.00 is subject to a 1.5% late payment charge or \$1.00, whichever is greater, after the date due. The charge may be assessed as provided in the General Rules and Regulations, Section VI-2.

**Term of Agreement Service**

Service agreement shall be for a term of not less than one year. Upon expiration of term, agreement continues in force until terminated by at least 30 days' written notice by either party.

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**GENERAL INTERRUPTIBLE SERVICE RATE**  
**Rate Code IND2**

**Section V**  
Sheet No. 4.1

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**Availability**

Available on an interruptible basis to any commercial or industrial customer in Rate Area 2; and, shall be applied to all commercial and industrial customers for the purpose of providing construction heat during the winter months of December, January, and February.

Customers in this Rate class agree to:

1. Curtail use within one hour after Company's notification to do so;
2. Provide and maintain suitable and adequate alternate fuel capable standby facilities; and,
3. Have access to sufficient standby alternate fuel for periods of curtailment of the delivery of gas sold hereunder.

If a portion of Customer's usage is for processing or manufacturing and curtailment would not be in violation of codes, then requirements (2) and (3) above shall not apply to that portion. If Customer agrees to confine the use of natural gas for specified end uses under this rate to the months of April through October in any calendar year, requirements (2) and (3) above shall not apply. However, any use under this rate is still curtailable at Company's option.

**Applicability and Character of Service**

Rate schedule applies to interruptible gas service for customers, and construction heating during the winter months of December, January, and February.

Delivery of gas hereunder shall be subject to curtailment whenever requested by the Company. Service may be provided through a Company owned meter with telemetering or other automated meter reading capabilities installed.

**Therm Adjustment**

Customer's consumption in Ccf will be adjusted to reflect 1,000 Btu per cubic foot, base pressure 14.73 PSIA, and a gas temperature of 60 degrees Fahrenheit.

**Rate**

Facility Fee per Month	\$100.00
Distribution Charge per Ccf	\$0.35
Cost of Gas per Ccf	\$ _____

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Flexible Distribution Charge. Where eligible pursuant to this Section, Company and Customer may agree to a price between \$0.0300 and \$0.25 per Ccf. Unless otherwise agreed, a five day notice of price change shall be provided.

Service on the Flexible Rate. Customers are normally served on a fixed rate but may be placed on the flexible rate if: (1) Customer requests flexible rate service; (2) for pricing reasons, Customer uses a non-gas alternate energy supply/service from a supplier not regulated by the North Dakota Public Service Commission; or, (3) Customer uses gas from a supplier not regulated by the North Dakota Public Service Commission.

Returning to the Fixed Rate. A customer who has been on the flexible rate for at least six months can give the Company notice that in an additional six months Customer wishes to return to the fixed rate. The notice is made void if Customer thereafter voluntarily uses an alternate fuel or service.

Flexible Rate Exemption. The Company shall not offer or impose the flexible rate in competition with indigenous biomass energy.

Non-Agreement Penalties. If Company and Customer cannot agree to a flexible distribution charge and Customer nonetheless uses gas, then Customer shall be charged the maximum allowable flexible distribution charge, plus all other applicable charges and penalties.

**Determination of Cost of Gas**

The Cost of Gas is the Company's Cost of Gas as provided for in the Cost of Gas clause herein.

**Monthly Minimum Charge**

Facility Fee

**Additional Charge for Unauthorized use of Gas During Service Curtailment, Interruption, or Restriction**

If Customer fails to curtail, interrupt, or otherwise restrict use of gas hereunder when requested to do so by Company, Customer shall pay, in addition to the appropriate rates above, the higher of (i) \$5.00 per Ccf, or (ii) an amount equal to any payment Company is required to make to its transporting pipeline as a result of such failure to curtail, interrupt, or restrict service as follows:

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If the transporting pipeline calls an operational flow order, system operation limitation (SOL) or critical day, the additional charge for unauthorized use will be equal to the transporting pipeline charges to the Company as a result of Customer's unauthorized use. As the transporting pipeline revises its rate schedules, the Company's rate will be adjusted accordingly.

Such payments, however, shall not preclude Company from shutting off Customer's supply of gas in the event of Customer's failure to curtail, interrupt, or restrict the use thereof when requested by Company to do so.

**Late Payment Charge**

Any unpaid balance over \$10.00 is subject to a 1.5% late payment charge or \$1.00, whichever is greater, after the date due. The charge may be assessed as provided in the General Rules and Regulations, Section VI-2.

**Term of Agreement Service**

Service agreement shall be for a term of not less than one year. Upon expiration of term, agreement continues in force until terminated by at least 30 days' written notice by either party.

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**COMPANY'S SERVICE AREA**

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Dakota Natural Gas, LLC supplies retail gas service in the State of North Dakota in the communities and surrounding areas listed below:

Rate Area 1

*Cities*

Drayton  
Hillsboro  
Mayville  
Portland

*Townships*

Bingham  
Drayton  
Ervin  
El Dorado  
Hillsboro  
Lindaas  
Mayville  
Norway  
Roseville  
Viking  
Wold

Rate Area 2

*Cities*

Larimore

*Townships*

Arvilla  
Chester  
Larimore  
Oakville

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TECHNICAL TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

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Company does not employ any technical or special terms which are unique to the application of any of its rate schedules, rules or regulations. All terms used by Company are common terms in the industry.

Rate ~~Area~~ Areas

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<u>Rate Schedule</u>	<u>Class Code</u>
General Service Firm Rate Area 1	RS1 SCS1 CS1
General Interruptible Service ——— <u>Rate Area 1</u>	IND1
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**GENERAL FIRM SERVICE RATE  
Rate Code RS1**

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**Availability**

Available to any firm customer for use of natural gas service in Rate Area 1.

**Applicability and Character of Service**

Rate schedule applies to firm gas service for residential customers whose normal requirements do not exceed 1,999 Ccf annually. Residential customers are defined as those that use gas for general domestic household purposes in space occupied as living quarters, designed for occupancy by one family with separate cooking facilities. Typical service locations include the following: single private residences, separately metered single apartments, mobile homes with separate meters, and auxiliary buildings on the same premises as the living quarters when used for residential purposes. This is not an all-inclusive list.

**Therm Adjustment**

Customer's consumption in Ccf will be adjusted to reflect 1,000 Btu per cubic foot, base pressure 14.73 PSIA, and a gas temperature of 60 degrees Fahrenheit.

**Rate**

Facility Fee per Month	\$16.00
Distribution Charge per Ccf	\$0.377
Cost of Gas per Ccf	\$ _____

**Determination of Cost of Gas**

The Cost of Gas is the Company's Cost of Gas as provided for in the Cost of Gas clause herein.

**Monthly Minimum Charge**

Facility Fee.

**Late Payment Charge**

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Any unpaid balance over \$10.00 is subject to a 1.5% late payment charge or \$1.00, whichever is greater, after the date due. The charge may be assessed as provided in the General Rules and Regulations, Section VI-2.

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**GENERAL FIRM SERVICE RATE**  
**Rate Code RS2**

**Section V**  
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**Availability**

Available to any firm customer for use of natural gas service in Rate Area 2.

**Applicability and Character of Service**

Rate schedule applies to firm gas service for residential customers whose normal requirements do not exceed 1,999 Ccf annually. Residential customers are defined as those that use gas for general domestic household purposes in space occupied as living quarters, designed for occupancy by one family with separate cooking facilities. Typical service locations include the following: single private residences, separately metered single apartments, mobile homes with separate meters, and auxiliary buildings on the same premises as the living quarters when used for residential purposes. This is not an all-inclusive list.

**Therm Adjustment**

Customer's consumption in Ccf will be adjusted to reflect 1,000 Btu per cubic foot, base pressure 14.73 PSIA, and a gas temperature of 60 degrees Fahrenheit.

**Rate**

Facility Fee per Month \$16.00

Distribution Charge per Ccf \$0.477

Cost of Gas per Ccf \$

**Determination of Cost of Gas**

The Cost of Gas is the Company's Cost of Gas as provided for in the Cost of Gas clause herein.

**Monthly Minimum Charge**

Facility Fee.

**Late Payment Charge**

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**GENERAL FIRM SERVICE RATE  
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**Availability**

Available to any firm customer for use of natural gas service in Rate Area 1.

**Applicability and Character of Service**

Rate schedule applies to firm gas service for small commercial customers whose normal requirements do not exceed 4,999 Ccf annually. Small commercial customers are defined as those that use gas for a business enterprise in space occupied and operated for nonresidential purposes. Typical service locations include stores, offices, shops, restaurants, boarding houses, hotels, service garages, wholesale houses, filling stations, barber shops, beauty salons, master metered apartment houses, common areas of shopping malls or apartments (such as halls or basements), churches, elevators, schools, and facilities located away from the home site including garages and out buildings. This is not an all-inclusive list.

**Therm Adjustment**

Customer's consumption in Ccf will be adjusted to reflect 1,000 Btu per cubic foot, base pressure 14.73 PSIA, and a gas temperature of 60 degrees Fahrenheit.

**Rate**

Facility Fee per Month	\$16.00
Distribution Charge per Ccf	\$0.377
Cost of Gas per Ccf	\$ _____

**Determination of Cost of Gas**

The Cost of Gas is the Company's Cost of Gas as provided for in the Cost of Gas clause herein.

**Monthly Minimum Charge**

Facility Fee.

**Late Payment Charge**

Any unpaid balance over \$10.00 is subject to a 1.5% late payment charge or \$1.00, whichever is greater, after the date due. The charge may be assessed as provided in the General Rules and Regulations, Section VI-2.

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**GENERAL FIRM SERVICE RATE**  
**Rate Code SCS2**

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**Availability**

Available to any firm customer for use of natural gas service in Rate Area 2.

**Applicability and Character of Service**

Rate schedule applies to firm gas service for small commercial customers whose normal requirements do not exceed 4,999 Ccf annually. Small commercial customers are defined as those that use gas for a business enterprise in space occupied and operated for nonresidential purposes. Typical service locations include stores, offices, shops, restaurants, boarding houses, hotels, service garages, wholesale houses, filling stations, barber shops, beauty salons, master metered apartment houses, common areas of shopping malls or apartments (such as halls or basements), churches, elevators, schools, and facilities located away from the home site including garages and out buildings. This is not an all-inclusive list.

**Therm Adjustment**

Customer's consumption in Ccf will be adjusted to reflect 1,000 Btu per cubic foot, base pressure 14.73 PSIA, and a gas temperature of 60 degrees Fahrenheit.

**Rate**

Facility Fee per Month \$16.00

Distribution Charge per Ccf \$0.477

Cost of Gas per Ccf \$

**Determination of Cost of Gas**

The Cost of Gas is the Company's Cost of Gas as provided for in the Cost of Gas clause herein.

**Monthly Minimum Charge**

Facility Fee.

**Late Payment Charge**

Any unpaid balance over \$10.00 is subject to a 1.5% late payment charge or \$1.00, whichever is greater, after the date due. The charge may be assessed as provided in the General Rules and Regulations, Section VI-2.

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**Rate Code CS1**

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**Availability**

Available to any firm customer for use of natural gas service in Rate Area 1.

**Applicability and Character of Service**

Rate schedule applies to firm gas service for customers whose normal requirements exceed 4,999 Ccf annually.

**Therm Adjustment**

Customer's consumption in Ccf will be adjusted to reflect 1,000 Btu per cubic foot, base pressure 14.73 PSIA, and a gas temperature of 60 degrees Fahrenheit.

**Rate**

Facility Fee per Month	\$100.00
Distribution Charge per Ccf	\$0.375
Cost of Gas per Ccf	\$ _____

**Determination of Cost of Gas**

The Cost of Gas is the Company's Cost of Gas as provided for in the Cost of Gas clause herein.

**Monthly Minimum Charge**

Facility Fee.

**Late Payment Charge**

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**GENERAL FIRM SERVICE RATE**  
**Rate Code CS2**

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**Availability**

Available to any firm customer for use of natural gas service in Rate Area 2.

**Applicability and Character of Service**

Rate schedule applies to firm gas service for customers whose normal requirements exceed 4,999 Ccf annually.

**Therm Adjustment**

Customer's consumption in Ccf will be adjusted to reflect 1,000 Btu per cubic foot, base pressure 14.73 PSIA, and a gas temperature of 60 degrees Fahrenheit.

**Rate**

Facility Fee per Month \$100.00

Distribution Charge per Ccf \$0.475

Cost of Gas per Ccf \$

**Determination of Cost of Gas**

The Cost of Gas is the Company's Cost of Gas as provided for in the Cost of Gas clause herein.

**Monthly Minimum Charge**

Facility Fee.

**Late Payment Charge**

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Rate Code IND1**

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**Availability**

Available on an interruptible basis to any commercial or industrial customer in ~~all~~ Rate ~~Areas~~ Area 1; and, shall be applied to all commercial and industrial customers for the purpose of providing construction heat during the winter months of December, January, and February.

Customers in this Rate class agree to:

1. Curtail use within one hour after Company's notification to do so;
2. Provide and maintain suitable and adequate alternate fuel capable standby facilities; and,
3. Have access to sufficient standby alternate fuel for periods of curtailment of the delivery of gas sold hereunder.

If a portion of Customer's usage is for processing or manufacturing and curtailment would not be in violation of codes, then requirements (2) and (3) above shall not apply to that portion. If Customer agrees to confine the use of natural gas for specified end uses under this rate to the months of April through October in any calendar year, requirements (2) and (3) above shall not apply. However, any use under this rate is still curtailable at Company's option.

**Applicability and Character of Service**

Rate schedule applies to interruptible gas service for customers, and construction heating during the winter months of December, January, and February.

Delivery of gas hereunder shall be subject to curtailment whenever requested by the Company. Service may be provided through a Company owned meter with telemetering or other automated meter reading capabilities installed.

**Therm Adjustment**

Customer's consumption in Ccf will be adjusted to reflect 1,000 Btu per cubic foot, base pressure 14.73 PSIA, and a gas temperature of 60 degrees Fahrenheit.

**Rate**

Facility Fee per Month \$100.00

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Distribution Charge per Ccf \$0.25

Cost of Gas per Ccf \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Flexible Distribution Charge. Where eligible pursuant to this Section, Company and Customer may agree to a price between \$0.0300 and \$0.25 per Ccf. Unless otherwise agreed, a five day notice of price change shall be provided.

Service on the Flexible Rate. Customers are normally served on a fixed rate but may be placed on the flexible rate if: (1) Customer requests flexible rate service; (2) for pricing reasons, Customer uses a non-gas alternate energy supply/service from a supplier not regulated by the North Dakota Public Service Commission; or, (3) Customer uses gas from a supplier not regulated by the North Dakota Public Service Commission.

Returning to the Fixed Rate. A customer who has been on the flexible rate for at least six months can give the Company notice that in an additional six months Customer wishes to return to the fixed rate. The notice is made void if Customer thereafter voluntarily uses an alternate fuel or service.

Flexible Rate Exemption. The Company shall not offer or impose the flexible rate in competition with indigenous biomass energy.

Non-Agreement Penalties. If Company and Customer cannot agree to a flexible distribution charge and Customer nonetheless uses gas, then Customer shall be charged the maximum allowable flexible distribution charge, plus all other applicable charges and penalties.

**Determination of Cost of Gas**

The Cost of Gas is the Company's Cost of Gas as provided for in the Cost of Gas clause herein.

**Monthly Minimum Charge**

Facility Fee

**Additional Charge for Unauthorized use of Gas During Service Curtailment, Interruption, or Restriction**

If Customer fails to curtail, interrupt, or otherwise restrict use of gas hereunder when requested to do so by Company, Customer shall pay, in addition to the appropriate rates above, the higher of (i) \$5.00 per Ccf, or (ii) an amount equal to any payment Company is

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required to make to its transporting pipeline as a result of such failure to curtail, interrupt, or restrict service as follows:

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**Rate Code IND1**

**Section V**  
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If the transporting pipeline calls an operational flow order, system operation limitation (SOL) or critical day, the additional charge for unauthorized use will be equal to the transporting pipeline charges to the Company as a result of Customer's unauthorized use. As the transporting pipeline revises its rate schedules, the Company's rate will be adjusted accordingly.

Such payments, however, shall not preclude Company from shutting off Customer's supply of gas in the event of Customer's failure to curtail, interrupt, or restrict the use thereof when requested by Company to do so.

**Late Payment Charge**

Any unpaid balance over \$10.00 is subject to a 1.5% late payment charge or \$1.00, whichever is greater, after the date due. The charge may be assessed as provided in the General Rules and Regulations, Section VI-2.

**Term of Agreement Service**

Service agreement shall be for a term of not less than one year. Upon expiration of term, agreement continues in force until terminated by at least 30 days' written notice by either party.

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**GENERAL INTERRUPTIBLE SERVICE RATE**  
**Rate Code IND2**

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**Availability**

Available on an interruptible basis to any commercial or industrial customer in Rate Area 2; and, shall be applied to all commercial and industrial customers for the purpose of providing construction heat during the winter months of December, January, and February.

Customers in this Rate class agree to:

1. Curtail use within one hour after Company's notification to do so;
2. Provide and maintain suitable and adequate alternate fuel capable standby facilities; and,
3. Have access to sufficient standby alternate fuel for periods of curtailment of the delivery of gas sold hereunder.

If a portion of Customer's usage is for processing or manufacturing and curtailment would not be in violation of codes, then requirements (2) and (3) above shall not apply to that portion. If Customer agrees to confine the use of natural gas for specified end uses under this rate to the months of April through October in any calendar year, requirements (2) and (3) above shall not apply. However, any use under this rate is still curtailable at Company's option.

**Applicability and Character of Service**

Rate schedule applies to interruptible gas service for customers, and construction heating during the winter months of December, January, and February.

Delivery of gas hereunder shall be subject to curtailment whenever requested by the Company. Service may be provided through a Company owned meter with telemetering or other automated meter reading capabilities installed.

**Therm Adjustment**

Customer's consumption in Ccf will be adjusted to reflect 1,000 Btu per cubic foot, base pressure 14.73 PSIA, and a gas temperature of 60 degrees Fahrenheit.

**Rate**

Facility Fee per Month \$100.00

Distribution Charge per Ccf \$0.35

Cost of Gas per Ccf \$

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Service on the Flexible Rate. Customers are normally served on a fixed rate but may be placed on the flexible rate if: (1) Customer requests flexible rate service; (2) for pricing reasons, Customer uses a non-gas alternate energy supply/service from a supplier not regulated by the North Dakota Public Service Commission; or, (3) Customer uses gas from a supplier not regulated by the North Dakota Public Service Commission.

Returning to the Fixed Rate. A customer who has been on the flexible rate for at least six months can give the Company notice that in an additional six months Customer wishes to return to the fixed rate. The notice is made void if Customer thereafter voluntarily uses an alternate fuel or service.

Flexible Rate Exemption. The Company shall not offer or impose the flexible rate in competition with indigenous biomass energy.

Non-Agreement Penalties. If Company and Customer cannot agree to a flexible distribution charge and Customer nonetheless uses gas, then Customer shall be charged the maximum allowable flexible distribution charge, plus all other applicable charges and penalties.

**Determination of Cost of Gas**

The Cost of Gas is the Company's Cost of Gas as provided for in the Cost of Gas clause herein.

**Monthly Minimum Charge**

Facility Fee

**Additional Charge for Unauthorized use of Gas During Service Curtailment, Interruption, or Restriction**

If Customer fails to curtail, interrupt, or otherwise restrict use of gas hereunder when requested to do so by Company, Customer shall pay, in addition to the appropriate rates above, the higher of (i) \$5.00 per Ccf, or (ii) an amount equal to any payment Company is required to make to its transporting pipeline as a result of such failure to curtail, interrupt, or restrict service as follows:

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If the transporting pipeline calls an operational flow order, system operation limitation (SOL) or critical day, the additional charge for unauthorized use will be equal to the transporting pipeline charges to the Company as a result of Customer's unauthorized use. As the transporting pipeline revises its rate schedules, the Company's rate will be adjusted accordingly.

Such payments, however, shall not preclude Company from shutting off Customer's supply of gas in the event of Customer's failure to curtail, interrupt, or restrict the use thereof when requested by Company to do so.

**Late Payment Charge**

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