



GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS CO.

A Division of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.

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FRANCHISE FEE RIDER

Applicability:

This Franchise Fee Rider is applicable to the Company’s Minnesota gas rate schedules. 100% of the franchise fees collected shall be submitted to the government entity assessing such fee.

The Company will notify the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission of any new, expired, or changed fee, authorized by Minnesota Statute § 216B.36 to raise revenue, 60 days prior to its implementation. Notification to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission will include a copy of the relevant franchise fee ordinance, or other operative document authorizing imposition of the fee.

The Company will include the following language on the first bill to a customer on which a new or modified fee is listed:

The community of (name of community) initiated/renewed a [franchise fee % amount] % franchise fee on Great Plains Natural Gas Co. (Great Plains) natural gas accounts effective [month, day, year]. The line item appears on your bill as “City Franchise Fee.” Great Plains remits 100% of this fee to the community imposing the fee.

Adjustment:

There shall be added to the customer’s bill, an amount equal to any franchise, gross earnings, excise, or other charges or taxes now or hereafter imposed upon Great Plains, whether imposed by ordinance, franchise or otherwise applicable to gas service supplied by Great Plains to customer.

Applicable Franchise Fees within the corporate limits of each city are as follows:

City	Fee
Crookston	5% of natural gas bill
Granite Falls	5% of natural gas bill
Marshall	5% of natural gas bill
Redwood Falls	5% of natural gas bill

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