



GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS CO.

A Division of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.

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CONSERVATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE

Applicability:

This Conservation Improvement Program Adjustment is applicable to the Company's Minnesota retail gas sales and transportation rate schedules. Exemptions are as follows:

"Large Energy Facility", as defined in Minn. Stat. 216B.2421 customers shall receive a monthly exemption from conservation improvement program charges pursuant to Minn. Stat. 216B.16, subd. 6b Energy Conservation Improvement. Upon exemption from conservation program charges, the "Large Energy Facility" customers can no longer participate in any utility's Energy Conservation Improvement Program.

"Large Customer Facility" customers that have been exempted from the Company's Conservation Improvement Program charges pursuant to Minn. Stat. 216B.241, Subd. 1a (b) shall receive a monthly exemption from conservation improvement program charges pursuant to Minn. Stat. 216B.16, subd. 6b Energy Conservation Improvement. Such monthly exemption will be effective beginning January 1 of the year following the grant of exemption. Upon exemption from conservation program charges, the "Large Customer Facility" customers can no longer participate in the Company's Energy Conservation Improvement Program.

"Commercial Gas Customers" that have been exempted from the Company's Conservation Improvement Program charges pursuant to Minn. Stat. 216B.241, Subd. 1a (c) shall receive a monthly exemption from conservation improvement program charges pursuant to Minn. Stat. 216B.16, subd. 6b Energy Conservation Improvement. Such monthly exemption will be effective beginning January 1 of the year following the grant of exemption. Upon exemption from conservation program charges, the "Commercial Gas Customers" can no longer participate in the Company's Energy Conservation Improvement Program. The Company has fewer than 600,000 natural gas customers in Minnesota, thus making the Company subject to this Minnesota Statute.

Adjustment:

There shall be included on each non-exempt customer's monthly bill a Conservation Cost Recovery Adjustment (CCRA) Factor which shall be the applicable CCRA Factor multiplied by the customer's monthly billing dk for gas service before any applicable adjustments, city surcharge or sales tax. In addition to the CCRA Factor, a Base Charge of \$0.0818 per dk, also known as the Conservation Cost Recovery Charge (CCRC), is billed as part of the distribution

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charge authorized in Docket No. G004/GR-19-511. The CCRC is approved and applied on a per dk basis by dividing the test-year CIP expenses by the test-year sales volumes (net of CIP-exempt volumes).

Determination of Conservation Cost Recovery Adjustment:

The CCRA Factor shall be calculated for each customer class by dividing the allocated recoverable Conservation Improvement Program costs, not recovered through the Base Charge by the projected sales volumes, excluding CIP-exempt customer volumes, for a designated recovery period. The factor may be adjusted annually with approval of the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission.

The applicable rate that will be assessed to all non-CIP exempt customers in each rate class is:

Base Charge CCRC	Adjustment CCRA Factor
\$0.0818	\$0.0924

Exemption:

Any customer account determined by the Commissioner to qualify for a CIP exemption as a Large Customer Facility or a Commercial Gas Customer pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 216B.241 and 216B.2421, shall be exempt from the CCRC and the CCRA. Customer accounts granted exemption by a decision of the Commissioner after the beginning of the calendar year shall be credited for any CIP collections billed after January 1st of the year following the Commissioner's decision.

Any customer account determined by the MPUC to qualify for a CIP exemption as a Large Energy Facility pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 216B.16, subd. 6b(b) and 216B.2421, subd. 2(1), shall be exempt from the CCRC and the CCRA Factor.

For Large Customer Facilities, Commercial Gas Customers or Large Energy Facilities, determined to be CIP exempt, the Flexible Distribution Charge will be reduced by the CCRC for exempt customers served under a specific flexed contract. Exempt customers not served under a flexed contract will be billed a credit CCRC. Upon exemption from the conservation program charges, no exempted customer may participate in the Company's gas conservation improvement program unless the owner of the facility submits a filing with the Commissioner or the MPUC to withdraw its exemption.

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