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INTERRUPTIBLE GAS TRANSPORTATION SERVICE Rates 81 and 82

Availability:

Service under this rate schedule is available on an interruptible basis to any interruptible general gas service customer, except those served under the Interruptible Grain Drying Gas Sales Service Rate 73. 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. In order to obtain transportation service, a customer must qualify under an applicable gas transportation service rate; meet the general terms and conditions of service provided hereunder; and enter into a gas transportation agreement upon request of the Company.

The transportation services are as follows:

Small Interruptible General Gas Transportation Service Rate 81:

Transportation service is available for all general gas service customers, except those served under the Interruptible Grain Drying Gas Sales Service Rate 73, whose interruptible natural gas load will exceed an input rate of 2,500,000 Btu per hour, metered at a single delivery point, whose average use of natural gas will not exceed 20,000 dk, and who, absent the request for transportation service are eligible for natural gas service, on an interruptible basis, pursuant to Company's effective Small Interruptible Gas Sales Service Rate 71. Customer's firm natural gas requirements must be separately metered or specified in a firm service agreement. Customer's firm load shall be treated and billed in accordance with the provisions of Firm General Gas Service Rate 70. The firm service volumes are subject to available capacity.

Large Interruptible General Gas Transportation Service Rate 82:

Transportation service is available for all general gas service customers, except those served under the Interruptible Grain Drying Gas Sales Service Rate 73, whose interruptible natural gas load will exceed 20,000 dk annual as metered at a single delivery point. Customer's firm natural gas requirements must be separately metered or specified in a firm service agreement. Customer's firm load shall be treated and billed in accordance with the provisions of Firm General Gas Service Rate 70. The firm service volumes are subject to available capacity.

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Rate:

Basic Service Charge:

Rate 81 \$200.00 per month
Rate 82 \$260.00 per month

Distribution Charge:

Rate 81 \$1.9219 per dk
Rate 82 \$0.9007 per dk

Margin Sharing & CIP Exempt Customer:

Rate 82 The distribution charge applicable to the CIP exempt customer authorized as a margin sharing customer in G004/GR-19-511 shall be \$0.6010 per dk

Flexible Distribution Charge per dk:

Rate 82 Company and customer will agree to a price between \$0.0530 and \$1.7484 per dk. Unless otherwise agreed, a five-day notice of price change shall be provided.

The flexible rate is available only to those customers whose normal daily requirements are in excess of 199 dk. The Company shall not offer or impose a flexible rate to customers with energy supplies consisting of indigenous biomass from a supplier not regulated by the Commission.

Customers are automatically served on the fixed rate, but will be placed on the flexible rate if a qualifying customer requests flexible rate service and (1) for pricing reasons, the customer uses a non-gas alternate energy supply/service from a supplier not regulated by the Commission or (2) the customer uses gas from a supplier not regulated by the Commission.

If Company and customer cannot agree to a flexible rate and customer continues to use gas, customer shall be charged the maximum allowable flexible rate, plus all other applicable charges.

Conservation Improvement Program:

Bills are subject to the currently effective Conservation Improvement Program Adjustment as provided for in the Conservation Improvement Program Adjustment Clause (Sheet No. 5-110).

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Revenue Decoupling Mechanism:

All customers billed under this rate schedule, with the exception of customers served under a flexible distribution rate agreement are subject to the Revenue Decoupling Mechanism (Sheet No. 5-125).

Gas Utility Infrastructure Cost Adjustment:

Bills are subject to the currently effective Gas Utility Infrastructure Cost Adjustment charge as provided in the Gas Utility Infrastructure Cost Adjustment Tariff (Sheet No. 5-130). Customers served under a flexible distribution rate agreement are excluded from this provision.

Conditions of Service:

1. CRITERIA FOR SERVICE – In order to receive the service, customer must qualify under one of the Company's applicable natural gas transportation service rates and comply with the general terms and conditions of 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 in accordance with the provisions of the General Terms and Conditions.
 - (b) Customer must be able to satisfy Company of customer's ability and willingness to discontinue the use of said gas during periods of curtailment or interruption by the use of standby facilities or suffering plant shutdown. Service under this rate schedule is subject to curtailment or interruption before curtailment or interruption of service under any other rate schedule serving this class of customer in accordance with the provisions of the General Terms and Conditions, Section 6, Paragraph V.17.
 - (c) The gas supplied under this schedule will be separately metered and not used interchangeably with gas supplied under any other rate schedules.

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3. 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 General Terms and Conditions, §V. Paragraph 17.
4. 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 Company, any gas taken above that received on customer's behalf, shall be billed at the charges applicable under Firm General Service Rate 70, (excluding the Basic Service Charge), 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.
5. 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.
 - (a) 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 will be prorated to each customer based on the customer's over- or under-take as a percentage of the total.
6. 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:

<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 Cash-out Mechanism is equal to the lesser of the Company's WACOG or the Index Price, as defined in Paragraph 6(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 6(c).

- (c) The Index Price shall be the arithmetic average of the "Weekly Weighted Average Prices" published by Gas Daily for Emerson, Viking GL; Northern, Ventura; and Northern, demark 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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7. METERING REQUIREMENTS:

- (a) Remote data acquisition equipment if required by 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, shall 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 may 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 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, reprogram or reinstall the Company's telemetering equipment when the service call is the result of a failure or change in communication or power source services described above or damage to Company's equipment.

8. 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.

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- (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.
9. 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 expense of any nature whatsoever arising from every claim against said gas.
10. LATE PAYMENT CHARGE – If the unpaid balance is in excess of \$10.00, a late payment charge of 1.5% of the unpaid balance or \$1.00, whichever is greater, shall be added to the unpaid balance if the bill is not paid within 22 days of the current billing date. No late payment charge will be made if the unpaid balance is \$10.00 or less.

General Terms and Conditions:

The General Terms and Conditions contained in this tariff shall apply to this rate schedule.

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