

September 27, 2019

Mr. Daniel Wolf  
Executive Secretary  
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission  
121 East Seventh Place, Suite 350  
St. Paul, MN 55101

**RE: In the Matter of a Petition by Great Plains Natural Gas Co. for Authority  
to Increase Natural Gas Rates in Minnesota  
Docket No. G-004/GR-19-511**

Dear Mr. Wolf:

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 216B.16, Great Plains Natural Gas Co. ("Great Plains"), a Division of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., respectfully submits its Application for Authority to increase Natural Gas Rates ("Application") with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission ("Commission"). This Application includes a Notice of Changes in Rates, the rate schedules which contain the changes in rates, the testimony, exhibits, schedules and workpapers supporting the changed rates, and the information required by the Commission's rules for changes in rates (Minnesota Rules, parts 7825.3100-7825.4600), as well as compliance items ordered by the Commission in prior proceedings.

As set forth in the Application, Great Plains seeks authority to increase rates to reflect the current cost of providing natural gas service to its customers. The effect of the final rate increase proposed will be an increase of \$2,860,839 or approximately a 12.0 percent overall increase over currently effective rates.<sup>1</sup>

Attachment A to this transmittal letter is a Filing Requirements Compliance Table which summarizes the rules, previous Commission orders, and policy statements that are applicable to Great Plains' rate case filing, and lists cross-references to the portions of this filing which satisfy those requirements. Also enclosed is Great Plains' Petition for Interim Rates, supporting schedules and interim

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<sup>1</sup> The test year for Great Plains' general natural gas rate increase filing is the calendar year ending December 31, 2020. Great Plains has requested to suspend rates currently authorized in its Gas Utility Infrastructure Cost (GUIC) Adjustment established in Docket No. M-18-282 at the time interim rates are implemented as requested on January 1, 2020. The suspension of the GUIC rates will produce a revenue deficiency of, \$3,639,839 over test year gross revenues which will be offset by the reduction in GUIC revenue resulting in a net revenue increase of \$2,860,839 or 12.0 percent over present rates authorized by the Commission in its final order in Docket No. E,G-999/CI-17-895.

tariffs. The return on equity for interim rates proposal is 9.06 percent, which is consistent with the return authorized by the Commission in Great Plains' most recent rate proceeding in Docket No. G-004/GR-15-879. Finally, pursuant to Minn. Rules 7825.2700 Subp. 2, Great Plains is filing a related, but separate, Miscellaneous Tariff Change seeking authority to use a new base gas cost calculation in Docket No. G-004/MR-19-512.

In addition, Exhibit No. \_\_ (TRJ-2), attached to the testimony of Mr. Jacobson, includes salary information of certain employees that Great Plains has designated as **Trade Secret and Confidential, Trade Secret and Private Data**, which if disclosed would place Great Plains at a competitive disadvantage. In particular, the salary information of individuals is private data on individuals as defined in Minn. Stat. § 13.02, subdivision 12. This salary information is also trade secret information as defined by Minn. Stat. § 13.37, subdivision 1(b) in that this information is not publicly available and derives independent economic value from not being readily ascertainable by proper means by other persons who could obtain economic value from its disclosure or use. In accordance with Minn. § 216B.16, subdivision 17, Great Plains did not designate the salary information of its five highest paid employees as non-public or trade secret. Great Plains has identified the **Trade Secret** and other **Non-Public Information** in the pursuant to Minn. Rule 7829.0500.

A copy of the Application has been served on the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources and the Office of Attorney General - Residential Utilities Division, and a Summary of Filing has been served on all parties to the Company's most recent natural gas rate case or incentive plan proceeding, as well as to persons on the Company's general natural gas service list, as shown on the Affidavit of Service included with the Notice of Change of Rates.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please do not hesitate to contact me, at (701) 222-7856, or Brian Meloy, at (612) 335-1451.

Sincerely,



Tamie A. Aberle  
Director of Regulatory Affairs

**STATE OF MINNESOTA  
BEFORE THE  
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**SUMMARY OF FILING**

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On September 27, 2019, Great Plains Natural Gas Co. ("Great Plains"), a Division of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., submitted its Application for Authority to Increase Natural Gas Rates with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission ("Commission"). The change in rates applies to all of Great Plains' retail natural gas customers. The overall purpose of the requested rate changes is to produce additional revenues to meet Great Plains' cost of service for the test year ending December 31, 2020 and to more closely align customers' rates with costs. The effect of the final rate increase proposed will be an increase of \$2,860,839 or approximately a 12.0 percent overall increase over currently effective rates<sup>1</sup>. Great Plains requests an interim rate increase of \$2,600,907 annually, or approximately a 10.980 percent interim increase over currently effective rates. Great Plains proposes that the interim rates become effective for service rendered on and after January 1, 2020. Great Plains' request to

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increase natural gas rates is its first requested rate increase since it filed its last general rate case petition on September 30, 2015.





\$2,600,907 or 10.980 percent be effective on January 1, 2020, with final rates becoming effective within 10 months of the date of the application.<sup>2 3</sup>

Great Plains' last natural gas rate case was filed in Docket No. G-004/GR-15-879 on September 30, 2015, with interim rates implemented on January 1, 2016 and final rates implemented on January 1, 2017. Distribution rates were reduced to produce an annual decrease of \$395,206 effective May 1, 2019 in response to the Commission's Order issued in its Investigation into the Effects on Electric and Natural Gas Utility Rates and Services of the 2017 Federal Tax Act in Docket No. E,G999/CI-17-895.

Since the last rate case, several factors have contributed to Great Plains' current revenue deficiency. The primary factor is the amount of distribution infrastructure investment, much of which is associated with pipeline integrity and safety. The increase in infrastructure investment has also resulted in increases in the associated operating expenses, such as depreciation and ad valorem taxes.

This Application includes the following information in accordance with Minnesota Statutes and Commission's rules:

**B. Notice and Proposal Regarding General Rate Change. (Minn. R. 7825.3200A(1) and 7825.3500)**

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<sup>2</sup> Great Plains waives its rights to have interim rates go into effect "not later than 60 days after the initial filing date," and agrees not to charge customers interim rates until January 1, 2020, which is consistent with Great Plains' use of a 2020 Test Year. The Commission granted a similar limited waiver in similar circumstances. See In the Matter of a Petition by Great Plains Natural Gas Co. for Authority to Increase Natural Gas Rates in Minnesota, Order Setting Interim Rates issued in Docket No. G004/GR-15-879 (November 30, 2015) Paragraph 9.B. ("Grants the Company's request to waive its right to put interim rates into effect on November 30, 2015, and authorizes Great Plains to implement interim rates for service rendered on and after January 1, 2016.").

<sup>3</sup> As identified in the Interim Rate Petition, the suspension of the GUIC rates will produce an interim revenue deficiency of \$3,380,005 over test year gross revenues which will be offset by the reduction in GUIC revenue resulting in a net revenue increase of \$2,600,907 or 10.980 percent over present rates authorized by the Commission in its final order in Docket No. E,G-999/CI-17-895.

<b>Utility:</b>	Great Plains Natural Gas Co. a Division of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. 400 N 4th Street Bismarck, ND 58501 (701) 222-7856
<b>Company's Attorneys:</b>	Brian Meloy Stinson LLP 50 South Sixth Street, Suite 2600 Minneapolis, MN 55402 (612) 335-1451
<b>Date of Filing and date modified rates are effective:</b>	<p>The date of this filing is September 27, 2019. Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 216B.16, Subd. 1, Great Plains proposes and requests that the requested natural gas rates become effective January 1, 2020, 95 days after filing, without suspension. A schedule of rates and tariffs, reflecting the revenue increase requested and the proposed rates design increase requested and the proposed rate design described in the attached documents is included with the Application.</p> <p>If the Commission suspends the proposed natural gas rates pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 216B.16, Subd. 2, then pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 216B.16, Subd. 3, Great Plains requests that the Commission approve the interim natural gas rates proposed in the Petition for Interim Rates, which is filed as part of this Application, effective January 1, 2020, with final rates effective within 10 months of the dates of this Application.</p>
<b>Description and Purpose of the Change in Rates Requested:</b>	Great Plains proposes to increase rates to produce sufficient revenues to meet its cost of providing natural gas service to its customers, which has increased since its last rate case filing in September 2015. Great Plains proposes that the Commission utilize a projected test year ending December 31, 2020 to evaluate Great Plains' costs and revenue requirements.

**Effect of the Change in Rates Expressed in Gross Revenue Dollars and as a Percentage of Test Year Gross Revenue:**

The effect of the rate change will be an increase in gross revenues for Great Plains in the test year of \$2,860,839 or 12 percent more than gross revenues under existing rates.

**Controlling Statute for Time in Processing the Filing:**

Minn. Stat. § 216B.16, Subd. 2 and 3

**Signature and title of utility officer authorizing the proposal:**

Garret Senger, Executive V.P. Regulatory Affairs, Customer Service & Administration

**C. Modified rates. (Minn. R. 7825.3200A(2) and 7825.3600)**

Included in this Application are rate schedules containing the proposed changed rates and tariff. These schedules and tariffs are supported by the pre-filed Direct Testimony of Stephanie Bosch, and are included in Volume I, Appendix B, of the Application.

**D. Expert opinions and supporting documents. (Minn. R. 7825.3200A(3) and 7825.3700)**

Included in Volume II of this Application are statements of fact, expert opinions, substantiating documents and exhibits supporting the change in retail natural gas rates. Pursuant to Minn. R. 7825.3700, Nicole Kivisto provides Direct Testimony as Great Plains' designated official in support of the Application. A list of Great Plains' other witnesses is provided in Ms. Kivisto's Direct Testimony.

**E. Information requirements. (Minn. R. 7825.3200A(4) and 7825.3800 - 7825.4400)**

Included with this notice is Volume III, Financial Information, Schedules A through F, representing Great Plains' supporting documentation and contains the information in

support of a general rate increase required by Minn. R. 7825.3800 through Minn. R. 7825.4400. Data is provided for the 2018 historical year, the 2019 projected year and the proposed test year ending December 31, 2020.

Exhibit No.\_\_(TRJ-2), attached to the testimony of Mr. Jacobson, includes salary information of certain employees that Great Plains has designated as confidential, trade secret and private data, which if disclosed would place Great Plains at a competitive disadvantage. In particular, the salary information of individuals is private data on individuals as defined in Minn. Stat. § 13.02, subdivision 12. This salary information is also trade secret information as defined by Minn. Stat. § 13.37, subdivision 1(b) in that this information is not publicly available and derives independent economic value from not being readily ascertainable by proper means by other persons who could obtain economic value from its disclosure or use. In accordance with Minn. § 216B.16, subdivision 17, Great Plains did not designate the salary information of its five highest paid employees as non-public or trade secret.

**F. Methods and procedures for refunding. (Minn. R. 7825.3200A(5) and 7825.3300)**

Included with this Application is an “Agreement and Undertaking” signed and verified by Mr. Garret Senger, Executive V.P. Regulatory Affairs, Customer Service & Administration of Great Plains.

**G. Energy Conservation. (Minn. Stat. § 216B.16, Subd. 1).**

In compliance with the requirements of Minn. Stat. § 216B.16, Subd. 1, Great Plains is not required to include its approved conservation improvement plan in this filing.

**H. Notice to municipalities and counties. (Minn. Stat. § 216B.16, Subd. 1)**



Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 216B.16, Subd. 1, Great Plains proposes to mail the Proposed Notice to Counties and Municipalities included with the Application to all municipalities and counties in Great Plains' Minnesota natural gas service territory. This notice includes a discussion of the proposed interim rates, as well as information regarding the general natural gas rate case filing. Great Plains requests Commission approval of the notice so it may be mailed in a timely fashion.

**I. Customer notice. (Minn. R. 7829.2400, subp. 3)**

Great Plains will notify customers through a bill insert of its Application to increase retail natural gas rates and explain the proposed general rate increase. If Great Plains' requested retail natural gas rate increase is suspended, Great Plains also will explain the impact of its interim rates on customer bills in the same bill insert. Included in this Application is an example of Great Plains' proposed notice of its rate increase. Great Plains requests approval of the customer notice so it can be included prior to or with the first bills issued with interim rates.

**J. Conclusion**

Great Plains respectfully requests consideration and acceptance of its Application. If additional information is required, please contact Tamie A. Aberle at (701) 222-7856 or Brian Meloy at (612) 335-1451.

**Dated: September 27, 2019**

**Respectfully submitted,**

By Garret Senger

Garret Senger  
Executive V.P. Regulatory Affairs,  
Customer Service & Administration  
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AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

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I, Tamie A. Aberle, Director of Regulatory Affairs of Great Plains Natural Gas Co. ("Great Plains"), a Division of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., do hereby certify that copies of the Notice in Change of Rates, Summary of Filing and Petition for Interim Rates for Great Plains were mailed to those on the attached service list.

Dated this 27<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019.

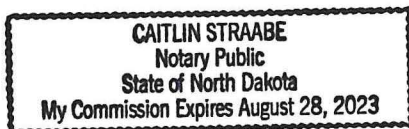


Tamie A. Aberle  
Director - Regulatory Affairs

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27<sup>th</sup>  
day of September, 2019.



Caitlin Straabe, Notary Public  
Burleigh County, North Dakota  
My Commission Expires: 08/28/2023



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First Name	Last Name	Email	Company Name	Address	Delivery Method	View Trade Secret	Service List Name
Brian	Meloy	brian.meloy@stinson.com	STINSON LLP	50 S 6th St Ste 2600  Minneapolis, MN 55402	Electronic Service	No	OFF_SL_15-879_Official Service List PUC 15-879
Generic Notice	Residential Utilities Division	residential.utilities@ag.state.mn.us	Office of the Attorney General-RUD	1400 BRM Tower 445 Minnesota St St. Paul, MN 551012131	Electronic Service	Yes	OFF_SL_15-879_Official Service List PUC 15-879
Janet	Shaddix Elling	jshaddix@janetshaddix.com	Shaddix And Associates	7400 Lyndale Ave S Ste 190  Richfield, MN 55423	Electronic Service	Yes	OFF_SL_15-879_Official Service List PUC 15-879
Byron E.	Starns	byron.starns@stinson.com	STINSON LLP	50 S 6th St Ste 2600  Minneapolis, MN 55402	Electronic Service	No	OFF_SL_15-879_Official Service List PUC 15-879
Lynnette	Sweet	Regulatory.records@xcelenergy.com	Xcel Energy	414 Nicollet Mall FL 7  Minneapolis, MN 554011993	Electronic Service	No	OFF_SL_15-879_Official Service List PUC 15-879
Daniel P	Wolf	dan.wolf@state.mn.us	Public Utilities Commission	121 7th Place East Suite 350 St. Paul, MN 551012147	Electronic Service	Yes	OFF_SL_15-879_Official Service List PUC 15-879

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**AGREEMENT AND UNDERTAKING**

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Great Plains Natural Gas Co. ("Great Plains"), a Division of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., in conjunction with the Notice of Change in Rates filed herewith, makes the following unqualified agreement concerning refund of any portion of the increase in interim rates determined to be unreasonable by the Commission. Great Plains hereby agrees and undertakes to refund to its customers the excess of increased rates collected during the period of suspension, including interest thereon which shall be at the current rate of interest as determined by the Commission, computed from the effective date of the proposed rates through the date of refund, if any part of the rates put into effect is finally disallowed by the Commission. The refund shall be made in accordance with Minn. Stat. § 216B.16, Subd. 3(c) in a manner approved by the Commission. In addition, Great Plains agrees to keep such records of sales and billings under the proposed rates as will be necessary to compute any potential refund.

Dated: September 27, 2019

By Garret Senger

Garret Senger  
Executive V.P. Regulatory Affairs, Customer  
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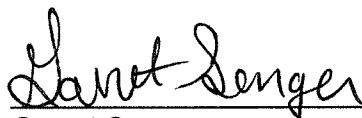
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VERIFICATION

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA )  
 )  
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH )

Garret Senger, being first duly sworn on oath, says that he is the Executive V.P. Regulatory Affairs, Customer Service & Administration of Great Plains Natural Gas Co. ("Great Plains"), a Division of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., the Company making the foregoing Agreement and Undertaking; that said Agreement and Undertaking has been duly authorized by Great Plains, he is authorized to execute the same on behalf of said company; that he has read the foregoing Agreement and Undertaking and knows the content thereof and that the same is true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.



Garret Senger

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27<sup>th</sup>  
day of September, 2019.



Caitlin Straabe, Notary Public  
Burleigh County, North Dakota  
My Commission Expires: 08/28/2023

CAITLIN STRAABE  
Notary Public  
State of North Dakota  
My Commission Expires August 28, 2023

**Notice to Counties and Municipalities**

# **Notice to Counties and Municipalities**

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Under Minn. Stat. § 216.B, subd.1  
MPUC Docket No.: G-004/GR-19-511

Great Plains Natural Gas Co. (Great Plains) has asked the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC) to increase its rates for natural gas distribution service. The requested increase is for \$2,860,839 or approximately 12.0 percent. This increase, if approved, would add about \$7.05 to an average Residential customer's monthly bill.

While the MPUC reviews Great Plains' request, state law allows Great Plains to collect higher rates on an interim (temporary) basis. The interim rate increase is \$2,600,907 per year or approximately 11 percent more than current rates. This increase appears on your bill as the Interim Increase.

The MPUC will likely make its decision on our request in the summer of 2020. If final rates are lower than interim rates, we will refund customers the difference with interest. If final rates are higher than interim rates, we will not charge customers the difference.

### ***Why is Great Plains asking for an increase?***

Our last request for a rate increase was in September 2015. Since that time, we have increased capital investments in the Minnesota system related to Great Plains' continued investment in distribution facilities to improve system safety and reliability. The additional investment has generally increased the associated depreciation, taxes, and operation and maintenance expenses.

### ***Here's how that rate change will affect monthly bills:***

The proposed rate changes will affect individual monthly bills differently depending on natural gas use and customer type/rate class. Bills will also vary because the wholesale cost of natural gas changes each month. Customers' bills contain several parts: Basic Service Charge, Distribution Charge, Cost of Gas, various Rate Riders and applicable state, city, county and franchise taxes. The proposed Basic Service Charge and Distribution Charge cover the cost of delivering natural gas service to our customers. The Cost of Gas covers wholesale gas costs and interstate pipeline costs. The Cost of Gas is passed through directly to customers without mark-up. This rate increase does not affect the Cost of Gas.

### ***The Chart below shows the current and proposed rates for each customer class:***

<b>North Customer Class</b>	<b>Average Monthly Usage (in dk)</b>	<b>Average Monthly Bill: Current Rates</b>	<b>Average Monthly Bill: Interim Rates</b>	<b>Average Monthly Bill Proposed Rates</b>
Residential	7	\$46.42	\$51.48	\$53.50
Firm General Service - (meters < 500 cubic feet/hr)	12	86.28	98.09	97.86
Firm General Service - (meters > 500 cubic feet/hr)	83	468.30	503.06	523.94
Small Interruptible Sales	354	1,645.01	1,789.31	1,685.82
Large Interruptible Sales	4,281	15,785.44	16,285.00	15,853.81
Small Interruptible Transportation	1,182	1,606.58	2,072.57	1,862.40
Large Interruptible Transportation	7,957	4,661.18	6,323.52	5,380.53
Interruptible Grain Drying Previously under Rate 71	553	2,490.70	2,686.90	2,754.40
Interruptible Grain Drying Previously under Rate 85	1,932	\$7,250.48	\$7,521.41	\$8,504.15

**Basic Service Charge and Distribution Charge**

Customers are billed for natural gas delivery service in two ways. The first is a monthly Basic Service Charge, which covers a portion of fixed costs that do not change with the amount of natural gas used. The second is the Distribution Charge, a per dekatherm (Dk) charge which recovers the costs not included in the Basic Service Charge. The total Distribution Charge amount changes each month based on the amount of natural gas used.

Great Plains is asking to increase the Basic Service Charge for most of its customers. Great Plains proposes to increase the Residential Basic Service Charge from \$7.50 per month to \$0.296 per day which amounts to an average monthly charge of \$9.00. Great Plains is also requesting an increase in the Residential Distribution Charge from \$1.6545 to \$2.7515 per dekatherm.

<b>Customer Charge (per month)</b>	<b>Current Monthly Customer Charge</b>	<b>Proposed Daily or Monthly Customer Charge</b>	<b>Current Distribution Charge/Dk</b>	<b>Proposed Distribution Charge/Dk</b>
Residential	\$7.50	\$0.296 Daily	\$1.6545	\$2.7515
Firm General Service – (meters < 500 cubic feet/hr)	\$23.00	\$0.904 Daily	\$1.3193	\$2.1189
Firm General Service – (meters > 500 cubic feet/hr)	\$28.50	\$1.151 Daily	\$1.3193	\$2.1189
Small Interruptible Sales	\$145.00	\$150.00 Monthly	\$1.1444	\$1.4238
Large Interruptible Sales	\$230.00	\$500.00 Monthly	\$0.5763	\$0.6657
Small Interruptible Transportation	\$200.00	\$250.00 Monthly	\$1.1444	\$1.4238
Large Interruptible Transportation	\$260.00	\$560.00 Monthly	\$0.5763	\$0.6657
Interruptible Grain Drying Previously Rate 71	\$145.00	\$450.00 Monthly	\$1.1444	\$1.2478
Interruptible Grain Drying Previously Rate 85	\$230.00	\$450.00 Monthly	\$0.5763	\$1.2478

**Other Proposed Changes**

A new Interruptible Grain Drying customer class is proposed in this rate case. This group of customers has unique characteristics from an operations standpoint and is distinguishable from the cost of service perspective to the point a new customer class was warranted. Great Plains is proposing to move 30 customers currently served under the Small Interruptible Sales Rate 71 and 2 that are served under the Large Interruptible Sales Rate 85 to this new rate class.

**What is the process for reviewing Great Plains request?**

The MPUC, the Minnesota Department of Commerce, the Office of the Attorney General-Residential Utilities and Antitrust Division, public interest groups, and customers will investigate our proposal.

The MPUC will hold public hearings and accept written comments about our rate request. Customers and others may comment on our rate request at the public hearings. Notice of the public hearing dates and locations will be published in local newspapers, in bill inserts, and at <http://www.gpng.com/rates-and-services/rate-cases>.

## ***SUBMIT COMMENTS***

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

Online: Visit [mn.gov/puc/](http://mn.gov/puc/) select *Speak Up!*, find this docket (19-511), and add your comments to the discussion.

U.S. Mail: 121 7<sup>th</sup> Place East, Suite 350, St. Paul MN 55101

Phone: 651-296-0406 or 1-800-657-3782

## ***How to Learn More***

Great Plains current and proposed rate schedules are available at:

Great Plains Natural Gas Co.

Online: <http://www.gpng.com/rates-and-services/rate-cases>;

Great Plains' Offices: Please call to schedule an appointment: 1-877-267-4764.

Minnesota Department of Commerce

85 7<sup>th</sup> Place East, Suite 500

St. Paul, MN 55101

Phone 651-539-1534

Web: <https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/search.jsp>  
select 19 in the year field, type 511 in the number field,  
select Search, and the list of documents will appear on  
the next page.

Citizens with hearing or speech disabilities may call through their preferred Telecommunications Relay Service.

Anyone who wishes to formally intervene in this case should contact Administrative Law Judge, \_\_\_\_\_, Office of Administrative Hearings, Attn: \_\_\_\_\_ OAH Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_, PUC Docket G004/GR-19-511, 600 North Robert Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101. OAH Mailing address is P.O. Box 64620, St. Paul, MN 55164-0620. \_\_\_\_\_ email is [\\_\\_\\_\\_\\_@state.mn.us](mailto:_____@state.mn.us).



**Interim Rates Bill Insert**

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## NEW INTERIM RATES EFFECTIVE

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**Basic Service Charge and Distribution Charge**

Customers are billed for natural gas delivery service in two ways. The first is a monthly Basic Service Charge, which covers a portion of fixed costs that do not change with the amount of natural gas used. The second is the Distribution Charge, a per dekatherm (Dk) charge which recovers the costs not included in the Basic Service Charge. The total Distribution Charge amount changes each month based on the amount of natural gas used.

Great Plains is asking to increase the Basic Service Charge for most of its customers. Great Plains proposes to increase the Residential Basic Service Charge from \$7.50 per month to \$0.296 per day which amounts to an average monthly charge of \$9.00. Great Plains is also requesting an increase in the Residential Distribution Charge from \$1.6545 to \$2.7515 per dekatherm.

<b>Customer Charge (per month)</b>	<b>Current Monthly Customer Charge</b>	<b>Proposed Daily or Monthly Customer Charge</b>	<b>Current Distribution Charge/Dk</b>	<b>Proposed Distribution Charge/Dk</b>
Residential	\$7.50	\$0.296 Daily	\$1.6545	\$2.7515
Firm General Service – (meters < 500 cubic feet/hr)	\$23.00	\$0.904 Daily	\$1.3193	\$2.1189
Firm General Service – (meters > 500 cubic feet/hr)	\$28.50	\$1.151 Daily	\$1.3193	\$2.1189
Small Interruptible Sales	\$145.00	\$150.00 Monthly	\$1.1444	\$1.4238
Large Interruptible Sales	\$230.00	\$500.00 Monthly	\$0.5763	\$0.6657
Small Interruptible Transportation	\$200.00	\$250.00 Monthly	\$1.1444	\$1.4238
Large Interruptible Transportation	\$260.00	\$560.00 Monthly	\$0.5763	\$0.6657
Interruptible Grain Drying Previously Rate 71	\$145.00	\$450.00 Monthly	\$1.1444	\$1.2478
Interruptible Grain Drying Previously Rate 85	\$230.00	\$450.00 Monthly	\$0.5763	\$1.2478

**Other Proposed Changes**

A new Interruptible Grain Drying customer class is proposed in this rate case. This group of customers has unique characteristics from an operations standpoint and is distinguishable from the cost of service perspective to the point a new customer class was warranted. Great Plains is proposing to move 30 customers currently served under the Small Interruptible Sales Rate 71 and 2 that are served under the Large Interruptible Sales Rate 85 to this new rate class.

**What is the process for reviewing Great Plains request?**

The MPUC, the Minnesota Department of Commerce, the Office of the Attorney General-Residential Utilities and Antitrust Division, public interest groups, and customers will investigate our proposal.

The MPUC will hold public hearings and accept written comments about our rate request. Customers and others may comment on our rate request at the public hearings. Notice of the public hearing dates and locations will be published in local newspapers, in bill inserts, and at <http://www.gpng.com/rates-and-services/rate-cases>.

## ***SUBMIT COMMENTS***

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

Online: Visit [mn.gov/puc/](http://mn.gov/puc/) select *Speak Up!*, find this docket (19-511), and add your comments to the discussion.

U.S. Mail: 121 7<sup>th</sup> Place East, Suite 350, St. Paul MN 55101

Phone: 651-296-0406 or 1-800-657-3782

## ***How to Learn More***

Great Plains current and proposed rate schedules are available at:

Great Plains Natural Gas Co.

Online: <http://www.gpng.com/rates-and-services/rate-cases>;

Great Plains' Offices: Please call to schedule an appointment: 1-877-267-4764.

Minnesota Department of Commerce

85 7<sup>th</sup> Place East, Suite 500

St. Paul, MN 55101

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select Search, and the list of documents will appear on  
the next page.

Citizens with hearing or speech disabilities may call through their preferred Telecommunications Relay Service.

Anyone who wishes to formally intervene in this case should contact Administrative Law Judge, \_\_\_\_\_, Office of Administrative Hearings, Attn: \_\_\_\_\_ OAH Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_, PUC Docket G004/GR-19-511, 600 North Robert Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101. OAH Mailing address is P.O. Box 64620, St. Paul, MN 55164-0620. \_\_\_\_\_email is [\\_\\_\\_\\_@state.mn.us](mailto:____@state.mn.us).

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<b><u>Minnesota Rules, Part</u></b>	<b><u>Information Required</u></b>	<b><u>Section and Page of Application</u></b>
<b>7825.2700 Subp. 2</b>	<p><u>New Base Gas Cost</u></p> <p>A new base gas cost must be submitted as a miscellaneous rate change to coincide with the implementation of interim rates during a general rate proceeding.</p>	Filed contemporaneously in Docket No. G004/MR-19-512
<b>7825.3500</b>	<p><u>General Information</u></p> <p>The utility's proposal for a change in rates shall summarize the notice of change in rates and shall include the following information:</p> <p>(A) name, address, and telephone number of the utility without abbreviation and the name and address and telephone number of the attorney for the utility, if there be one;</p> <p>(B) date of filing and date modified rates are effective;</p> <p>(C) description and purpose of the change in rates requested;</p> <p>(D) effect of the change in rates expressed in gross revenue dollars and as a percentage of test year gross revenue; and</p> <p>(E) signature and title of utility officer authorizing the proposal.</p>	<p>Volume I – General Rate Petition</p> <p>Notice of Changes in Rates, p. 3.</p> <p>Notice of Changes in Rates, p. 3.</p> <p>Notice of Changes in Rates, p. 3.</p> <p>Notice of Changes in Rates, p. 4.</p> <p>Notice of Changes in Rates, p. 4.</p>
<b>7829.2400</b>	<p>Filing requiring determination of gross revenue</p> <p>(1) A utility filing a general rate case or other filing that requires determination of its gross revenue requirement shall include, on a separate page, a brief summary of the filing, sufficient to apprise potentially interested parties of its nature and general content.</p> <p>(2) A utility filing a general rate change request shall serve copies of the filing on the department and Residential Utilities Division of the office of the Attorney General. The utility shall serve the filing or the summary described in subpart 1 on the persons on the applicable general service list and persons who were parties to its last general rate case or incentive plan proceeding.</p>	<p>Volume I – General Rate Petition</p> <p>Summary of Filing</p> <p>Transmittal Letter and Affidavit of Service.</p>



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	(3) A utility seeking a general rate change shall give notice of the proposed change to the governing body of each municipality and county in its service area and to its ratepayers. The utility shall also publish notice of the proposed change in newspapers of general circulation in all county seats in its service area.	Notice of Changes in Rates, p. 3 and Proposed Notice to governing bodies.
<b>7825.3200</b>	<p><u>Notice of Change in Rates</u></p> <p>A utility filing for a change in rates shall serve notice to the commission at least 90 days prior to the proposed effective date of the modified rates. Such notice shall include the items prescribed below for:</p> <p>(A) General rate changes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Proposal for change in rates as prescribed in part 7825.3500;</li> <li>(2) Modified rates as prescribed in part 7825.3600;</li> <li>(3) Expert opinions and supporting exhibits as prescribed in 7825.3700;</li> <li>(4) Informational requirements as prescribed in parts 7825.3800 to 7825.4400; and</li> <li>(5) Statement indicating the method of insuring the payment of refunds as prescribed in part 7825.3300</li> </ol>	<p>Volume I – General Rate Petition</p> <p>Notice of Changes in Rates. See below for reference to parts 7825.3600, 7825.3700, 7825.3800-4400, and 7825.3300</p>
<b>7825.3300</b>	An unqualified agreement, signed by an authorized official of the utility, to refund to the customers or credit to customers' accounts within 90 days from the effective date of the commission order any portion of the increase in rates determined to be unreasonable together with interest at the average prime interest rate computed from the effective date of the proposed rates through the date of refund or credit.	Volume IV – Interim Petition
<b>7825.3600</b>	Revised or new pages to the rate book previously filed with the commission and by identifying those pages which were not changed. In addition, each revised page shall contain the revision number and the page number of the revised page.	Volume I – General Rate Petition, Appendix B
<b>7825.3700</b>	Expert opinions and supporting exhibits shall include written statements, in question and answer format, together with supporting exhibits of utility personnel and other expert witnesses as deemed appropriate by the utility in support of the proposal.	Volume II – Testimony and Exhibits containing testimony of eight (8) witnesses

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	<u>Supporting Exhibits</u>	
<b>7825.3900</b>	A jurisdictional financial summary schedule as required by part <u>7825.3800</u> shall be filed showing:	Volume III – Statements A through F
(A)	the proposed rate base, operating income, overall rate of return, and the calculation of income requirements, income deficiency, and revenue requirements for the test year;	Statement A
(B)	the actual unadjusted average rate base consisting of the same components as the proposed rate base, unadjusted operating income, overall rate of return, and the calculation of income requirements, income deficiency, and revenue requirements for the most recent fiscal year; and	Statement A
(C)	the projected unadjusted average rate base consisting of the same components as the proposed rate base, unadjusted operating income under present rates, overall rate of return, and the calculation of income requirements, income deficiency, and revenue requirements for the projected fiscal year.	Statement A
<b>7825.4000</b>	The following rate base schedules as required by part <u>7825.3800</u> shall be filed:	Volume III – Statements A through F
(A)	A rate base summary schedule by major rate base component (e.g. plant in service, construction work in progress, and plant held for future use) showing the proposed rate base, the unadjusted average rate base for the most recent fiscal year and unadjusted average rate base for the projected fiscal year. The totals for this schedule shall agree with the rate base amounts included in the financial summary.	Statement B
(B)	A comparison of total utility and Minnesota jurisdictional rate base amounts by detailed rate base component showing:	
(1)	total utility and the proposed jurisdictional rate base amounts for the test year including the adjustments, if any, used in determining the proposed rate base;	Statement B

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	<p>(2) the unadjusted average total utility and jurisdictional rate base amounts for the most recent fiscal year and the projected fiscal year.</p> <p>(C) Adjustment schedules, if any, showing the title, purpose, and description and the summary calculations of each adjustment used in determining the proposed jurisdictional rate base.</p> <p>(D) A summary by rate base component of the assumptions made and the approaches used in determining average unadjusted rate base for the projected fiscal year. Such assumptions and approaches shall be identified and quantified into two categories: known changes from the most recent fiscal year and projected changes.</p> <p>(E) For multi-jurisdictional utilities only, a summary by rate base component of the jurisdictional allocation factors used in allocating the total utility rate base amounts to the Minnesota jurisdiction. This summary shall be supported by a schedule showing for each allocation factor the total utility and jurisdictional statistics used in determining the proposed rate base and the Minnesota jurisdictional rate base for the most recent fiscal year and the projected fiscal year.</p>	<p>Statement B</p> <p>Statement B</p> <p>Statement B</p> <p>Statement C, Schedule C-6</p>
<b>7825.4100</b>	<p>The following operating income schedules as required by part <u>7825.3800</u> shall be filed:</p> <p>(A) A summary schedule of jurisdictional operating income statements which reflect proposed test year operating income, and unadjusted jurisdictional operating income for the most recent fiscal year and the projected fiscal year calculated using present rates.</p> <p>(B) For multijurisdictional utilities only, a schedule showing the comparison of total utility and unadjusted jurisdictional operating income statement for the test year, for the most recent fiscal year and the projected fiscal year. In addition, the schedule shall provide the proposed adjustments, if any, to jurisdictional operating income for the test year together with the proposed operating income statement.</p>	<p>Volume III – Statements A through F</p> <p>Statement C</p> <p>Statement C</p>

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	<p>(C) For investor-owned utilities only, a summary schedule showing the computation of total utility and allocated Minnesota jurisdictional federal and state income tax expense and deferred income taxes for the test year, the most recent fiscal year, and the projected fiscal year. This summary schedule shall be supported by a detailed schedule, showing the development of the combined federal and state income tax rates.</p> <p>(D) A summary schedule of adjustments, if any, to jurisdictional test year operating income and detailed schedules for each adjustment providing an adjustment title, purpose and description of the adjustment, and summary calculations.</p> <p>(E) A schedule summarizing the assumptions made and the approaches used in projecting each major element of operating income. Such assumptions and approaches shall be identified and quantified into two categories: known changes from the most recent fiscal year and projected changes.</p> <p>(F) For multijurisdictional utilities only, a schedule providing, by operating income element, the factor or factors used in allocating total utility operating income to Minnesota jurisdiction. This schedule shall be supported by a schedule which sets forth the statistics used in determining each jurisdictional allocation factor for the test year, the most recent fiscal year, and the projected fiscal year.</p>	<p>Statement C, Schedule C-5</p> <p>Statement F, Schedule F-2</p> <p>Statement C</p> <p>Statement C</p> <p>Statement C, Schedule C-6</p>
<b>7825.4200</b>	<p>The following rate of return cost of capital schedules as required by part <u>7825.3800</u> shall be filed:</p> <p>(A) A rate of return cost of capital summary schedule showing the calculation of the weighted cost of capital using the proposed capital structure and the average capital structures for the most recent fiscal year and the projected fiscal year. This information shall be provided for the unconsolidated parent and subsidiary corporations, or for the consolidated parent corporation.</p>	<p>Volume III – Statements A through F</p> <p>Statement D</p>

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	(B) Supporting schedules showing the calculation of the embedded cost of long-term debt, if any, and the embedded cost of preferred stock, if any, at the end of the most recent fiscal year and the projected fiscal year.	Statement D
	(C) Schedule showing average short-term securities for the proposed test year, most recent fiscal year, and the projected fiscal year.	Statement D
	(D) Average Common Equity Balances	Statement D
<b>7825.4300</b>	The following rate structure and design information as required by part <u>7825.3800</u> shall be filed:	Volume III – Statements A through F
	(A) A summary comparison of test year operating revenue under present and proposed rates by customer class of service showing the difference in revenue and the percentage change.	Statement E
	(B) A detailed comparison of test year operating revenue under present and proposed rates by type of charge including minimum, demand, energy by block, gross receipts, automatic adjustments, and other charge categories within each rate schedule and within each customer class of service.	Statement E, Schedule E-1
	(C) A cost-of-service study by customer class of service, by geographic area, or other categorization as deemed appropriate for the change in rates requested, showing revenues, costs, and profitability for each class of service, geographic area, or other appropriate category, identifying the procedures and underlying rationale for cost and revenue allocations. Such study is appropriate whenever the utility proposes a change in rates which results in a material change in its rate structure.	Statement E, Schedule E-2
<b>7825.4400</b>	The following supplemental information as required by part <u>7825.3800</u> shall be filed:	Volume III – Statements A through F
	(A) Annual report to stockholders or members including financial statements and statistical supplements for the most recent fiscal year. If a utility is not audited by an independent public accountant, unaudited financial statements will satisfy this filing requirement.	Statement F, Schedule F-1

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(B)	For investor-owned utilities only, a schedule showing the development of the gross revenue conversion factor.	Statement F, Schedule F-2
(C)	For cooperatives only, REA Form 7, Financial and Statistical Report for the last month of the most recent fiscal year.	N/A
(D)	For cooperatives only, REA Form 7A, Annual Supplement to Financial and Statistical Report.	N/A
(E)	For cooperatives only, REA Form 325, Financial Forecast.	N/A

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<u>Minnesota Statute</u>	<u>Information Required</u>	<u>Section and Page of Application</u>
§216B.16, subd 1; Notice	<p>Subd 1. Notice</p> <p>Unless the commission otherwise orders, no public utility shall change a rate which has been duly established under this chapter, except under 60 days' notice to the commission. The notice shall include statements of facts, expert opinions, substantiating documents, and exhibits, supporting the change requested, and state the change proposed to be made in the rates then in force and the time when the modified rates will go into effect.</p> <p>If the filing utility does not have an approved energy conservation improvement plan on file with the department, it shall also include in its notice an energy conservation plan pursuant to section 216B.241. A filing utility subject to rate regulation under section 216B.026 shall reference in its notice the energy conservation improvement programs to members of the filing utility pursuant to section 216B.241.</p> <p>The filing utility shall give written notice, as approved by the commission, of the proposed change to the governing body of each municipality and county in the area affected.</p> <p>All proposed changes shall be shown by filing new schedules or shall be plainly indicated upon schedules on file and in force at the time.</p>	<p>Volume I – General Rate Petition</p> <p>Notice of Changes in Rates</p> <p>The Company has an approved Conservation Improvement Program Plan for the period 2017-2019 approved in Docket No. G004/CIP-16-121. The extension of the Plan through 2020 is pending approval by the Deputy Commissioner in Docket No. G004/CIP-16-121.</p> <p>Proposed Notices</p> <p>Appendix B</p>

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§216B.16, subd 3(b); Interim Rates	<p>Subd 3. Interim Rates</p> <p>(b) Unless the commission finds that exigent circumstances exist, the interim rate schedule shall be calculated using the proposed test year cost of capital, rate base, and expenses, except that it shall include:</p> <p>(1) a rate of return on common equity for the utility equal to that authorized by the commission in the utility's most recent rate proceeding;</p> <p>(2) rate base or expense items the same in nature and kind as those allowed by a currently effective order of the commission in the utility's most recent rate proceeding; and</p> <p>(3) no change in the existing rate design. In the case of a utility which has not been subject to prior commission determination, the commission shall base the interim rate schedule on its most recent determination concerning a similar utility.</p>	Volume IV – Interim Petition
§216B.16, subd 6(a); CWIP	<p>Subd 6(a). Construction work in progress</p> <p>To the extent that construct work in progress is included in the rate base, the commission shall determine in its discretion whether and to what extent the income used in determining the actual return on the public utility property shall include an allowance for funds used during construction, considering the following factors:</p> <p>(1) The magnitude of the construction work in progress as a percentage of the net investment rate base;</p> <p>(2) The impact on cash flow and the utility's capital costs;</p> <p>(3) The effect on consumer rates;</p> <p>(4) Whether it confers a present benefit upon an identifiable class or classes of customers; and</p> <p>(5) Whether it is of a short-term nature or will be imminently useful in the provision of utility service</p>	N/A



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§216B.16, subd 6(b); Energy conservation improvement	<p>Subd. 6(b). Energy conservation improvement.</p> <p>(a) Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision, all investments and expenses of a public utility as defined in section 216B.241, subdivision 1, paragraph (h), incurred in connection with energy conservation improvements shall be recognized and included by the commission in the determination of just and reasonable rates as if the investments and expenses were directly made or incurred by the utility in furnishing utility service.</p>	<p>Volume III – Statements A through F</p> <p>Statement C</p>
§216B.16, subd 9; Charitable contribution	The commission shall allow as operating expenses only those charitable contributions that the commission deems prudent and that qualify under section 300.66, subdivision 3. Only 50 percent of the qualified contributions are allowed as operating expenses.	Volume II – Testimony and Exhibits, T. R. Jacobson Testimony
§216B.16, subd 17; Travel, entertainment and related employee expenses	<p>Subd. 17. Travel, entertainment, and related employee expenses.</p> <p>(a) The commission may not allow as operating expenses a public utility's travel, entertainment, and related employee expenses that the commission deems unreasonable and unnecessary for the provision of utility service. In order to assist the commission in evaluating the travel, entertainment, and related employee expenses that may be allowed for ratemaking purposes, a public utility filing a general rate case petition shall include a schedule separately itemizing all travel, entertainment, and related employee expenses as specified by the commission, including but not limited to the following categories:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) travel and lodging expenses;</li> <li>(2) food and beverage expenses;</li> <li>(3) recreational and entertainment expenses;</li> <li>(4) board of director-related expenses, including and separately itemizing all compensation and expense reimbursements;</li> <li>(5) expenses for the ten highest paid officers and employees, including and separately itemizing all compensation and expense reimbursements;</li> <li>(6) dues and expenses for memberships in organizations or clubs;</li> <li>(7) gift expenses;</li> <li>(8) expenses related to owned, leased, or chartered aircraft; and</li> </ol>	<p>Volume II – Testimony and Exhibits</p> <p>T. R. Jacobson Testimony and Exhibit No. ____ (TRJ-2)</p>

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	<p>(9) lobbying expenses.</p> <p>(b) To comply with the requirements of paragraph (a), each applicable expense incurred in the most recently completed fiscal year must be itemized separately, and each itemization must include the date of the expense, the amount of the expense, the vendor name, and the business purpose of the expense. The separate itemization required by this paragraph may be provided using standard accounting reports already utilized by the utility involved in the rate case, in a written format or an electronic format that is acceptable to the commission. For expenses identified in response to paragraph (a), clauses (1) and (2), the utility shall disclose the total amounts for each expense category and provide separate itemization for those expenses incurred by or on behalf of any employee at the level of vice president or higher and for board members. The petitioning utility shall also provide a one-page summary of the total amounts for each expense category included in the petitioning utility's proposed test year</p> <p>(c) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, data submitted to the commission under paragraph (a) are public data. The commission or an administrative law judge assigned to the case may treat the salary of one or more of the ten highest paid officers and employees, other than the five highest paid, as private data on individuals as defined in section 13.02, subdivision 12, or issue a protective order governing release of the salary, if the utility establishes that the competitive disadvantage to the utility that would result from release of the salary outweighs the public interest in access to the data. Access to the data by a government entity that is a party to the rate case must not be restricted.</p>	

**INFORMATION REQUIRED BY MINNESOTA PUBLIC  
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<b><u>Docket No.</u></b>	<b><u>Information Required</u></b>	<b><u>Section and page of Application</u></b>
<p>G,E-999/CI-90-1008</p> <p>Investigation into the Competitive Impact of Appliance Sales and Service Practices of Minnesota Gas and Electric Utilities</p> <p>Order Setting Filing Requirements</p> <p>G004/GR-02-1682 Stipulation and Agreement</p>	<p>Whether method of allocation is a fully allocated costing approach, and does it comply with Commission-recommended cost allocation principles.</p> <p>If allocation method does not comply with Commission-recommended cost allocation principles, whether methods would accomplish similar results.</p> <p>Demonstrate that its general allocation method is consistent with, or provides results consistent with, the Commission's general allocator</p>	<p>Volume II – Testimony and Exhibits, T. J. Nygard Testimony</p> <p>T. J. Nygard Testimony</p>
G,E999/CI-90-563	In future rate cases the Department will investigate the company's service extension-related additions to rate base to make sure 1) that LDCs are applying their tariffs correctly and consistently, 2) that they are appropriately cost and load justified, and 3) that wasteful additions to plant and facilities are not allowed into rate base	Volume II – Testimony and Exhibits, S. Bosch Testimony
G004/GR-02-1682 Order Approving Stipulation and Agreement	In future rate cases, Great Plains shall adjust the cost of gas related to any changes from the initial proposed sales forecast to properly account for the per unit change in demand cost.	G004/MR-19-512, Miscellaneous Base Cost of Gas Filing filed concurrently with this case.
G004/GR-04-1487 Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order	In the Company's next rate case, the Commission will require Great Plains to include the Transportation Classes in it CCOS Study.	Volume II – Testimony and Exhibits, J. R. Hatzenbuehler Testimony
G004/M-12-740 Order	Great Plains shall provide, in its next rate case, a full discussion and cost analysis showing the impact of requiring telemetry for all current interruptible customers and as a requirement for any future customer to receive interruptible service.	Volume I – General Rate Petition, Appendix A
G004/M-12-303 December 10, 2012 Order	Adjust the LARR Factor (depreciation) applied in the Extension Policy	Volume II – Testimony and Exhibits, S. Bosch Testimony

## INFORMATION REQUIRED BY MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION STATEMENTS OF POLICY

<b><u>Policy Statement</u></b>	<b><u>Information Requested</u></b>	<b><u>Section and page of Application</u></b>
G004/GR-15-879 September 6, 2016 Order	<p>The Commission requires Great Plains to improve its forecast methodology in future rate filings by providing the following information, to the extent practicable, or explaining why the information is not available:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A summary spreadsheet that links together the Company's test-year sales and revenue estimates, its CCOSS, and its rate design schedules;</li> <li>A spreadsheet that fully links together all raw data, to the most detailed information available and in a format that enables the full replication of Great Plains' process that the Company uses to calculate the input data it uses in its test-year sales analysis;</li> <li>Raw sales, customer count, billing system and weather data that is as up to date as possible and that goes back at least 20 years;</li> <li>Hourly historical weather (temperature) data, rather than (or in addition to) daily historical data;</li> <li>If, in the future, Great Plains updates, modifies, or changes its billing system, a bridging schedule that fully links together the old and new billing systems and validates that there is no difference between the two billing systems;</li> <li>any, and all, data used for its sales forecast 30 days in advance of its next general rate case; and</li> <li>detailed information sufficient to allow for replication of any and all Company derived forecast variables.</li> </ol> <p>In future rate cases, if Great Plains has any Loss on Debt Repurchased, it must clearly identify the Debt Repurchased in its filing, explain the relationship of the Debt to Great Plains (for example, why Great Plains and Minnesota ratepayers are being allocated a portion of the loss) and explain the amortization of the loss if it is not in equal, annual amounts.</p> <p>In its next general rate case, Great Plains shall do the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>File a Basic Customer method CCOSS as well as a Minimum System method CCOSS supported by</li> </ul>	<p>G004/GR-19-511, Great Plains Sales Forecast 30-day Compliance Pre-Filing and Volume II – Testimony and Exhibits, M. T. Shoemake Testimony</p> <p>Volume II – Testimony and Exhibits, T. R. Jacobson Testimony</p> <p>Volume II – Testimony and Exhibits, J. R. Hatzenbuehler Testimony, Volume III – Statements A-F, Statement E, Schedule E-2</p>

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<b><u>Policy Statement</u></b>	<b><u>Information Requested</u></b>	<b><u>Section and page of Application</u></b>
	<p>distribution mains data (length in feet, original cost of construction, and normalized replacement cost) disaggregated into material, size, and vintage (year).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submit separate CCOSs for the North and South Districts if the rate areas have not been consolidated.</li> </ul> <p>In its next rate case Great Plains shall file proper studies and analyses that fully support Great Plains' statements in this docket that these customers could plausibly seek gas service directly from an interstate pipeline or have economic alternative fuels available to them.</p>	<p>N/A</p> <p>Volume II – Testimony and Exhibits, J. J. Fischer Testimony</p>
Advertising	<p>Statement that recovery is requested only for permitted advertisements.</p> <p>Description of Advertisements for which recovery is requested.</p> <p>Sample advertisements for which recovery is requested.</p>	<p>Volume II – Testimony and Exhibits, T. R. Jacobson Testimony</p> <p>Volume III – Statements A – F, Statement C, Schedule C-7</p>
Charitable Contributions	<p>Evidence as to whether the recipients of the contributions: serve the utility's Minnesota service area; are nondiscriminatory in selecting recipients; and do not promote political or special interest groups.</p> <p>Evidence as to what organizations are gifted, their activities, and that no part of the contribution goes to benefit any private stockholder or individual.</p> <p>Itemized schedule showing amount, recipient and time of donations</p>	<p>Volume II – Testimony and Exhibits, T. R. Jacobson Testimony</p>
Organizational Dues	<p>Schedule showing each organization being paid, the number of employees belonging to each organization and the dollar amount of dues being paid to each organization.</p> <p>Testimony explaining the primary purpose of each organization.</p>	<p>Volume III – Statements A – F, Statement C, Schedule C-2</p> <p>Volume II – Testimony and Exhibits, T. R. Jacobson Testimony</p>
Research Expenses		N/A
Cash Working Capital	Lead/lag study with: 1) lead time divided into service to meter reading; meter reading to billing; and billing to collection;	N/A

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<b><u>Policy Statement</u></b>	<b><u>Information Requested</u></b>	<b><u>Section and page of Application</u></b>
	and 2) lag expenses divided in categories such as fuel, purchased power, labor, etc. Other issues may include average or minimum cash balances required, depreciation, dividends and interest on debt.	
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Item 2, page 2	Date of filing and date proposed interim rates are requested to become effective.	Volume IV - Interim Petition, Petition for Interim Rates, pages 1-2.
Item 3, page 2	Description and need for interim rates.	Volume IV - Interim Petition, Petition for Interim Rates, pages 2-4.
Item 4, page 2	Description and corresponding dollar amount change included in interim rates as compared with most current approved general rate case and with the most recent year for which audited data is available.	Volume IV - Interim Petition, Petition for Interim Rates, p. 4.
Item 5, page 2	Effect of the interim rates expressed in gross revenue dollars and as a percentage of test year gross revenues.	Volume IV - Interim Petition, Petition for Interim Rates, pages 4-5.
Item 6, page 2	Certification by officer of the utility.	Volume IV - Interim Petition, Petition for Interim Rates, p. 5 and Agreement and Undertaking
	Methods and procedures for refunding.	Volume IV - Interim Petition, Petition for Interim Rates, p. 5 and Agreement and Undertaking
Item 7, page 2	Signature and title of the utility officer authorizing the proposed interim rates.	Volume IV - Interim Petition, Petition for Interim Rates, p. 7
Items 1-4, page 3	Supporting schedules and workpapers.	Volume IV - Interim Petition, Petition for Interim Rates, p. 5 and Interim Statements A-F

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	Notices.	Volume IV - Interim Petition, Petition for Interim Rates, p. 6 and Volume I – General Rate Petition
	Interim Bills	Volume IV - Interim Petition, Petition for Interim Rates, p. 6



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## State of Minnesota Gas Rate Schedule – MNPUC Volume 2

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### CONTACT LIST

A. The following people may be contacted for information regarding the items listed.

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Fergus Falls, MN 56537  
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### **COMMUNITIES SERVED**

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#### North District

Breckenridge  
Crookston  
Fergus Falls  
Pelican Rapids  
Vergas

#### South District

Belview  
Boyd  
Clarkfield  
Danube  
Dawson  
Echo  
Granite Falls  
Marshall  
Montevideo  
Redwood Falls  
Renville  
Sacred Heart  
Wood Lake

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### **TECHNICAL TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS**

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The Company does not employ any technical or special terms that are unique to the application of any of its rate schedules, rules or regulations. All terms used by the Company are common terms in the industry. For clarification purposes such terms are defined in Section 6 General Terms and Conditions.

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## State of Minnesota Gas Rate Schedule – MNPUC Volume 2

Section No. 5

11<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 5-40

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### RESIDENTIAL GAS SERVICE Rate N60 North District

#### Availability:

Service under this rate schedule is available to any residential customer located in Great Plains' Minnesota North District Service Area (Breckenridge, Crookston, Fergus Falls, Pelican Rapids and Vergas) for the domestic use of natural gas service. See General Terms and Conditions, Paragraph 3, for definition on class of service.

#### Rate:

Basic Service Charge:	\$7.50 per month
Distribution Charge:	\$1.6545 per dk
Base Cost of Gas:	\$3.7191 per dk

#### Minimum Bill:

Basic Service Charge.

#### Cost of Gas:

The billed cost of gas represents the Base Cost of Gas identified above adjusted by the Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment provided for in the Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment Clause (Sheet No. 5-62).

#### 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).

#### Revenue Decoupling Mechanism:

All customer bills under this rate are subject to the Revenue Decoupling Mechanism, Sheet No. 5-125.

#### Gas Affordability Program:

Bills are subject to the currently effective Gas Affordability Program charge as provided in the Gas Affordability Program Tariff, Sheet No. 5-120.

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### **RESIDENTIAL GAS SERVICE Rate N60 North District**

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#### **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.

#### **Measurement Unit for Billing Purposes:**

Customer's metered consumption will be adjusted to reflect decatherms in accordance with the General Terms and Conditions, Section 6, Paragraph V.12.

#### **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 22 days from the current billing date. No late payment charge will be assessed 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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### FIRM GENERAL SERVICE Rate N70 North District

#### Availability:

Service under this rate schedule is available to any firm general service customer located in Great Plains' Minnesota North District Service Area (Breckenridge, Crookston, Fergus Falls, Pelican Rapids and Vergas) whose maximum requirements are not more than 2,000 cubic feet per hour. See General Terms and Conditions, Paragraph 3, for definition on class of service.

#### Rate:

##### Basic Service Charge:

For customers with meters rated  
Under 500 cubic feet per hour      \$23.00 per month

For customers with meters rated  
Over 500 cubic feet per hour      \$28.50 per month

Distribution Charge:      \$1.3193 per dk

Base Cost of Gas:      \$3.7191 per dk

#### Minimum Bill:

Basic Service Charge.

#### Cost of Gas:

The billed cost of gas represents the Base Cost of Gas identified above adjusted by the Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment provided for in the Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment Clause (Sheet No. 5-62).

#### 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).

#### Revenue Decoupling Mechanism:

All customer bills under this rate are subject to the Revenue Decoupling Mechanism, Sheet No. 5-125.

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### **FIRM GENERAL SERVICE Rate N70 North District**

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#### **Gas Affordability Program:**

Bills are subject to the currently effective Gas Affordability Program charge as provided in the Gas Affordability Program Tariff, Sheet No. 5-120.

#### **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.

#### **Measurement Unit for Billing Purposes:**

Customer's metered consumption will be adjusted to decatherms in accordance with the General Terms and Conditions, Section 6, Paragraph V.12.

#### **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 assessed 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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### **SMALL INTERRUPTIBLE GAS SALES SERVICE Rate N71**

#### **North District**

#### **Availability:**

Service under this rate schedule is available to any interruptible general gas service customer, located in Great Plains' Minnesota North District Service Area (Breckenridge, Crookston, Fergus Falls, Pelican Rapids and Vergas), whose normal annual interruptible requirements are in excess of 1,000 dk but do not exceed 20,000 dk. Customer must satisfy Company of their ability and willingness to discontinue the use of said gas during period of curtailment or interruption, by the use of standby facilities, or suffering plant shutdown. The rates herein are applicable only to customer's interruptible load. Customer's firm natural gas requirements must be separately metered or specified in a firm service agreement. The firm service volumes are subject to available capacity. Customer's firm load shall be billed at Firm General Service Rate 70. For interruptible purposes, the maximum daily firm requirement shall be set forth in the firm service agreement.

#### **Rate:**

Basic Service Charge: \$145.00 per month

Distribution Charge: \$1.1444 per dk

Base Cost of Gas: \$2.8599 per dk

#### **Minimum Bill:**

Basic Service Charge.

#### **Cost of Gas:**

The billed cost of gas represents the Base Cost of Gas identified above adjusted by the Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment provided for in the Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment Clause (Sheet No. 5-62).

#### **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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### SMALL INTERRUPTIBLE GAS SALES SERVICE Rate N71

#### North District

#### Revenue Decoupling Mechanism:

All customer bills under this rate 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.

#### Measurement Unit for Billing Purposes:

Customer's metered consumption will be adjusted to reflect decatherms in accordance with the General Terms and Conditions, Section 6, Paragraph V.12.

#### 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 assessed if the unpaid balance is \$10.00 or less.

#### Conditions of Service:

1. PRIORITY OF SERVICE – Deliveries of gas under this schedule shall be subject at all times to the prior demands of customers served on firm gas service rates. 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 General Terms and Conditions, Section 6, Paragraph V.17.
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 General Gas Service Rate N70 (distribution delivery charge and cost of gas), plus either an amount equal to any charges the Company is required to pay to 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

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### SMALL INTERRUPTIBLE GAS SALES SERVICE Rate N71

#### North District

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 amount the Company must pay to the interconnecting pipeline caused by customer's action.
5. METERING REQUIREMENTS – Remote data acquisition equipment (telemetry equipment) if required 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. The Company may remove such equipment when service hereunder is terminated.

The customer may be required to provide and maintain, at no cost to Company: A 120 volt, 15 ampere, AC power supply, and an acceptable telephone service available at customer's meter location(s). The services listed above shall be continuous, accessible to the Company, and be provided by the customer at no cost to the Company. Enhancements and/or modifications to these services may be required to ensure equipment

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### **SMALL INTERRUPTIBLE GAS SALES SERVICE Rate N71 North District**

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functionality. Such enhancements or modifications shall be completed at the direction of the Company with all associated costs the customer's responsibility. Any interruption in such services must be promptly remedied or service under this tariff will be suspended until satisfactory corrections have been made.

Consultation between the customer and the Company regarding telemetering requirements shall occur prior to execution of the required service agreement. The telemetering requirement will be determined at the sole discretion of the Company based on customer requirements and location.

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.

#### **General Terms and Conditions:**

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

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### INTERRUPTIBLE GAS TRANSPORTATION SERVICE Rates N81 and N82 North District

#### Availability:

Service under this rate schedule is available on an interruptible basis to any interruptible general gas service customer located in Great Plains' Minnesota North District Service Area (Breckenridge, Crookston, Fergus Falls, Pelican Rapids and Vergas). 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 N81:**

Transportation service is available for all general gas service customers 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 N71. 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 N70. The firm service volumes are subject to available capacity.

#### **Large Interruptible General Gas Transportation Service Rate N82:**

Transportation service is available for all general gas service customers 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 N70. The firm service volumes are subject to available capacity.

#### Rate:

Basic Service Charge:

Rate N81	\$200.00 per month
Rate N82	\$260.00 per month

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Section No. 5

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### INTERRUPTIBLE GAS TRANSPORTATION SERVICE Rates N81 and N82 North District

#### Distribution Charge:

Rate N81 \$1.1444 per dk

Rate N82 \$0.5763 per dk

#### Revenue Decoupling Mechanism:

All customers billed under this rate schedule, with the exception of customers deemed to be CIP exempted, and 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.

#### Flexible Distribution Charge per dk:

Rate N82 Company and customer will agree to a price between \$0.0320 and \$1.1206 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.

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# GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS CO.

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### INTERRUPTIBLE GAS TRANSPORTATION SERVICE Rates N81 and N82 North District

#### 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.
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 Firm General Service Rate N70, (distribution delivery charge and cost of gas), plus either an amount equal to any penalty payments or overrun charges the

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### INTERRUPTIBLE GAS TRANSPORTATION SERVICE Rates N81 and N82 North District

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.

- (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

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### INTERRUPTIBLE GAS TRANSPORTATION SERVICE Rates N81 and N82 North District

> 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 5(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 5(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.

#### 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.

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- (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.
- (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

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### **INTERRUPTIBLE GAS TRANSPORTATION SERVICE Rates N81 and N82 North District**

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. 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).

10. 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.

11. 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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### **LARGE INTERRUPTIBLE GAS SALES SERVICE Rate N85**

#### **North District**

#### **Availability:**

Service under this rate schedule is available to any interruptible general gas service customer, located in Great Plains' Minnesota North District Service Area (Breckenridge, Crookston, Fergus Falls, Pelican Rapids and Vergas), whose interruptible natural gas load will exceed 20,000 dk annually as metered at a single delivery point. The rates herein are applicable only to customer's interruptible load. Customer's firm natural requirements must be separately metered or specified in a firm service agreement. The firm service volumes are subject to available capacity. Customer's firm load shall be billed at Firm General Gas Service Rate 70. For interruption purposes, the maximum daily firm requirement shall be set forth in the firm service agreement. Customer must satisfy Company of their ability and willingness to discontinue the use of said gas during period of curtailment or interruption, by the use of standby facilities, or suffering plant shutdown.

#### **Rate:**

Basic Service Charge: \$230.00 per month

Distribution Charge: \$0.5763 per dk

Base Cost of Gas: \$2.8599 per dk

Flexible Distribution Charge per dk:

Company and customer will agree to a price between \$0.0560 and \$1.0966 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 normally 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.

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### **LARGE INTERRUPTIBLE GAS SALES SERVICE Rate N85**

#### **North District**

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.

#### **Minimum Bill:**

Basic Service Charge.

#### **Cost of Gas:**

The billed cost of gas represents the Base Cost of Gas identified above adjusted by the Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment provided for in the Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment Clause (Sheet No. 5-62).

#### **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).

#### **Revenue Decoupling Mechanism:**

All customers billed under this rate schedule, with the exception of customers deemed to be CIP exempted or 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.

#### **Measurement Unit for Billing Purposes:**

Customer's metered consumption will be adjusted to decatherms in accordance with the General Terms and Conditions, Section 6, Paragraph V.12.

#### **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.

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### LARGE INTERRUPTIBLE GAS SALES SERVICE Rate N85

#### North District

#### Conditions of Service:

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 rates. Customers taking service hereunder agree that the Company, without prior notice, shall have the right to curtail or to 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 the General Terms and Conditions, Section 6, Paragraph V.17.
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 General Gas Service Rate N70 (distribution delivery charge and cost of gas), plus either an amount equal to any penalty payment(s) or overrun charges the Company is required to pay to 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 any charges Company must pay to the interconnecting pipeline caused by customer's action.

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### LARGE INTERRUPTIBLE GAS SALES SERVICE Rate N85

#### North District

5. METERING REQUIREMENTS – Remote data acquisition equipment (telemetry equipment) if required for daily measurement will be 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.

The customer shall be required to provide and maintain, at no cost to the Company the following: A 120 volt, 15 ampere, AC power supply; and an acceptable telephone service available at customer's meter location(s). The services listed above shall be continuous, accessible to the Company, and be provided by the Customer at no cost to the Company.

Enhancements and/or modifications to these services maybe require to ensure equipment functionality. Such enhancements or modifications shall be completed at the direction of the Company with all associated costs the customer's responsibility. Any interruption in such services must be promptly remedied or service under this tariff will be suspended until satisfactory corrections have been made.

Consultation between the customer and the Company regarding telemetry requirements shall occur prior to execution of the required service agreement. The telemetry requirement will be determined at the sole discretion of the Company based on customer requirements and location.

The Company reserves the right to charge for each service call to investigate, repair, reprogram, or reinstall the Company's telemetry 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.

#### General Terms and Conditions:

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

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### **PURCHASE GAS ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE (PGA)**

1. The Purchased Gas Adjustment Clause (PGA) is applicable to all Gas Sales Service rate schedules applicable in Great Plains' Minnesota Service Area. The PGA is the difference between the delivered cost of gas supply and the base cost of gas as set in the last general rate case. The PGA will be calculated each month and any change from the previous month that exceeds \$.030 per decatherm (dk) will be applied to bills during that month.

2. Cost of Gas Supply

- a. 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 the annual normalized sales volumes. The annual normalized sales volumes are the dk sales for the most recent 12-month period normalized for weather and adjusted by an average percentage change in sales over the preceding three-year period.
- b. Gas Commodity - The average weighted commodity cost from all suppliers for the month the PGA will be in effect.

The current cost of gas supply is applicable to the following classes:

Residential and Firm General = Firm Demand + Gas Commodity

Small and Large Interruptible = Gas Commodity + Demand assigned based on a 100% load factor allocation of firm demand.

3. Gas Cost Reconciliation (GCR)

- a. For each twelve-month period ending June 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 September 1 of each year. This adjustment shall include:
  1. The balance in the (over) under recovered gas cost account as of June 30.
  2. The difference between actual and recovered gas costs for each customer class for the twelve months ending June 30. The amount may be an under recovery or (over) recovery.
  3. The cost of gas, such as propane, butane, LNG, coal, gas, or other manufactured gas used by the Company to supplement the supplies of natural gas to service its customers. The costs shall be apportioned to the customer classes on the same basis as the demand charges. The additional cost of supplemental gas is to be determined on an estimated annual firm gas sales requirement as of June 30 each year.

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### **PURCHASE GAS ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE (PGA)**

4. Any difference between the estimate included in 3a(3) in the previous GCR and actual expense for the twelve months ending June 30.
  5. Any refunds from suppliers of gas or pipeline services where the average refund per customer is less than \$5.00.
- 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 September 1 and remain in effect for a twelve (12) month period.
4. Refunds
- Refunds and interest on the refunds, that are received from the suppliers or transporters of purchased gas and attributable to the cost of gas previously sold, shall be annually refunded by credits to bills, except that cumulative refund amounts equal to or greater than \$5 per customer shall be refunded within 90 days from the date the refund is received from a supplier or transporter. Refunds shall be allocated to customer classes in proportion to previously charged costs of purchased gas. Within classes, the refund amount per unit shall be applied to bills on the basis of individual 12-month usage. Great Plains shall add interest to the unrefunded balance at the prime interest rate.

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### PURCHASED GAS COST ADJUSTMENT

	Firm				Interruptible			
	Est. Wtd. Demand Costs	Average Commodity	GCR Adj.	Est. Wtd. Total Firm	Est. Wtd. Demand Costs	Average Commodity	GCR Adj.	Est. Wtd. Total Large Int.
Base Rate	\$1.1890	\$2.5301	\$0.0000	\$3.7191	\$0.3298	\$2.5301	\$0.0000	\$2.8599
Accum. Adj.	0.0694	(0.3767)	0.4859	0.1786	0.0130	(0.3767)	0.4649	0.1012
Current Adj.	0.0000	(0.1102)	(0.7203)	(0.8305)	0.0000	(0.1102)	(0.5664)	(0.6766)
Total Adj.	0.0694	(0.4869)	(0.2344)	(0.6519)	0.0130	(0.4869)	(0.1015)	(0.5754)
Total Rate	\$1.2584	\$2.0432	(\$0.2344)	\$3.0672	\$0.3428	\$2.0432	(\$0.1015)	\$2.2845

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### RESIDENTIAL GAS SERVICE Rate S60 South District

#### Availability:

Service under this rate schedule is available to any residential customer located in Great Plains' Minnesota South District Service Area (Belview, Boyd, Clarkfield, Danube, Dawson, Echo, Granite Falls, Marshall, Montevideo, Redwood Falls, Renville, Sacred Heart, and Wood Lake) for domestic use of natural gas service. See General Terms and Conditions, Paragraph 3, for definition on class of service.

#### Rate:

Basic Service Charge: \$7.50 per month  
Distribution Charge: \$1.6545 per dk  
Base Cost of Gas: \$3.7191 per dk

#### Minimum Bill:

Basic Service Charge.

#### Cost of Gas:

The billed cost of gas represents the Base Cost of Gas identified above adjusted by the Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment provided for in the Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment Clause (Sheet No. 5-62).

#### 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).

#### Revenue Decoupling Mechanism:

All customer bills under this rate are subject to the Revenue Decoupling Mechanism, Sheet No. 5-125.

#### Gas Affordability Program:

Bills are subject to the currently effective Gas Affordability Program charge as provided in the Gas Affordability Program Tariff, Sheet No. 5-120.

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### RESIDENTIAL GAS SERVICE Rate S60 South District

#### **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.

#### **Measurement Unit for Billing Purposes:**

Customer's metered consumption will be adjusted to decatherms in accordance with the General Terms and Conditions, Section 6, Paragraph V.12.

#### **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 22 days from the current billing date. The next billing date must not be less than 25 days from the current billing date. No late payment charge will be assessed 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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### FIRM GENERAL SERVICE Rate S70 South District

#### Availability:

Service under this rate schedule is available to any firm general service customer located in Great Plains' Minnesota South District Service Area (Belview, Boyd, Clarkfield, Danube, Dawson, Echo, Granite Falls, Marshall, Montevideo, Redwood Falls, Renville, Sacred Heart and Wood Lake) whose maximum requirements are not more than 2,000 cubic feet per hour. See General Terms and Conditions, Paragraph 3, for definition on class of service.

#### Rate:

##### Basic Service Charge:

For customers with meters rated  
Under 500 cubic feet per hour      \$23.00 per month

For customers with meters rated  
Over 500 cubic feet per hour      \$28.50 per month

Distribution Charge:      \$1.3193 per dk

Base Cost of Gas:      \$3.7191 per dk

#### Minimum Bill:

Basic Service Charge.

#### Cost of Gas:

The billed cost of gas represents the Base Cost of Gas identified above adjusted by the Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment provided for in the Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment Clause (Sheet No. 5-62).

#### 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).

#### Revenue Decoupling Mechanism:

All customer bills under this rate are subject to the Revenue Decoupling Mechanism, Sheet No. 5-125.

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### **FIRM GENERAL SERVICE Rate S70 South District**

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#### **Gas Affordability Program:**

Bills are subject to the currently effective Gas Affordability Program charge as provided in the Gas Affordability Program Tariff, Sheet No. 5-120.

#### **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.

#### **Measurement Unit for Billing Purposes:**

Customer's metered consumption will be adjusted to decatherms in accordance with the General Terms and Conditions, Section 6, Paragraph V.12

#### **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 assessed 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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### **SMALL INTERRUPTIBLE GAS SALES SERVICE Rate S71**

#### **South District**

#### **Availability:**

Service under this rate schedule is available to any interruptible general gas service customer, located in Great Plains' Minnesota South District Service Area (Belview, Boyd, Clarkfield, Danube, Dawson, Echo, Granite Falls, Marshall, Montevideo, Redwood Falls, Renville, Sacred Heart and Wood Lake), whose normal annual interruptible requirements exceed 1,000 dk but do not exceed 20,000 dk. Customer must satisfy Company of their ability and willingness to discontinue the use of said gas during period of curtailment or interruption, by the use of standby facilities, or suffering plant shutdown. The rates herein are applicable only to customer's interruptible load. Customer's firm natural gas requirements must be separately metered or specified in a firm service agreement. The firm service volumes are subject to available capacity. Customer's firm load shall be billed at Firm General Service Rate 70. For interruptible purposes, the maximum daily firm requirement shall be set forth in the firm service agreement.

#### **Rate:**

Basic Service Charge: \$145.00 per month

Distribution Charge: \$1.1444 per dk

Base Cost of Gas: \$2.8599 per dk

#### **Minimum Bill:**

Basic Service Charge.

#### **Cost of Gas:**

The billed cost of gas represents the Base Cost of Gas identified above adjusted by the Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment provided for in the Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment Clause (Sheet No. 5-62).

#### **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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### SMALL INTERRUPTIBLE GAS SALES SERVICE Rate S71

#### South District

#### Revenue Decoupling Mechanism:

All customer bills under this rate 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.

#### Measurement Unit for Billing Purposes:

Customer's metered consumption will be adjusted to decatherms in accordance with the General Terms and Conditions, Section 6, Paragraph V.12.

#### 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 assessed if the unpaid balance is \$10.00 or less.

#### Conditions of Service:

1. **PRIORITY OF SERVICE** – Deliveries of gas under this schedule shall be subject at all times to the prior demands of customers served on firm gas service rates. 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 General Terms and Conditions of Service, Section 6, Paragraph V.17.
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 General Gas Service Rate S70(distribution delivery charge and cost of gas), plus either an amount equal to any charges the Company is required to pay to 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

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### SMALL INTERRUPTIBLE GAS SALES SERVICE Rate S71

#### South District

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 amount the Company must pay to the interconnecting pipeline caused by customer's action.
5. **METERING REQUIREMENTS** – Remote data acquisition equipment (telemetering equipment) if required 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. The Company may remove such equipment when service hereunder is terminated.

The customer may be required to provide and maintain, at no cost to Company: A 120 volt, 15 ampere, AC power supply, and an acceptable telephone service available at customer's meter location(s). The services listed above shall be continuous, accessible to the Company, and be provided by the customer at no cost to the Company. Enhancements and/or modifications to these services may be required to ensure equipment functionality. Such enhancements or modifications shall be completed at the direction of the Company with all associated costs the customer's

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### **SMALL INTERRUPTIBLE GAS SALES SERVICE Rate S71 South District**

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responsibility. Any interruption in such services must be promptly remedied or service under this tariff will be suspended until satisfactory corrections have been made.

Consultation between the customer and the Company regarding telemetering requirements shall occur prior to execution of the required service agreement. The telemetering requirement will be determined at the sole discretion of the Company based on customer requirements and location.

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.

#### **General Terms and Conditions:**

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

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### INTERRUPTIBLE GAS TRANSPORTATION SERVICE Rates S81 and S82

#### South District

#### Availability:

Service under this rate schedule is available on an interruptible basis to any interruptible general gas service customer located in Great Plains' Minnesota South District Service Area (Belview, Boyd, Clarkfield, Danube, Dawson, Echo, Granite Falls, Marshall, Montevideo, Redwood Falls, Renville, Sacred Heart and Wood Lake). 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 S81:**

Transportation service is available for all general gas service customers 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 do 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 Sales Gas Service Rate S71. 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 S70. The firm service volumes are subject to available capacity.

#### **Large Interruptible General Gas Transportation Service Rate S82:**

Transportation service is available for all general gas service customers 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 S70. The firm service volumes are subject to available capacity.

#### Rate:

Basic Service Charge:

Rate S81

\$200.00 per month

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### INTERRUPTIBLE GAS TRANSPORTATION SERVICE Rates S81 and S82 South District

Rate S82                      \$260.00 per month

**Distribution Charge:**

Rate S81                      \$1.1444 per dk

Rate S82                      \$0.5763 per dk

**Revenue Decoupling Mechanism:**

All customers billed under this rate schedule, with the exception of customers deemed to be CIP exempted, and 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.

**Flexible Distribution Charge per dk:**

Rate S82      Company and customer will agree to a price between \$0.0320 and \$1.1206 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 normally 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.

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### INTERRUPTIBLE GAS TRANSPORTATION SERVICE Rates S81 and S82

#### South District

#### 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 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 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.
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 Firm General Service Rate S70, (distribution delivery charge and cost of gas), plus either an amount equal to any penalty payments or overrun charges the

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### INTERRUPTIBLE GAS TRANSPORTATION SERVICE Rates S81 and S82 South District

Company is required to make to its the 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.
  - (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% – 3%	100% Cash-out Mechanism
> 3% and <= 5%	98% Cash-out Mechanism
> 5% and <= 10%	90% Cash-out Mechanism
> 10% and <= 15%	80% Cash-out Mechanism
> 15% and <= 20%	70% Cash-out Mechanism

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### INTERRUPTIBLE GAS TRANSPORTATION SERVICE Rates S81 and S82

#### South District

>20% 60% 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 5(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% – 3%	100% Cash-in Mechanism
> 3% and ≤ 5%	102% Cash-in Mechanism
> 5% and ≤ 10%	110% Cash-in Mechanism
> 10% and ≤ 15%	120% Cash-in Mechanism
> 15% and ≤ 20%	130% Cash-in Mechanism
>20%	140% 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 5(c).

- (c) The Index price shall be the arithmetic average of the five average weekly prices at Northern-Damarcation and Northern-Ventura as published in the Gas Daily "Daily Price Surveys" 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.

#### 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.

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### INTERRUPTIBLE GAS TRANSPORTATION SERVICE Rates S81 and S82 South District

- (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 too 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.
- (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

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### INTERRUPTIBLE GAS TRANSPORTATION SERVICE Rates S81 and S82 South District

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. 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).
10. 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.
11. 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:

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### **LARGE INTERRUPTIBLE GAS SALES SERVICE Rate S85**

#### **South District**

#### **Availability:**

Service under this rate schedule is available to any interruptible general gas service customer located in Great Plains' Minnesota South District Service Area (Belview, Boyd, Clarkfield, Danube, Dawson, Echo, Granite Falls, Marshall, Montevideo, Redwood Falls, Renville, Sacred Heart, and Wood Lake), whose interruptible natural gas load will exceed 20,000 dk annually as metered at a single delivery point. The rates herein are applicable only to customer's interruptible load. Customer's firm natural requirements must be separately metered or specified in a firm service agreement. The firm service volumes are subject to available capacity. Customer's firm load shall be billed at Firm General Gas Service Rate 70. For interruption purposes, the maximum daily firm requirement shall be set forth in the firm service agreement. Customer must satisfy Company, of their ability and willingness to discontinue the use of said gas during period of curtailment or interruption, by the use of standby facilities, or suffering plant shutdown.

#### **Rate:**

Basic Service Charge: \$230.00 per month

Distribution Charge: \$0.5763 per dk

Base Cost of Gas: \$2.8599 per dk

#### **Flexible Distribution Charge per dk:**

Company and customer will agree to a price between \$0.0560 and \$1.0966 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 normally 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

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### LARGE INTERRUPTIBLE GAS SALES SERVICE Rate S85

#### South District

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.

#### Minimum Bill:

Basic Service Charge.

#### Cost of Gas:

The billed cost of gas represents the Base Cost of Gas identified above adjusted by the Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment provided for in the Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment Clause (Sheet No. 5-62).

#### 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).

#### Revenue Decoupling Mechanism:

All customers billed under this rate schedule, with the exception of customers deemed to be CIP exempted or 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.

#### Measurement Unit for Billing Purposes:

Customer's metered consumption will be adjusted to decatherms in accordance with the General Terms and Conditions, Section 6, Paragraph V.12.

#### 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

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### LARGE INTERRUPTIBLE GAS SALES SERVICE Rate S85

#### South District

payment charge will be made if the unpaid balance is \$10.00 or less.

#### Conditions of Service:

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 rates. Customers taking service hereunder agree that the Company, without prior notice, shall have the right to curtail or to 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 General Terms and Conditions, Section 6, Paragraph V.17.
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 General Gas Service Rate S70 (distribution delivery charge and cost of gas), plus either an amount equal to any penalty payment(s) or overrun charges the Company is required to pay to 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

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### **LARGE INTERRUPTIBLE GAS SALES SERVICE Rate S85**

#### **South District**

customer equal to any charges Company must pay to the interconnecting pipeline caused by customer's action.

5. **METERING REQUIREMENTS** – Remote data acquisition equipment (telemetry equipment) if required for daily measurement will be 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.

The customer shall be required to provide and maintain, at no cost to Company the following; A 120 volt, 15 ampere, AC power supply; and an acceptable telephone service available at customer's meter location(s). The services listed above shall be continuous, accessible to the Company, and be provided by the Customer at no cost to the Company. Enhancements and/or modifications to these services maybe require to ensure equipment functionality. Such enhancements or modifications shall be completed at the direction of the Company with all associated costs the customer's responsibility.

Any interruption in such services must be promptly remedied or service under this tariff will be suspended until satisfactory corrections have been made.

Consultation between the customer and the Company regarding telemetry requirements shall occur prior to execution of the required service agreement. The telemetry requirement will be determined at the sole discretion of the Company based on customer requirements and location.

The Company reserves the right to charge for each service call to investigate, repair, reprogram, or reinstall the Company's telemetry 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.

#### **General Terms and Conditions:**

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

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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, as part of the Resource Adjustment, 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 \$0.0556 per dk, also known as the Conservation Cost Recovery Charge (CCRC), is billed as part

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### CONSERVATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE

of the distribution delivery charge authorized in Docket No. G004/GR-15-879. 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
\$0.0556	(\$0.0337)

#### 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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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### 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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### GAS AFFORDABILITY PROGRAM

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#### **Availability:**

Available to residential customers who have been qualified and receive assistance from the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program ("LIHEAP") during the federal fiscal year ("Program Year"). Further, such customers must agree to be placed on a levelized payment plan and must also agree to a payment schedule as described below to be considered a "Qualified Customer".

#### **Description and Rate Impact for Qualifying Customers:**

The Gas Affordability Program (GAP) shall meet the conditions of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 216B.16, Subd.15 on low income programs. The GAP has two components: 1) Affordability, and 2) Arrearage Forgiveness. Great Plains, or an agent of Great Plains, will review current billing and consumption information, approved LIHEAP benefits and household income information as submitted to Great Plains to determine a Qualified Customer's payment schedule amount. A Qualified Customer's payment schedule shall include both payment of the customer's current month's bill (which reflects one-twelfth the levelized payment plan), after inclusion of the affordability bill credit, and payment of a portion of the Qualified Customer's pre-program arrears.

#### **Affordability Component:**

The Affordability component consists of a bill credit determined as one-twelfth of the difference between Great Plains' estimate of the Qualified Customer's annual gas bill and 4% of the Qualified Customer's household income as provided by the Qualified Customer to Great Plains. This bill credit is a GAP cost that will be included in the Tracker. Any energy assistance sums not applied to arrears will be applied to a Qualified Customer's current bill.

The Affordability Component shall be calculated as follows:

1. Calculate four percent of the participant's income and add any available LIHEAP funds not applied to arrears to determine the affordability payment.
2. Sum the participant's annual usage and determine participant's average annual bill.
3. Subtract the participant's affordability payment from the average monthly bill to determine the affordability credit amount.

#### **Arrearage Forgiveness Component:**

The Arrearage Forgiveness component consists of a monthly credit that will be applied each month after receipt of the Qualified Customer's payment. The credit will be designed to retire pre-program arrears over a period of up to 24 months,

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with the Company matching the Qualifying Customer's contribution to retiring pre-program arrears. The credit is determined by taking the pre-program arrears divided by the number of months to retire the arrears divided by two and then subtracting any energy assistance sums received by the Company on behalf of the customer divided by the number of months remaining to retire the arrears divided by two. This arrearage forgiveness credit is a GAP cost that will be included in the Tracker.

#### Conditions of Service:

Enrollment participation is limited to a first come first served basis until the estimated GAP dollar cap is reached.

Before the start of an enrollment period, Great Plains will mail information on the GAP and an application to participate in the GAP to targeted current LIHEAP customers in arrears. The application for participation must be completed in full and returned to Great Plains before the close of the enrollment period.

Regardless of arrears balances, Great Plains agrees to maintain service and suspend collection activities to Qualified Customers if they maintain their payment schedule.

Qualified Customers must maintain an active Great Plains account in said customer's name at their permanent primary residence only to be eligible for the GAP.

Qualified Customers agree to notify Great Plains of any changes in address, income level, or household size. Such changes may result in removal from the GAP. Additionally, Qualified Customers who do not continue to qualify under the provisions of Section 1 above can be removed from the GAP.

If a Qualified Customer fails to pay two consecutive monthly payments in full under the GAP, they will be terminated from the GAP and will be subject to Great Plains' regular collection practices including the possibility of disconnection.

#### Funding:

Total GAP costs, which include start-up costs, Affordability component, Arrearage Forgiveness component and incremental administration costs incurred by Great Plains shall not exceed \$50,000 per year. Great Plains shall limit

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administrative costs included in the tracker (except start-up related costs) included in the tracker to 5% of total GAP costs. Administrative costs will include, but are not limited to, the costs to inform customers of the GAP and costs to process and implement enrollments.

Great Plains shall recover the GAP costs in a separate Delivery Charge applicable to all customers receiving firm service under Residential Gas Service and Firm General Service Rate Schedules at a rate of \$0.01393 per dk.

A tracking mechanism ("Tracker") will be established to provide for recovery of all actual GAP costs as compared to the recovery of GAP costs through rates. Great Plains will track and defer GAP costs with regulatory approval. Carrying charges at a rate equal to the authorized rate of return of 7.032% established in Docket No. G004/GR-15-879 shall be applied to the balance and recovered. The prudence of the GAP costs are subject to a regulatory review. Great Plains may petition the Commission to adjust this rate in order to true up the GAP balance in the Tracker in its next general rate case.

#### Evaluation:

The GAP shall be evaluated for the years 2016 through 2018 with an evaluation filed with the Commission by May 31, 2019.

Annual reports to be submitted by March 31 of each year will include the effect of the GAP on customer payment frequency, payment amount, arrearage level and number of customers in arrears, service disconnections, retention rates, customer complaints and utility customer collection activity. The annual reports may also include information about customer satisfaction with the GAP.

The financial evaluation will include a discounted cash flow of the GAP cost-effectiveness analysis from a ratepayer perspective comparing the 1) total GAP costs, which includes the Affordability component, Arrearage Forgiveness component and total company incurred administration costs, to 2) the total net savings including cost reductions on utility functions such as the impact of the GAP on write-offs, service disconnections and reconnections and collections

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activities. The discounted cash flow difference between total GAP costs and total net savings will result in either a net benefit or a net cost to ratepayers for the GAP. Any net benefit after the initial four year term of the GAP will be added to the Tracker for refund to residential ratepayers.

#### **GAP Revocation:**

GAP, upon approval by the Commission, is effective unless the Commission, after notice and hearing, rescinds or amends its order approving GAP.

#### **Applicability:**

Unless otherwise specified in this tariff, Qualified Customers in the GAP shall receive service in accordance with all terms and conditions of the standard gas service tariffs applicable to residential customers.

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### REVENUE DECOUPLING MECHANISM

#### **Applicability:**

This rate schedule represents a Revenue Decoupling Mechanism (RDM) that serves to reduce the Company's financial disincentive to the promotion of energy efficiency and conservation by separating the link between the Company's revenues from changes in the volume of gas sales. This mechanism complies with the legislative intent and language of Minnesota Statute, Section 216B.2412 Decoupling of Energy Sales from Revenue.

The RDM is applicable to all rate classes with the exception of customers served under a flexible distribution rate agreement.

#### **Revenue Decoupling Mechanism:**

- a. The RDM will compare the level of non-gas revenues authorized in the last general rate case (excluding those revenues associated with the CCRC), adjusted for customer growth, to the level of non-gas revenues collected by rate class to determine either a revenue shortfall or surplus of each calendar year. An adjustment per Dk per rate class will be calculated if either a revenue shortfall or surplus exists.
- b. An RDM adjustment per Dk will be calculated annually for each class of customers to which the RDM applies. The adjustment shall be calculated in the following manner per rate class:
- c. Authorized Margin per Customer: the non-gas revenues divided by the number of customers per rate class as authorized in the Company's last general rate case.
- d. Designed Revenues: authorized margin per customer multiplied by the greater of the (1) authorized customers or (2) actual customers per rate class of each calendar year.
- e. RDM Adjustment per Dk = (Designed Revenues less actual non-gas revenues) divided by forecasted volumes for each rate class of customers. The RDM is symmetrical in form and can result in either a bill surcharge or credit for each rate class of customers. Bill surcharges applicable to the RDM shall be capped at ten percent of non-gas margin revenues (excluding revenues for the Conservation Cost Recovery charge) by rate class.

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### REVENUE DECOUPLING MECHANISM

#### Pilot Program:

The RDM established under this tariff is new to the Company's rate design and was not included in any prior rate structure of the Company. The RDM will be effective for a pilot period of 36 months from the date the program is authorized to become effective. The Company may request approval from the Commission to extend the RDM beyond the pilot period.

#### Annual RDM Adjustment:

- a. No later than March 1<sup>st</sup> of the calendar year following the Commission's approval of the RDM tariff, and each March 1<sup>st</sup> thereafter, the Company shall file with the Commission a report that specifies the RDM adjustments to be effective for each rate class. The initial report shall reflect a 12-month period beginning January 1, 2017, the first day of the month following the final order of the Commission in Docket G004/GR-15-879.
- b. The applicable rate adjustment under the RDM shall be effective with service rendered on or after April 1 of the year in which the evaluation report was filed. Any over or under collection will be added to or subtracted from the Annual RDM Adjustment for the next RDM filing.
- c. In the event any portions of the proposed rate adjustments are modified by the Commission, the proposed rate adjustments shall be adjusted in accordance with the Commission's order.
- d. The Company shall record its best estimate of the amounts to be recognized under the RDM so as to reflect in its books and records a fair representation of the impact of this rider in actual earnings. Such estimate shall be adjusted, if necessary, upon filing the RDM calculations with the Commission, and again upon final Commission approval.

#### Revenue Decoupling Mechanism:

#### Rate per Dk

Residential	
North District Rate N60	(\$0.3816)
South District Rate S60	(\$0.3050)
Firm General	
North District Rate N70	(\$0.2312)
South District Rate S70	(\$0.0742)

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Small Interruptible Sales & Transportation	
North District Rates N71 and N81	(\$0.1360)
South District Rates S71 and S81	(\$0.0896)
Large Interruptible Sales & Transportation	
North District Rates N82 and N85	(\$0.4005)
South District Rates S82 and S85	\$0.0151

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### GAS UTILITY INFRASTRUCTURE COST ADJUSTMENT

#### Applicability:

This rate schedule constitutes provision to recover the costs of investment and associated expenses for the replacement of natural gas distribution facilities required to comply with state and federal pipeline safety programs. It specifies the procedure to be utilized to adjust the rates for natural gas sold or transported under Great Plains' rate schedules in order to reflect: (a) the projected revenue requirement for the period the adjustment will be in effect and (b) a true-up of the prior year adjustment.

#### Effective Date

The effective dates of the Gas Utility Infrastructure Cost Adjustment (GUIC) shall be service rendered on and after October 1 each year with a filing date of April 15, which is at least 150 days before the proposed effective date.

#### Adjustment:

1. The Projected Revenue Requirement shall include:
  - a. The return on investment on the rate base reflecting the eligible projects shall be based on the twelve month average of the projected investment and the authorized rate of return authorized in the most recent general rate case, unless otherwise determined by the Commission.
  - b. The operation and maintenance, depreciation expense and ad valorem tax expense associated with the eligible projects.
  - c. The revenue requirement shall be apportioned to each rate class based on the authorized non-gas costs (margin) apportionment.
  - d. The revenue requirement for each rate class shall be divided by projected annual dk sales and transportation volumes, excluding flexible rate contracts, to derive a cost per dk for each rate class.
2. The true-up
  - a. For each annual period ending December 31 a true-up will be calculated for each rate class and will be applied effective with the change in the GUIC. This adjustment shall include:
    1. The balance in the (over) under recovered account as of December 31.
    2. The difference between the revenue requirement based on actual project costs and recovered costs for each customer class for the

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twelve months ending December 31. The amount may be an under recovery or (over) recovery.

- b. The resulting balance is divided by the projected annual dk sales and transportation volumes.
3. When the Company files its next general rate case, all project costs shall be removed from the GUIC tracker and included in base rates. Only the true-up component (remaining GUIC tracker balance) shall remain in the GUIC Rider to be either collected or refunded to customers over a subsequent period.
4. The current GUIC adjustment for each rate class is (excluding flexible rate contracts):

	Adjustment Per Dk
<u>Sales</u>	
Residential	\$0.2494
Firm General	0.1792
Small Interruptible	0.1519
Large Interruptible	0.1103
<u>Transportation</u>	
Small Interruptible	0.0791
Large Interruptible	0.0105

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### GENERAL Terms and Conditions

#### I. **PURPOSE:**

These rules are intended to define good practice, which can normally be expected, but are not intended to exclude other accepted standards and practices not covered herein. They are intended to ensure adequate service to the public and protect the Company from unreasonable demands.

The Company undertakes to furnish service subject to the rules and regulations of the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission and as supplemented by these general provisions, as now in effect or as may hereafter be lawfully established, and in accepting service from the Company, each customer agrees to comply with and be bound by said rules and regulations and the applicable rate schedules.

#### II. **DEFINITIONS:**

The following terms used in this tariff shall have the following meanings, unless otherwise indicated:

**AGENT** – The party authorized by the transportation service customer to act on that customer's behalf.

**APPLICANT** – A customer requesting Company to provide service.

**BTU** - British Thermal Unit(s) - A quantity of heat required to raise the temperature of one pound of water one degree Fahrenheit.

**CCF** - Hundred cubic feet - The basic measurement of the amount of gas used.

**COMMISSION** – Public Utilities Commission of the State of Minnesota.

**COMPANY** – Great Plains Natural Gas Co.

**COMPANY'S OPERATING CONVENIENCE** – The utilization, under certain circumstances, of facilities or practices not ordinarily employed which contribute to the overall efficiency of Company's operations. This does not refer to the customer's convenience or to the use of facilities or adoption of practices required to comply with applicable laws, ordinances, rules or regulations, or similar requirements of public authorities.

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**CURTAILMENT** – A reduction of transportation or retail natural gas service deemed necessary by the Company. Also includes any reduction of transportation natural gas service deemed necessary by the pipeline.

**CUSTOMER** – Any individual, partnership, corporation, firm, other organization or government agency supplied with service by Company at one location and at one point of delivery unless otherwise expressly stated in these rules or in a rate schedule.

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**DELIVERY POINT** – The point at which customer assumes custody of the gas being transported. This point will normally be at the outlet of Company's meter(s) located on customer's premises.

**EXCESS FLOW VALVE** – Safety device designed to automatically stop or restrict the flow of gas if an underground pipe is broken or severed.

**FLEXIBLE RATE CUSTOMER** - An interruptible service customer qualifying for a flexible rate provision as prescribed in the interruptible service rate schedules.

**GAS DAY** – Means a period of twenty-four consecutive hours, beginning and ending at 9:00 a.m. Central Clock Time.

**INTERRUPTION** – A cessation of transportation or retail natural gas service deemed necessary by Company.

**INTERRUPTIBLE CUSTOMER** - A customer qualifying for service as prescribed in the interruptible service rate schedules.

**NOMINATION** – The daily dk quantity of natural gas requested by customer for transportation and delivery to customer at the delivery point during a gas day.

**NON-RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER** - Service provided to a business enterprise in space occupied and operated for non-residential purposes. Typical service includes stores, offices, shops, restaurants, boarding houses, hotels, service garages, wholesale houses, filling stations, barber shops, beauty parlors, common areas of shopping malls, schools, etc.

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**PIPELINE** – The transmission company(s) delivering natural gas into company's system.

**RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER** - A customer using natural gas for residential use (space heating, cooling, water heating, clothes drying, etc.) through an individual meter in a single family dwelling or building, or for residential use in an individual apartment, mobile home, or for residential use in not over four households served by a single meter in a multiple family dwelling. Residential premises used regularly for professional or business purposes (doctor's office, small store, etc.) are considered residential where the residential natural gas usage is half or more of the total gas usage.

**RATE** – Shall mean and include every compensation, charge, fare, toll, rental and classification, or any of them, demanded, observed, charged or collected by the Company for any service, product, or commodity, offered by the Company to the public, and any rules, regulations, practices or contracts affecting any such compensation, charge, fare, toll, rental or classification.

**RECEIPT POINT** – The intertie between Company and the interconnecting pipeline(s) at which point Company assumes custody of the gas being transported.

**SHIPPER** – The party with whom the Pipeline has entered into a service agreement for transportation services

**THERM** - A unit of heat equal to 100,000 Btu's.

**TRANSPORTATION CUSTOMER** - A customer who qualifies for transportation service as prescribed in the transportation service rate schedules and that has entered into a gas transportation agreement with the Company to have gas other than Company system supply delivered to the Company's border station on the customer's behalf.

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#### III. CUSTOMER OBLIGATION:

**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.

**INPUT RATING** – All new customers whose consumption of gas for any purpose will exceed an input of 2,500,000 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.

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**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 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.

**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.

**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.

**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 or permits.

**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.

**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.

**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.

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

#### IV. LIABILITY

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, except when such loss, injury or damage results from the negligence of the Company.

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 the 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.

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, or devices on the customer's premises, except loss, injuries, death, or damages resulting from the negligence of the Company.

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

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injury, death, loss or damage resulting from Company's negligent or wrongful acts under and during the term of service.

**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 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.

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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 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. RULES FOR APPLICATION OF GAS SERVICE:
  - (a) Residential gas service is available to any residential customer for domestic purposes only.
  - (b) Non-residential service is defined as service provided to a business enterprise in space occupied and operated for non-residential purposes.
  - (c) If separate metering is not practical for a single unit (one premise) that is using gas for both domestic purposes and for conducting business (or for Non-residential purposes as defined herein), the customer will be billed under the predominate use policy. Under this policy, the customer’s combined service is billed under the rate (Residential or Non-residential) applicable to the type of service which constitutes 50% or more of the customer’s total connected load.

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(d) Other classes of service furnished by the Company shall be defined in applicable rate schedules or in rules and regulations pertaining thereto. Service to customers for whom no specific rate schedule is applicable shall be billed on the Non-residential rates.

4. FIRM GAS SERVICE MAIN AND SERVICE LINE EXTENSIONS:

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 100 Feet or Less – The Company will extend a gas main up to, but not to exceed, 100 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 100 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) =

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Annual Basic Service Charge +  
(3rd Year Estimated Dk x Distribution Delivery Charge)/LARR

Where: LARR = 14.76%

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.

- 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

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- 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.
- 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.

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- 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.
- 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, 75 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 75 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 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.

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- 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.

#### 5. INTERRUPTIBLE GAS MAIN AND SERVICE LINE EXTENSIONS:

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

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- (1) 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 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.

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- (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.
6. 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.

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7. 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.
8. 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.
9. CONSUMER DEPOSITS – A deposit or guarantee shall not be required from any customer or applicant for service who has established good credit. A deposit of up to an estimated two average months' bills or guarantee may be required if the customer or applicant:
  - (a) Has a poor credit history with the Company or any other utility having recently served the applicant.
  - (b) Has been disconnected or liable for disconnection for nonpayment of a service bill or any permissible reason which is not in dispute.

All deposits shall be in addition to payment of an outstanding bill.

Interest shall be paid on deposits in excess of \$20.00 at the rate of six percent per year compounded annually. Interest shall be payable from the date of deposit to the date of refund.

The deposit shall be refunded to the customer after twelve consecutive months of continuous prompt payment, upon discontinuation of service, or to satisfy a delinquent service bill. The deposit along with accrued interest shall be credited on the service bill. Direct payment of any balance due the customer shall be made within forty-five (45) days after termination of service.

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The Company's procedures on deposit and guarantee requirements shall be in compliance with Minnesota Rules 7820.4200 – 7820.4700, Deposit and Guarantee Requirement.

10. DELIVERY PRESSURE - Delivery of natural gas by Company shall be at such varying pressures as may exist under operating conditions in the pipeline of Company at the point of delivery, and, unless otherwise mutually agreed to, shall not be less than 7" W.C. per square inch gauge pressure. The Customer shall install, operate and maintain, at its own expense, such pressure regulating devices as may be necessary to regulate the pressure of gas after delivery to the Customer.
11. 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 electronic data acquisition equipment to Company before transportation service is implemented.
12. MEASUREMENT UNIT FOR BILLING PURPOSES – The measurement unit for billing purposes shall be one (1) decatherm (dk), unless otherwise specified. Billing will be calculated to the nearest one-tenth (1/10) dk. One dk equals 10 therms or 1,000,000 Btu's. Dk's shall be calculated by the application of a thermal factor to the volumes metered. This thermal factor consists of:

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- (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 Heating Value adjustment factor used to reflect the heating value of the gas delivered.
13. 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 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. For hand billed accounts, application of supercompressibility factors will be waived on monthly-billed volumes of 250 dk or less.
14. METER READING PROCEDURES - Meters shall be read once a month as nearly as practicable to thirty (30) day intervals. In remote areas, customers may supply meter readings on forms provided by the Company. A Company representative must, however, read the customer's meter at least once every twelve months, at the customer's request, or when there is a change in customer. Meter reading procedures shall be done in accordance with Minnesota Rules 7820.3300.

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When access to a meter cannot be gained, the customer fails to supply a meter reading form in time for the billing operation, or in case of emergency, an estimated bill may be rendered. Estimated bills shall be based on the customer's normal consumption for a previous corresponding period. Estimated Billing procedures shall be done in accordance with Minnesota Rules 7820.3400.

#### 15. BILLING ADJUSTMENTS -

- (a) In the event a customer service bill is in error due to an incorrect meter reading, incorrect rate calculation, or other similar reason, the error shall be corrected in accordance with Minnesota Rule 7820.4000. If the error date can be fixed with reasonable certainty, the remedy shall be calculated on the basis of payments for service rendered after that date, but in no event for a period longer than one year before the discovery of an undercharge and three years before the discovery of an overcharge.
  - i. If an overcharge has occurred, the Company shall calculate the difference, plus interest, for the period beginning three years before the date of discovery. Interest will be calculated as prescribed by Minnesota Statutes § 325E.02(b). If the recalculated bills indicate that more than one dollar (\$1.00) is due an existing customer or two dollars (\$2.00) is due a person no longer a customer of the Company, the full amount shall be refunded to the Customer. The refund to an existing Customer may be in cash or as a credit on the bill. If a refund is due a person no longer a Customer of the Company, the Company shall mail to the customer's last known address either a refund, or a notice that the customer has three months in which to request a refund from the Company.
  - ii. If an undercharge has occurred, the Company shall calculate the difference for the period beginning one year before the date of discovery. If the recalculated bills indicate that the amount due the Company exceeds ten dollars (\$10.00), the Company may bill the customer for the amount due. The Company will not bill for any undercharge incurred after the date of a customer inquiry or complaint if the Company failed to begin investigating the matter within a reasonable time and the inquiry or complaint ultimately resulted in the discovery of the undercharge.

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The Company shall offer a payment agreement to customers who have been undercharged if no culpable conduct by the customer or resident of the customer's household caused the undercharge. The agreement shall cover a period equal to the time over which the undercharge occurred or a different time period that is mutually agreeable to the customer and the Company, except that the duration of a payment agreement offered by the Company to a customer whose household income is at or below 50 percent of the state median household income must consider the financial circumstances of the customer's household. No interest or delinquency fee shall be charged as part of an undercharge agreement.

- (b) Fast Meters - Whenever any meter is found upon test to have an average error of more than two percent (2%) fast, the Company shall refund to the Customer the overcharge. If the error is due to a cause the date of which can be determined with reasonable certainty, then the refund will be computed from that date, but in no event for a period longer than one (1) year. If the period of the inaccuracy cannot be determined, then it shall be assumed that the full amount of the inaccuracy existed during the last half of the period since the meter was last tested but not to exceed six months.

If the recalculated bills indicate that more than one dollar (\$1.00) is due an existing customer or two dollars (\$2.00) is due a person no longer a customer of the Company, the full amount of the calculated difference, plus interest, between the amount paid and the recalculated amount shall be refunded to the Customer. The refund to an existing Customer may be in cash or as a credit on the bill. If a refund is due a person no longer a Customer of the Company, the Company shall mail to the customer's last known address either a refund, or a notice that the customer has three months in which to request a refund from the Company.

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- (c) Slow Meters - Whenever any meter is found upon test to have an average error of more than two percent (2%) slow, the Company may charge for the gas consumed during the period of inaccuracy but not included in bills previously rendered. If the error is due to a cause the date of which can be determined with reasonable certainty, then the Company may bill the Customer for the amount that the test indicates has been undercharged for the period of the inaccuracy, but not for a period longer than one (1) year. If the period of inaccuracy cannot be determined, then the charge shall be based on a corrected meter reading for a period equal to one-half of the time elapsed since the previous test, but not to exceed six months. For the purpose of this billing adjustment, the meter error shall be one-half of the algebraic sum of the error at full-rated flow plus the error at check flow. No back-billing from the time of notification by the Customer will be sanctioned if the Customer has called to the Company's attention his/her doubts as to the meter's accuracy and the Company has failed, within a reasonable time, to check it.

If the recalculated bills indicate that the amount due the Company exceeds ten dollars (\$10.00), the Company may bill the Customer for the amount due. The first billing rendered shall be separated from the regular bill and the charges explained in detail.

Billing adjustments due to inaccurate meters shall be done in accordance with Minnesota Rules 7820.3900.

16. **BILLING AND TERMS OF PAYMENT** - A service bill shall be submitted by the Company to the customer once a month as nearly possible to thirty (30) day intervals. Scheduled billing intervals shall not be less than twenty-five (25) days.

Service bills will be due twenty two (22) days from the current billing date. If payment is not recorded to the customer's account prior to the next scheduled billing date, amounts in excess of \$10.00 are subject to a late payment charge as itemized on the effective rate schedule.

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Payments shall be credited to the oldest outstanding account balance before application of the above late payment charge. The late payment charge shall be calculated on the lesser of the outstanding account balance or the outstanding scheduled payments of those customers delinquent on either a budget billing or payment schedule plan.

The Company shall offer a payment agreement for the payment of arrears. Payment agreements shall consider a customer's financial circumstances and any extenuating circumstances of the household. No additional service deposit shall be charged to continue service to a customer who has entered and is reasonably on time under an accepted payment agreement.

17. PRIORITY OF SERVICE AND ALLOCATION OF CAPACITY – Priority of Service from Highest to Lowest:
- (a) Priority 1 – Firm sales services.
  - (b) Priority 2 – Small interruptible sales and small interruptible transportation services at the maximum rate on a pro rata basis.
  - (c) Priority 3 – Large interruptible sales and large interruptible transportation services at the maximum rate on a pro rata basis.
  - (d) Priority 4 – Large interruptible transportation services at less than the maximum rate from the highest rate to the lowest rate and on a pro rata basis where equal rates are applicable among customers.

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.

18. 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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19. **TAX CLAUSE** – To the total monthly bill computed as provided under the Customer General Terms and Conditions, Company shall have the right to add all or any part of the amount by which the cost to Company of the natural gas delivered to the Customer is increased in any month by any new or additional excise tax levied. The term “excise tax” wherever used in these schedules shall mean any occupation, production, severance, transportation, pipeline, footage, sales, or other excise tax or tax of similar nature now or hereafter imposed by any lawful authority upon or in respect to the production, severance, transportation, or sale of natural gas sold by Company to the Customer whether under direct imposition or pursuant to the terms of any present or future contract.
20. **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.
21. **DISCONNECTION OF SERVICE** – With notice the Company may disconnect service for any of the following reasons:
- (1) For non-payment of a service bill, but only when the amount of the customer's outstanding bill equals or exceeds the amount of the customer's deposit.
  - (2) For failure to make proper application for service.
  - (3) For violations of any of the Company’s rules on file with the Public Utilities Commission.
  - (4) For failure to meet a deposit or credit requirement.
  - (5) For failure to provide the Company reasonable access to its equipment and property.
  - (6) For breach of contract for service between the Company and the customer.
  - (7) For failure to furnish such service, equipment and/or rights of way necessary to serve the customer as have been specified by the Company as a condition of obtaining service.
  - (8) When determined by the Commission as prescribed by relevant state or other applicable standards or after individual hearing upon

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application of any person that customer is willfully wasting service through improper equipment.

- (9) When necessary for the Company to comply with any order or request of any governmental authority having jurisdiction.

The Company shall reconnect or continue service to a customer's residence where a medical emergency exists provided that the Company receives from a medical doctor written certification, or initial certification by telephone and written certification within five business days, that failure to reconnect or continue service will impair or threaten the health or safety of a resident of the customer's household. The customer must enter into a payment agreement.

Without notice the Company may disconnect service for any of the following reasons:

- (1) In the event of an unauthorized use of or tampering with the utility equipment.
- (2) In the event of a condition determined to be hazardous to the customer, to other customers of the utility, to the utility's equipment, or to the public.

Disconnection shall be in accordance with procedures contained in Minnesota Rules 7820.1000 – 7820.3000 on Disconnection of Service.

### 22. RECONNECTION OF SERVICE –

- (a) In the event service has been disconnected because the Customer could not pay the bill or meet deposit or credit requirements, the Customer shall pay a reconnection fee of forty five (\$45.00) dollars in addition to making a settlement satisfactory to the Company of the outstanding bill, before service is restored. The Customer will not be required to pay a reconnection fee when the disconnection was because of a condition determined to be hazardous to the Customer, other Customers of the Company, to the Company's equipment, or to the public.

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Reconnection of service shall be done in accordance with Minnesota Rules 7820.2600.

- (b) 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 as follows:

Residential – The Basic Service Charge applicable during the period while service was not being used or a minimum of \$45.00. The minimum will be based on standard overtime rates for reconnection of service after normal business hours.

Non- Residential – The Basic Service Charge applicable during the period while service was not being used. However, the reconnection charge applicable to seasonal business concerns such as irrigation, grain drying and asphalt processing shall be the Basic Service Charge applicable during the period while service was not being used less the Distribution Delivery Charge revenue collected during the period in-service. A minimum of \$45.00 will apply to reconnections occurring during normal business hours. The minimum will be based on standard overtime rates for reconnection of service occurring after normal business hours.

- (c) Transportation customers who cease service and then resume service within the succeeding 12 months shall be subject to a reconnection charge of \$160.00 whenever reinstallation of the required electronic measurement equipment is necessary.

23. 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.

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- (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.
- (c) Reconnection of Service:

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.

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 paragraph 23(b) above.
  - (4) Reconnection fee applicable.

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(5) A cash deposit, the amount of which will not exceed the maximum amount determined in accordance with Commission Rules.

24. CUSTOMER COMPLAINTS – The Company shall establish procedures whereby qualified personnel shall be available during regular business hours to receive and, if possible, resolve all customer inquiries, requests, and complaints.

If any complaint cannot be promptly resolved, the Company shall contact the customer within five (5) business days and at least once every fourteen (14) calendar days thereafter, and advise the customer regarding the status of its investigation until: the complaint is mutually resolved; or the Company advises the customer of the results of its investigation and final disposition of the matter; or the customer files a written complaint with the Public Utilities Commission or the courts.

When the Public Utilities Commission forwards a customer complaint to the Company, the Company shall notify the Commission within ten (10) business days regarding the status or disposition of the complaint.

Customer complaints shall be handled in compliance to procedures contained in Minnesota Rule 7820.0300.

25. CUSTOMER DISPUTES – Whenever the customer advises the Company's designated representative prior to the disconnection of service that any part of the billing as rendered or any part of the service is in dispute, the Company shall investigate the dispute promptly, advise the customer of investigation and its result, attempt to resolve dispute, and withhold disconnection of service until the investigation is completed and the customer is informed of the findings in writing.

Upon the findings of the Company, the customer must submit payment in full of any bill which is due. If the dispute is not resolved to the satisfaction of the customer, he or she must submit the entire payment and may designate the disputed portion to be placed in escrow to the Company. Such payment shall be called an escrow payment.

Customer disputes shall be handled in compliance to procedures contained in Minnesota Rule 7820.2700.

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26. **BALANCED BILLING PROGRAM** – All residential and commercial customers receiving natural gas under the Residential or Firm Gas Service rate schedules are eligible to enter into a Balanced Billing Plan. This option allows customers to be billed monthly based on a twelve-month rolling average of gas consumed multiplied by the currently effective rate for the month. Monthly bills will change minimally as fluctuations in consumption levels and natural gas prices occur throughout the year.

27. **COLD WEATHER RULE** – Applicable to residential customers

(a) **DEFINITIONS:**

- (1) Cold weather period – the period beginning October 15 and continuing through April 15 of the following year.
- (2) Customer – a residential customer of a utility.
- (3) Disconnection – the involuntary loss of utility heating service as a result of a physical act by the Company to discontinue service. Disconnection includes installation of a service or load limiter or any device that limits or interrupts utility service in any way.
- (4) Household income – the combined income, as defined in Minn. Stat. 290A.03, subd. 3, of all residents of the customer's household, computed on an annual basis. Household income does not include any amount received for energy assistance.
- (5) Reasonably timely payment – payment posted within five working days of agreed-upon due dates.
- (6) Reconnection – the restoration of utility heating service after it has been disconnected.
- (7) Summary of rights and responsibilities – a notice approved by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) that contains, at a minimum, the following:
  - i. An explanation of the provisions of Minn. Stat. §216B.096, subd. 5 (cold weather rule);
  - ii. An explanation of no-cost and low-cost methods to reduce the consumption of energy;
  - iii. A third party notice;
  - iv. Ways to avoid disconnection;
  - v. Information regarding payment agreements;
  - vi. An explanation of the customer's right to appeal a determination of income by the Company and the right to

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- appeal if the Company and the customer cannot arrive at a mutually acceptable payment agreement; and
- vii. A list of names and telephone numbers for county and local energy assistance and weatherization providers in each county served by the Company.
- (8) Third-party notice – a Commission-approved notice containing, at a minimum the following information:
- A statement that the Company will send a copy of any future notice of proposed disconnection of utility heating service to a third party designated by the residential customer;
  - Instructions on how to request this service; and
  - A statement that the residential customer should contact the person the customer intends to designate as the third-party contact before providing the Company with the party's name.
- (9) Utility – Great Plains Natural Gas Co. (Company)
- (10) Utility heating service – natural gas or electricity used as a primary heating source, including electricity service necessary to operate gas heating equipment, for the customer's primary residence.
- (11) Working days – Mondays through Fridays, excluding legal holidays. The day of receipt of a personally served notice and the day of mailing of a notice shall not be counted in calculating working days.
- (b) COMPANY OBLIGATIONS BEFORE COLD WEATHER PERIOD:  
Each year between September 1 and October 15, the Company must provide all customers, personally or by first class mail, a summary of rights and responsibilities. The summary must also be provided to all new residential customers when service is initiated.
- (c) NOTICE BEFORE DISCONNECTION DURING COLD WEATHER PERIOD:  
Before disconnecting utility heating service during the cold weather period, the Company must provide, personally or by first class mail, a Commission – approved notice to a customer, in easy-to-understand language, that contains, at a minimum, the date of the scheduled disconnection, the amount due, and a summary of rights and responsibilities.
- (d) COLD WEATHER RULE: During the cold weather period, the Company may not disconnect and must reconnect utility heating service of a customer whose household income is at

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or below 50 percent of the state median income if the customer enters into and makes reasonably timely payments under a mutually acceptable payment agreement with the Company that is based on the financial resources and circumstances of the household, provided that, the Company may not require a customer to pay more than 10 percent of the household income toward current and past utility bills for utility heating service.

The Company may accept more than ten percent of the household income as the payment arrangement amount if agreed to by the customer.

The customer or a designated third party may request a modification of the terms of a payment agreement previously entered into if the customer's financial circumstances have changed or the customer is unable to make reasonably timely payments.

The payment agreement terminates at the expiration of the cold weather period unless a longer period is mutually agreed to by the customer and the Company.

The Company shall use reasonable efforts to restore service within 24 hours of an accepted payment agreement, taking into consideration customer availability, employee availability, and construction-related activity.

(e) VERIFICATION OF INCOME:

In verifying a customer's household income, the Company may:

- (1) Accept the signed statement of a customer that the customer is income eligible;
- (2) Obtain income verification from a local energy assistance provider or a government agency;
- (3) Consider one or more of the following:
  - i. The most recent income tax return filed by members of the customer's household;
  - ii. For each employed member of the customer's household, paycheck stubs for the last two months or a written statement from

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the employer reporting wages earned during the preceding two months.

iii. Documentation that the customer receives a pension from the Department of Human Services, the Social Security Administration, the Veteran's Administration, or other pension provider;

iv. A letter showing the customer's dismissal from a job or other documentation of unemployment; or

v. Other documentation that supports the customer's declaration of income eligibility.

(4) A customer who receives energy assistance benefits under any federal, state, or county government programs in which eligibility is defined as household income at or below 50 percent of state median income is deemed to be automatically eligible for protection under the Cold Weather Rule and no other verification of income may be required.

(f) PROHIBITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS:

(1) This section applies during the cold weather period.

(2) The Company may not charge a deposit or delinquency charge to a customer who has entered into a payment agreement or a customer who has appealed to the Commission under ¶ 27(g) and Minn. Stat. 216B.096 subd. 8.

(3) The Company may not disconnect service during the following periods:

i. During the pendency of any appeal under ¶ 27(g) and Minn. Stat. 216B.096, subd. 8;

ii. Earlier than ten working days after the Company has deposited in first class mail, or seven working days after the Company has personally served, the notice required under ¶ 27(c) and Minn. Stat. 216B.096, subd. 4 to a customer in an occupied dwelling.

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- iii. Earlier than ten working days after the Company has deposited in first class mail the notice required under ¶ 27(c) and Minn. Stat. 216B.096, subd. 4 to the recorded billing address of the customer, if the Company has reasonably determined from an on-site inspection that the dwelling is unoccupied;
  - iv. On a Friday, unless the Company makes personal contact with, and offers a payment agreement consistent with this section to the customer;
  - v. On a Saturday, Sunday, holiday, or the day before a holiday;
  - vi. When the Company offices are closed;
  - vii. When no Company personnel are available to resolve disputes, enter into payment agreements, accept payments, and reconnect service; or
  - viii. When the Commission offices are closed.
- (4) The Company may not discontinue service until the Company investigates whether the dwelling is actually occupied. At a minimum, the investigation must include one visit by the Company to the dwelling during normal working hours. If no contact is made and there is reason to believe that the dwelling is occupied, the Company must attempt a second contact during non-business hours. If the personal contact is made, the Company representative must provide notice required under ¶ 27(c) and Minn. Stat. 216B.096, subd. 4 and, if the Company representative is not authorized to enter into a payment agreement, the telephone number the customer can call to establish a payment agreement.

The Company must reconnect utility service if, following disconnection, the dwelling is found to be occupied and the customer agrees to enter into a payment agreement or appeals to the Commission because the customer and the Company are unable to agree on a payment agreement.

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(g) DISPUTES; CUSTOMER APPEALS:

- (1) The Company must provide the customer and any designated third party with a Commission-approved written notice of the right to appeal:
  - i. A Company determination that the customer's household income is more than 50 percent of state median household income; or
  - ii. When the utility and customer are unable to agree on the establishment or modification of a payment agreement.
- (2) A customer's appeal must be filed with the commission no later than seven working days after the customer's receipt of a personally served appeal notice or within ten working days after the Company has deposited a first class appeal notice.
- (3) The Commission must determine all customer appeals on an informal basis, within 20 working days of receipt of a customer's written appeal. In making its determination, the Commission must consider one or more of the factors in ¶ 27(e) and Minn. Stat. 216B.096, subd. 6.
- (4) Notwithstanding any other law, following an appeals decision adverse to the customer, the Company may not disconnect utility heating service for seven working days after the Company has personally served a disconnection notice, or for ten working days after the Company has deposited a first class mail notice. The notice must contain, in easy-to-understand language, the date on or after which disconnection will occur, the reason for disconnection, and ways to avoid disconnection.

(h) CUSTOMERS ABOVE 50 PERCENT OF STATE MEDIAN INCOME: During the cold weather period, a customer whose household income is above 50 percent of state median income:

- i. Has the right to a payment agreement that takes into consideration the customer's financial circumstances and any other extenuating circumstances of the household; and
- ii. May not be disconnected and must be reconnected if the customer makes timely payments under a payment agreement accepted by the Company.

¶ 27 (f) does not apply to customers whose household income is above

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50 percent of state median income.

- (i) **REPORTING:** Annually on November 1, the Company must electronically file with the Commission a report, in a format specified by the Commission, specifying the number of heating service customers whose service is disconnected or remains disconnected for nonpayment as of October 1 and October 15. If customers remain disconnected on October 15, the Company must file a report each week between November 1 and the end of the cold weather period specifying:

- (1) The number of heating service customers that are or remain disconnected from service for nonpayment; and
- (2) The number of heating service customers that are reconnected to service each week.

The Company may discontinue weekly reporting if the number of heating service customers that are or remain disconnected reaches zero before the end of the cold weather period.

The data reported under ¶ 27 (i) are presumed to be accurate upon submission and must be made available through the Commission's electronic filing system.

- (j) **NOTICE TO CITIES OF UTILITY DISCONNECTION:** Notwithstanding Minn. Stat. §13.685 or any other law or administrative rule to the contrary, upon written request from a city, on October 15 and November 1 of each year, or the next business day if that date falls on a Saturday or Sunday, a report must be made available to the city of the address of properties currently disconnected and the date of the disconnection. Upon written request from a city, between October 15 and April 15, daily reports must be made available of the address and date of any newly disconnected properties. A city provided notice under this paragraph must provide the information on disconnection to the police and fire departments of the city within three business days of receipt of this notice.

For the purpose of this paragraph, "disconnection" means a cessation of services initiated by the Company that affects the primary heat source of a residence and service is not reconnected within 24 hours.

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28. **EXCESS FLOW VALVE** – In accordance with Federal Pipeline Safety Regulations 49 CFR 192.383, the Company will install an excess flow valve on an existing service line at the customer's request at a mutually agreeable date. At the time of the customer's request Great Plains will provide the customer with a detailed explanation of the estimated installation costs identifying specific line items and the per hour rates that the customer would be charged. The actual cost of the installation excluding the cost of the excess flow valve and any other physical property necessary to install the excess flow valve, will be assessed to the customer.

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### APPLICATION FOR SERVICE LINE/ ADDITIONAL METER FIRM NATURAL GAS SERVICE

#### Application For Service Line/Additional Meter Firm Natural Gas Service

Community: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

With this application, I hereby authorize connection of firm natural gas service to the premises with the address: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

*(If different than the service address)*

#### MINIMUM CONNECTION CHARGE:

Natural gas input loads up to 400,000 BTU/hour .....\$25 .00

Natural gas input loads above 400,000 BTU/hour .....\$50 .00

The minimum connection charge covers the cost of the installation of the meter and regulator, the service connection, general inspection, and the gas turn-on .

The minimum connection charge also covers the cost of installing the natural gas service line up to 75 feet. Measurement of the service line commences at the customer's property line.

Great Plains Natural Gas Co . will not be held responsible for damage to customer-owned, underground piping or cable not located and marked prior to the installation of the natural gas service line .

Any service line exceeding 75 feet or where natural gas is not the primary fuel used for space heating, cost participation may be charged to the customer if the estimated capital expenditure is not cost justified as determined in Section V.4.i.iv of the Company's General Terms and Conditions tariff.

The entire cost of the installed service line, less the initial minimum connection charge, will be charged to the customer who does not connect and use a gas burning heating, water heating, or commercial cooking unit to the service line within 12 months of the installation of the line .

Natural gas service provided under this application is subject to the General Rules and Conditions as set forth in the Gas Tariff . Rates and conditions of service are subject to the change upon approval of regulatory agencies .

Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Received of: \_\_\_\_\_

The sum of: \_\_\_\_\_ \$

For payment of minimum connection charge for natural gas service .

By: \_\_\_\_\_

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### APPLICATION FOR SERVICE LINE/ ADDITIONAL METER FIRM NATURAL GAS SERVICE

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#### INTERRUPTIBLE GAS SERVICE EXTENSION AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, by and between GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS CO., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., a Delaware Corporation, 705 West Fir Ave, Fergus Falls, Minnesota, hereinafter called "Company," and \_\_\_\_\_

hereinafter called "Customer," whether one or more. WHEREAS, Customer has requested that Company provide natural gas service to Customer at the following location:

County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_; and

WHEREAS, such service will necessitate the construction by Company of a gas main and service line extension, and the installation of the necessary facilities. NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements herein contained, it is hereby agreed as follows:

1. Company agrees to construct and install said natural gas Project in accordance with the Interruptible Gas Service Extension Policy within the Company's General Terms and Conditions tariff, attached hereto and incorporated herein, and Customer agrees that, prior to construction of same, Customer will pay to the Company the required cost participation for the Project, in the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to be paid as follows:

2. It is further agreed that after facilities have been placed in service, Company shall recalculate the Customer's cost participation as outlined below.

Final Actual Cost of Project .....	\$ _____
Adjusted for Federal and State Income Taxes .....	\$ _____
Preliminary Cost Participation .....	\$ _____
Difference to be : Paid to Company .....	\$ _____
: Refunded to Customer .....	\$ _____

3. The minimum connection charge is \$100.00 and must be paid prior to the installation of any facilities. The minimum connection charge covers the installation of the meter and regulator, the service connection, general inspection, and the gas turn-on.

4. "Project", as used in this Agreement, shall include the gas main extension(s), valves, service stub(s), or service line(s) complete where applicable, regulators, meters (excluding electronic measurement equipment), any required payments made by the Company to the transmission pipeline company to accommodate the extension(s), and other costs as adjusted for applicable federal and state income taxes.

5. This Agreement applies only to Company-owned facilities and does not apply to Customer-owned gas service lines. Company shall not be liable for any damages on account of injury to or death of persons, or damage to property, due to the operation, maintenance, repair or replacement of the Customer's service line or customer-owned piping and equipment. All duties and liabilities in this respect are assumed by the Customer.

6. The following additional terms and conditions shall apply to Company's construction of a gas main and installation of the necessary facilities as follows:

7. The following listed documents are attached hereto, and incorporated herein as part of the Agreement:

- Interruptible Gas Service Extension Policy, effective date, \_\_\_\_\_
- Estimate of Construction Costs
- Map showing the route of the extension
- Economic Analysis of the extension

8. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties, their respective successors and assigns; but the assignment of this Agreement by either party shall not relieve such party, without the written consent of the other, from any of the obligations undertaken by this Agreement. Further, this Agreement shall expire on December 1, of the year in which it was signed by the Company, or on the following date, \_\_\_\_\_, whichever is later, if construction of the extension has not begun. If the Agreement expires, Company will refund any deposit made by Customer and, thereafter, all parties shall be relieved from any and all further liability in connection with this Agreement.

9. 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 tariff 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.

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Customer

Date

Company

Date

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SERVICE FOR  
MARSHALL, MN 56258-1603  
www.gpng.com

ACCOUNT NUMBER  
DATE DUE  
May 14, 2014  
BILL DATE  
Apr 22, 2014  
AMOUNT DUE  
\$48.38

#### ACCOUNT SUMMARY

Previous Balance \$84.84  
Payment Received 4/17/2014 Thank you -84.84  
Current Gas Charges 48.38

**Amount Due on 5/14/14 \$48.38**

A balance of \$10.00 or more remaining after the due date is subject to a late payment charge of 1.50% per month, or \$1.00 whichever is greater.

#### CUSTOMER SERVICE & EMERGENCY SERVICE

**1-877-267-4764**

Emergencies: 24 hours a day

Non-emergencies: Mon-Fri, 7 AM - 7 PM

Email: [customerservice@gpng.com](mailto:customerservice@gpng.com)

Mail: Great Plains Natural Gas Co.,

Attn: Customer Service, PO Box 7608, Boise, ID

83707-1608. Please include your account number.

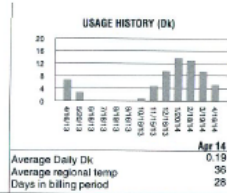
CALL BEFORE YOU DIG **811**

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Payment Due ▲  
See "Ways to Pay Your Bill"  
on the back of this page.

#### Gas Charges

BILLING PERIOD  
3/20/14 - 4/16/14  
METER NUMBER  
402433616  
METER READ DATE  
4/16/14  
Next scheduled read 5/16/14  
RATE  
S60 - Residential Gas



CURRENT READING	PREVIOUS READING	DIFFERENCE	THERM FACTOR	Dk USED
680.0	684.8	= 5.2	x 1.021152	= 5.3
Basic Service Charge				6.50
Distribution Charge 5.3 Dk x \$1.3142				6.97
Cost of Gas 2.3 Dk x \$6.4936				14.94
Cost of Gas 3.0 Dk x \$5.7098				17.13
CCRA Factor 5.3 Dk x \$0.1023				0.54
City Franchise Fee 5% x \$46.08				2.30
<b>Total Charges</b>				<b>\$48.38</b>

PLEASE KEEP THIS PORTION FOR YOUR RECORDS.

PLEASE RETURN THIS PORTION WITH YOUR PAYMENT, MAKING SURE THE RETURN ADDRESS SHOWS IN THE ENVELOPE WINDOW.



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Has your mailing address  
or phone number changed?  
Check here and provide details on back.

ACCOUNT NUMBER

DATE DUE  
May 14, 2014

AMOUNT DUE  
\$48.38



MARSHALL, MN 56258-1603

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PO BOX 5600  
BISMARCK ND 58506-5600

Please enter amount enclosed,  
if different than amount due.

\$

Write account number on check and  
make payable to GPNG.

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Call volume generally is higher on Mondays; for faster service, please call Tuesday-Friday.  
**www.gpng.com**

#### Ways to Pay Your Bill

**Online:** Go to [www.gpng.com](http://www.gpng.com) for our free online payment service. Once you have registered, simply log in each month to make your payment using any active U.S. checking account. It's an easy and secure way to view and/or pay your bill online 24/7.

**Pay by Bank:** Automatically pay your bill each month by authorizing Great Plains Natural Gas Co. to withdraw your payment from your financial institution on your bill's due date, which is shown on your bill stub. Enroll electronically by logging in to your account online at [www.gpng.com](http://www.gpng.com) and completing the online form.

**By Phone:** Our self-service automated telephone system allows you to pay your gas bill or deposit anytime it is convenient – 24/7. To make a debit, credit card or check-by-phone payment, simply call our customer service number and follow the prompts to be connected with our independent service provider. A convenience fee for each transaction will apply.

**Payment Locations:** Pay by check or money order at one of our payment locations, there is no charge for this service. Call Customer Service or visit our website for the nearest payment location. Payments made at a payment location are not credited to your account until they are received by Great Plains Natural Gas.

**By Mail:** Mail your payment along with your bill stub to Great Plains Natural Gas Co., P.O. Box 5600, Bismarck, ND 58506-5600. Be sure to allow time for mailing so that your payment is received by the due date.

**Balanced Billing:** This billing plan levels out your monthly bill so you can reduce fluctuations brought on by changes in the weather and the cost of energy. If interested, sign up through your account using Online Account Services at [www.gpng.com](http://www.gpng.com) or contact Customer Service at 1-877-267-4764.

**Payment Due Date:** Your bill is past due if not paid by the due date shown on the front of this billing statement. If you are paying with a credit card or paying at one of our payment locations in response to a Disconnection of Service Notice, please contact Great Plains Natural Gas at 1-877-267-4764 and let us know that payment has been made.

#### Billing Terms and Definitions

The rates reflected on your bill have been approved by the Public Service Commission or Public Utilities Commission in the state where service is provided. Copies of the company's current tariffs are available at [www.gpng.com](http://www.gpng.com).

**Basic Service Charge:** A monthly or daily charge designed to recover a portion of the fixed costs incurred in providing utility service regardless of how much energy is used.

**City Franchise Fee:** This is a fee charged by a city to Great Plains Natural Gas for operating within the city. If applicable, Great Plains Natural Gas will collect this city-imposed franchise fee from its gas service customers located within that city. One hundred percent of the franchise fees collected shall be submitted to the government entity assessing such fee.

**Constant:** A fixed value used to convert meter readings to actual energy use when gas service is delivered at an elevated pressure.

**Cost of Gas:** This charge recovers the cost of gas itself as well as other related costs Great Plains Natural Gas incurs from its pipeline suppliers in providing natural gas service. The cost is strictly a pass-through to customers and does not provide Great Plains Natural Gas with a profit.

**CCRA:** Conservation Cost Recovery Adjustment is the charge that provides funding for Conservation Programs. In addition to the CCRA, a base charge is billed as part of the distribution delivery charge.

**Distribution Charge:** A volumetric charge to recover the costs of delivering energy to your meter. This amount varies with the amount of energy used.

**Dk – Dekatherms:** The Dk billed is reflective of the total amount of natural gas used in the billing period. The amount of natural gas used as measured by the gas meter is converted to Dk by applying a therm factor to the measured use in order to reflect the heating value of natural gas delivered.

**Gas Affordability Plan (GAP):** Volumetric surcharge paid by residential and firm general service customers to fund GAP that helps qualified customers manage their monthly gas heating bills and pay past-due balances.

**Therm Factor:** The therm factor adjusts the amount of natural gas measured by the meter for the heat content and atmospheric pressure of the gas delivered to a customer's premise. This conversion ensures that all customers are billed based on the heat value of the gas during the applicable billing period.

#### Important Customer Information

If you have questions regarding your bill or service, please call Great Plains Natural Gas FIRST at 1-877-267-4764. If you cannot pay your bill at this time, we are willing to make satisfactory payment arrangements. Register any inquiry or complaint at 1-877-267-4764 or write to PO Box 5603, Bismarck, ND 58506-5603. If your questions are not resolved after you have called Customer Service, you may contact the regulatory agency governing in the state service is provided.

#### Customers With Service In Minnesota:

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission regulates this utility and is available for mediation upon written request.

- MN PUC: Email [consumer.puc@state.mn.us](mailto:consumer.puc@state.mn.us), write to 121 Seventh Place E., Suite 350, Saint Paul, MN 55101-2147, or call 1-800-657-3782.

#### Customers With Service In North Dakota:

- ND PSC: Write to 600 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept. 408, Bismarck, ND 58505-0480.

*Payments made by check or electronically that are dishonored by the bank will be assessed a returned payment fee.*

*When you provide a check as payment, you authorize us to use information from your check either to make a one-time electronic fund transfer from your account or to process the payment as a check transaction. When we use information from your check to make an electronic fund transfer (EFT), funds may be withdrawn from your account as soon as the same day we receive your payment. The transaction will appear on your bank statement as EFT and you will not receive a copy or an image of your check from your financial institution.*

*Payments marked with a restrictive legend (Paid in Full, for example) will not act as an accord and satisfaction without our express prior written approval.*

#### Save a Stamp! Receive, view and pay your bill online at [www.gpng.com](http://www.gpng.com).

**Moving?** To avoid being billed for service you have not used, please contact us at least two business days before you want service disconnected.

**Has your mailing/email address or phone number changed?**

**Please provide details here and check the box on the front of this stub.**

Account No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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### DISCONNECTION NOTICE



PO Box 7609, Boise, ID 83707-1608  
Phone: (877) 267-4764 • Fax: (701) 323-3104  
Customer Service Hours: 7 AM – 7 PM (M – F)  
[www.gpng.com](http://www.gpng.com)

[Customer First Name] [Customer Last Name]  
[2<sup>nd</sup> Financially Responsible First Name] [2<sup>nd</sup> Financially Responsible Last Name]  
[Mailing Street Address]  
[City], [State] [Zip]

RE: Account #

[Current Date ]

### PAST DUE NOTICE

*WE WANT TO CONTINUE OUR DEPENDABLE SERVICE TO YOU, OUR  
VALUED CUSTOMER, BUT YOU MUST TAKE ACTION NOW.*

Payment of your service account is now past due. Unless your past due amount is paid in full or satisfactory arrangements are made before **[Date 6 business days from system date]**, your service may be disconnected. Should this action result in your service being disconnected, payment in full plus a charge for reconnection will be required. In addition, a security deposit may be required before service is restored.

**PLEASE CONTACT US NOW AT 1-877-267-4764**

	SERVICE ADDRESS	PAST DUE	ACCOUNT BALANCE
Utility		\$(00.00)	\$(0,000.00)

#### Payment Options:

Call: 1-866-364-5829 or visit our Website to find the nearest payment location.  
Connect to Western Union® Speedpay® at 1-866-364-5829, toll free 24 hours a day.  
(A fee of \$3.95 per transaction is charged by Western Union® Speedpay® for this service).

Online: [www.gpng.com](http://www.gpng.com) for payment options

Mail: Great Plains Natural Gas Co.  
PO Box 5600  
Bismarck, ND 58506-5600

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1-877-267-4764  
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### DISCONNECTION NOTICE RESIDENTIAL HEAT CUSTOMERS (COLD WEATHER RULE)



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Customer Service Hours: 7 AM – 7 PM (M – F)  
[www.gpng.com](http://www.gpng.com)

[Customer First Name] [Customer Last Name]  
[2<sup>nd</sup> Financially Responsible First Name] [2<sup>nd</sup> Financially Responsible Last Name]  
[Mailing Street Address]  
[City], [State] [Zip]

RE: Account # \_\_\_\_\_ [Current Date] \_\_\_\_\_

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Payment of your service account is now past due. Unless your past due amount is paid in full or satisfactory arrangements are made before **[Date 11 business days from system date]**, your service may be disconnected. Should this action result in your service being disconnected, payment in full plus a charge for reconnection will be required. In addition, a security deposit may be required before service is restored.

Minnesota's Cold Weather Rule may provide you with certain legal rights concerning gas service shut off. You may also qualify for energy assistance which could help reduce the amount you owe on your heating bill. Contact the State Energy Assistance information line at 1-800-657-3710. They will give you the telephone number for your local county office. Please review the enclosed notice of residential rights and possible assistance.

#### PLEASE CONTACT US NOW AT 1-877-267-4764

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Utility	\$(00.00)	\$(0,000.00)

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### REQUEST FOR INTERRUPTIBLE NATURAL GAS SERVICE

#### REQUEST FOR INTERRUPTIBLE NATURAL GAS SERVICE

THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY REQUESTS GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS CO., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc. ("Company") to provide interruptible natural gas service at the location(s) listed below.

- (A) Customer is a non-residential retail gas customer of Company and agrees to the terms and conditions of the Company's Rate Schedule \_\_\_\_\_.
- (B) Company's rates and services are subject to regulation and Customer will be bound by any changes as approved by the applicable regulatory authorities.
- (C) Customers taking Interruptible Gas Transportation Service must use Company's electronic measurement equipment as a remote terminal unit for system operations. The estimated cost of the installation of electronic measurement equipment in conjunction with this Request is \$ \_\_\_\_\_. Such cost shall be adjusted for federal and state income taxes. Customer agrees to provide this amount to Company at the time this request is returned to Company for approval by Company. Such electronic measurement equipment shall remain the property of the Company.

#### INTERRUPTIBLE EQUIPMENT

<u>Type &amp; No. of Units</u>	<u>Input (btuh)</u>	<u>Standby Fuel</u>	<u>Peak Day Usage (dk)</u>

CUSTOMER: \_\_\_\_\_ BY: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ACCOUNT NO.: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED:

GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS CO.,  
A Division of MDU Resources Group Inc.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

K. Frank Morehouse  
Region Manager

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

DISTRIBUTION:  
1 Copy to Accounting  
1 Copy to Gas Superintendent  
1 Copy to Gas Supply  
1 Copy to Customer

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### INTERRUPTIBLE GAS SALES SERVICE AGREEMENT

#### INTERRUPTIBLE GAS SALES SERVICE AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, made this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, is by and between GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS CO., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc. ("Company") and \_\_\_\_\_ ("Customer").

Customer and Company enter into this Interruptible Gas Sales Service Agreement to have natural gas delivered by Company to Customer.

WITNESSETH: The parties hereto, each in consideration of the agreement of the other, agree as follows:

1. TERM. Deliveries and charges hereunder shall commence as specified in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein. Customer agrees 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.

2. DELIVERY POINT(S), RATE SCHEDULE, AND QUANTITIES. Delivery of natural gas under Small Interruptible Gas Sales Service or Large Interruptible Gas Sales Service by Company to Customer shall be as specified in attached Exhibit "A".

3. RATE. The rates charged and services rendered Customer, under this Agreement, shall be as specified in applicable Company tariffs as approved by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission.

Company shall have the right to modify the rates charged and the terms and conditions hereunder by making unilateral rate filings with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission.

4. INTERRUPTIBLE GAS SALES SERVICE. Service under Interruptible Gas Sales Service is dependent upon the availability of capacity on Company's system and prior

demands of customers served under Company's firm gas service rates. Customer agrees to accept service hereunder in accordance with Company's "Rate Schedule" as specified in Exhibit "A" of this Agreement.

5. CHANGE IN DAILY OPERATIONS. Customer agrees to notify Company of changes in Customer's natural gas requirements as specified in attached Exhibit "A". Company shall not be obligated to provide daily requirements in excess of the daily quantities set forth in Exhibit "A" unless Company, in its sole discretion, determines that increased quantities are available, and all quantities hereunder shall be subject to interruption and service priorities as provided in General Provisions Tariff.

6. ASSIGNMENT. Customer agrees that it will not assign this Agreement except upon written consent of Company.

7. INGRESS AND EGRESS. Company is hereby granted rights of ingress and egress, at reasonable times, for operating, inspecting and maintaining any of Company's facilities on Customer's premises.

8. REGULATORY AUTHORITY. This Agreement is subject to all valid laws, orders, rules and regulations of any and all duly constituted authorities having jurisdiction over the subject matter herein and is subject to the receipt of any necessary authorization for the interruptible service contemplated herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have duly executed this Agreement as of the date and year above written.

CUSTOMER

COMPANY

GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS CO.,  
A Division of MDU Resources Group Inc.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

K. Frank Morehouse  
Region Manager

Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
\* Please type or print the names below the signature lines.

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### EXHIBIT "A" INTERRUPTIBLE GAS SALES SERVICE AGREEMENT

#### EXHIBIT "A" INTERRUPTIBLE GAS SALES SERVICE AGREEMENT

This document is an attachment to the Interruptible Gas Sales Service Agreement dated \_\_\_\_\_ between Great Plains Natural Gas Co. ("Company") and \_\_\_\_\_ ("Customer") covering interruptible natural gas sales service. Deliveries and charges hereunder shall commence on \_\_\_\_\_ and expire on \_\_\_\_\_.

<u>Delivery Point(s)</u>	<u>Rate Schedule</u>	<u>Distribution Charge*</u>	<u>Maximum Interruptible Delivery Point Quantity Per Day (dk)</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____			

\* Plus Cost of Gas and the Conservation Improvement Program Adjustment.

Customer agrees to notify Company of changes in its daily natural gas requirements in accordance with the following requirements:

Accepted and agreed to this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

#### CUSTOMER

\_\_\_\_\_  
By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Representing \_\_\_\_\_

Accepted and agreed to this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

#### COMPANY

GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS CO.,  
A Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
K. Frank Morehouse  
Region Manager

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### GAS TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT

#### GAS TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is by and between GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS CO., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc. ("Company"), and \_\_\_\_\_ ("Customer") and is effective 9:00 a.m. CCT on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

Customer has entered into agreements to purchase natural gas and have that gas delivered to a "receipt point" using Shipper/Agent(s) as specified in attached Exhibit "A" as Shipper/Agent. Customer agrees to notify Company prior to any change in Shipper/Agent(s) and further agrees to execute a new Exhibit "A" prior to the change of event.

Customer and Company enter into this Gas Transportation Agreement to have said gas transported by Company from the "receipt point" to the "delivery point(s)".

WITNESSETH: The parties hereto, each in consideration of the agreement of the other, agree as follows:

1. **TERM.** This Agreement will continue in effect for \_\_\_\_ year(s) from its effective date. Upon expiration of the initial term, this Agreement shall continue month to month thereafter until either party furnishes the other party 30 days prior written notice of termination.

2. **RECEIPT POINT, DELIVERY POINT(S), RATE SCHEDULE.** Natural Gas delivered hereunder shall be in accordance with the Company's approved rate schedules titled: Small Interruptible General Gas Transportation Service or Large Interruptible General Gas Transportation Service.

Receipt Point: \_\_\_\_\_

Delivery Point(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Rate Schedule: \_\_\_\_\_

3. **RECORD EXAMINATION.** Customer shall have the right at all reasonable times to examine the books, records and charts of Company, for a two year period subsequent to the issuance in writing of a dispute invoice, to the extent necessary to verify the accuracy of any statement, charge or

computation made under or pursuant to any provisions of this Agreement.

4. **RATE.** The rates charged and services rendered Customer under this Agreement shall be as specified in applicable Company tariffs as approved by Minnesota Public Utilities Commission. In the event "Rate", as specified in attached "Exhibit B" is not executed by both parties of this Agreement, Customer agrees to pay Company the currently approved Fixed Distribution Charge of the Rate Schedule specified in Section 2 of this Agreement.

Company shall have the right to modify the rates charged and the terms and conditions hereunder by making unilateral rate filings with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission.

5. **ASSIGNMENT.** Customer agrees that it will not assign this Agreement except upon written consent of Company.

6. **INGRESS AND EGRESS.** Company is hereby granted rights of ingress and egress, at reasonable times, for operating, inspecting and maintaining any of Company's facilities on Customer's premises.

7. **REGULATORY AUTHORITY.** This Agreement is subject to all valid laws, orders, rules and regulations of any and all duly constituted authorities having jurisdiction over the subject matter herein and is subject to the receipt of any necessary authorization for the transportation service contemplated herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have duly executed this Agreement as of the date and year below written.

**CUSTOMER**

\_\_\_\_\_  
By: \_\_\_\_\_  
\*

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

**COMPANY**

GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS CO.,  
A Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
K. Frank Morehouse  
Region Manager

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Please type or print the name below the signature line.

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### EXHIBIT "A" GAS TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT

#### EXHIBIT "A" GAS TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT

This document is an attachment to the Gas Transportation Agreement dated \_\_\_\_\_ between  
GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS CO. ("Company") and \_\_\_\_\_ ("Customer").

This Exhibit "A" is effective 9:00 a.m. CCT on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

Customer's Maximum Interruptible Transportation Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_ dk per day.

The Shipper/Agent(s) name is \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Customer hereby authorizes Company to furnish the Shipper/Agent any information relating to the  
volume and/or cost of natural gas furnished by Company for use by Customer. This authorization will  
remain in effect until a written notice is received from Customer.

Accepted and agreed to this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

CUSTOMER

\_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Accepted and agreed to this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

COMPANY

GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS CO.,  
A Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
K. Frank Morehouse  
Region Manager

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### EXHIBIT "B" GAS TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT

#### EXHIBIT "B" GAS TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT

This document is an attachment to the Gas Transportation Agreement dated \_\_\_\_\_ between  
GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS CO. ("Company") and \_\_\_\_\_ ("Customer").

Rate

Term of Rate

Accepted and agreed to this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

CUSTOMER

\_\_\_\_\_  
By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Accepted and agreed to this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

COMPANY

GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS CO.,  
A Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
K. Frank Morehouse  
Region Manager

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### FIRM GAS SERVICE EXTENSION AGREEMENT

#### FIRM GAS SERVICE EXTENSION AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, by and between GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS CO., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., a Delaware Corporation, 705 West Fir Ave, Fergus Falls, Minnesota, hereinafter called "Company," and \_\_\_\_\_, hereinafter called "Customer," whether one or more.

WHEREAS, Customer has requested that Company provide natural gas service to Customer at the following location:

County of \_\_\_\_\_ State of \_\_\_\_\_; and

WHEREAS, such service will necessitate the construction by Company of a gas main extension and the installation of the necessary facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements herein contained, it is hereby agreed as follows where cost participation may be required on gas main extensions over 100 feet or where natural gas is not the primary fuel used for space heating:

Item Nos. one, two and three below may not be applicable where the Customer is not responsible for cost participation where the gas main extension is 100 feet or less, connected within 12 months from the start of construction, and where natural gas is the primary fuel used for space heating:

1. Company agrees to construct and install said natural gas Project in accordance with the Firm Gas Service Extension Policy within the Company's General Terms and Conditions tariff and Customer agrees that, prior to construction of same, Customer will pay to Company the required cost participation for the Project, in the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, to be paid as follows:

2. It is further agreed that after facilities have been placed in service, Company shall recalculate the Customer's cost participation as outlined below:

Final Actual Cost of Project	\$ _____
Less Maximum Allowable Investment	\$ _____
Final Cost Participation	\$ _____
Preliminary Cost Participation	\$ _____
Difference to be:	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Paid to Company	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Refunded to Customer	\$ _____

3. "Project", as used in this Agreement, 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.
4. This Agreement applies only to Company-owned facilities and does not apply to Customer-owned facilities. Company shall not be liable for any damages on account of injury to or death of persons, or damage to property, due to the operation, maintenance, repair or replacement of customer-owned piping and equipment. All duties and liabilities in this respect are assumed by the Customer.
5. The following additional terms and conditions shall apply to Company's construction of a gas main and installation of the necessary facilities as follows:

6. The following documents are attached hereto, and incorporated herein, as part of the Agreement:
  - a. Estimate of construction costs
  - b. Map showing the route of the extension
  - c. Economic analysis of the extension
  - d. Firm Gas Service Extension Policy, effective date: \_\_\_\_\_

7. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties, their respective successors and assigns; but the assignment of this Agreement by either party shall not relieve such party, without the written consent of the other, from any of the obligations undertaken by this Agreement. Further, this Agreement shall expire on December 1, of the year in which it was signed by the Company, or on the following date, \_\_\_\_\_, whichever is later, if construction of the extension has not begun. If the Agreement expires, Company will refund any deposit made by Customer and, thereafter, all parties shall be relieved from any and all further liability in connection with this Agreement.

- a. If, within the five-year period after the extension(s) in service date, the number of active customers and related volumes exceeds the projections used in the economic analysis, the Company shall recompute the participation requirement by recalculating the maximum allowable investment, in accordance with the Firm Gas Service Extension Policy within the Company's General Terms and Conditions tariff. No refund shall be made by Company to Customer until the new applicants begin taking service from the Company.

- b. If after the aforementioned five-year period, the Customer's participation amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ has not been fully refunded by that time, the obligation of the Company to make refunds shall cease. In no event, shall the total amount of refunds exceed the amount paid to Company hereunder.

GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS CO.  
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Customer

Date

Company

Date

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### CONTACT LIST

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A. The following people may be contacted for information regarding the items listed.

General Management, Customer Relations, Engineering, Operations and Repairs:

Justin Jahner, District Manager  
705 West Fir Avenue  
Fergus Falls, MN 56537  
Ph: (218) 739-6607  
Fax: (218) 739-6636

B. Emergencies after business hours.

Justin Jahner, District Manager	(701) 527-9889 cell
Pat Dufault, Operations Supervisor	(218) 826-6213 home (218) 205-1229 cell
Jamie Haas, Operations Supervisor	(507) 430-6093 cell

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### **COMMUNITIES SERVED**

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Belview  
Boyd  
Breckenridge  
Clarkfield  
Crookston  
Danube  
Dawson  
Echo  
Fergus Falls  
Granite Falls  
Marshall  
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Redwood Falls  
Renville  
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### **TECHNICAL TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS**

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The Company does not employ any technical or special terms that are unique to the application of any of its rate schedules, rules or regulations. All terms used by the Company are common terms in the industry. For clarification purposes such terms are defined in Section 6 General Terms and Conditions.

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## State of Minnesota Gas Rate Schedule – MNPUC Volume 3

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### RESIDENTIAL GAS SERVICE Rate 60

**Availability:**

Service under this rate schedule is available to any residential customer for the domestic use of natural gas service. See General Terms and Conditions, Paragraph 3, for definition on class of service.

**Rate:**

Basic Service Charge: \$0.296 per day  
(Effective Monthly Basic Service Charge: \$9.00 per month)

Distribution Charge: \$3.0375 per dk

Base Cost of Gas: \$3.8532 per dk

**Minimum Bill:**

Basic Service Charge.

**Cost of Gas:**

The billed cost of gas represents the Base Cost of Gas identified above adjusted by the Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment provided for in the Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment Clause (Sheet No. 5-62).

**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).

**Revenue Decoupling Mechanism:**

All customer bills under this rate are subject to the Revenue Decoupling Mechanism (Sheet No. 5-125).

**Gas Affordability Program:**

Bills are subject to the currently effective Gas Affordability Program charge as provided in the Gas Affordability Program Tariff (Sheet No. 5-120).

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### **RESIDENTIAL GAS SERVICE Rate 60**

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#### **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).

#### **Measurement Unit for Billing Purposes:**

Customer's metered consumption will be adjusted to reflect decatherms in accordance with the General Terms and Conditions, Section 6, Paragraph V.12.

#### **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 22 days from the current billing date. No late payment charge will be assessed 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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### FIRM GENERAL SERVICE Rate 70

**Availability:**

Service under this rate schedule is available to any firm general service customer whose maximum requirements are not more than 2,000 cubic feet per hour. See General Terms and Conditions, Paragraph 3, for definition on class of service.

**Rate:****Basic Service Charge:**

For customers with meters rated  
Under 500 cubic feet per hour      \$0.904 per day  
(Effective Monthly Basic Service Charge: \$27.50 per month)

For customers with meters rated  
Over 500 cubic feet per hour      \$1.151 per day  
(Effective Monthly Basic Service Charge: \$35.00 per month)

Distribution Charge:      \$2.3248 per dk

Base Cost of Gas:      \$3.8532 per dk

**Minimum Bill:**

Basic Service Charge.

**Cost of Gas:**

The billed cost of gas represents the Base Cost of Gas identified above adjusted by the Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment provided for in the Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment Clause (Sheet No. 5-62).

**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).

**Revenue Decoupling Mechanism:**

All customer bills under this rate are subject to the Revenue Decoupling Mechanism (Sheet No. 5-125).

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### **FIRM GENERAL SERVICE Rate 70**

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#### **Gas Affordability Program:**

Bills are subject to the currently effective Gas Affordability Program charge as provided in the Gas Affordability Program Tariff (Sheet No. 5-120).

#### **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).

#### **Measurement Unit for Billing Purposes:**

Customer's metered consumption will be adjusted to decatherms in accordance with the General Terms and Conditions, Section 6, Paragraph V.12.

#### **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 assessed if the unpaid balance is \$10.00 or less.

#### **General Terms and Conditions:**

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### SMALL INTERRUPTIBLE GAS SALES SERVICE Rate 71

#### Availability:

Service under this rate schedule is available to any interruptible general gas service customer, except those served under Interruptible Grain Drying Gas Sales Service Rate 73, whose normal annual interruptible requirements are in excess of 1,000 dk but do not exceed 20,000 dk. Customer must satisfy Company of their ability and willingness to discontinue the use of said gas during period of curtailment or interruption, by the use of standby facilities, or suffering plant shutdown. The rates herein are applicable only to customer's interruptible load. Customer's firm natural gas requirements must be separately metered or specified in a firm service agreement. The firm service volumes are subject to available capacity. Customer's firm load shall be billed at Firm General Service Rate 70. For interruptible purposes, the maximum daily firm requirement shall be set forth in the firm service agreement.

#### Rate:

Basic Service Charge:	\$150.00 per month
Distribution Charge:	\$1.5777 per dk
Base Cost of Gas:	\$2.9807 per dk

#### Minimum Bill:

Basic Service Charge.

#### Cost of Gas:

The billed cost of gas represents the Base Cost of Gas identified above adjusted by the Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment provided for in the Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment Clause (Sheet No. 5-62).

#### 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).

#### Revenue Decoupling Mechanism:

All customer bills under this rate are subject to the Revenue Decoupling Mechanism, (Sheet No. 5-125).

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### SMALL INTERRUPTIBLE GAS SALES SERVICE Rate 71

#### **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).

#### **Measurement Unit for Billing Purposes:**

Customer's metered consumption will be adjusted to reflect decatherms in accordance with the General Terms and Conditions, Section 6, Paragraph V.12.

#### **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 assessed if the unpaid balance is \$10.00 or less.

#### **Conditions of Service:**

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 rates. 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 General Terms and Conditions, Section 6, Paragraph V.17.
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 charges applicable under Firm General Gas Service Rate 70 (excluding the Basic Service Charge), plus either an amount equal to any charges the Company is required to pay to 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.

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### SMALL INTERRUPTIBLE GAS SALES SERVICE Rate 71

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 amount the Company must pay to the interconnecting pipeline caused by customer's action.
5. **METERING REQUIREMENTS** – Remote data acquisition equipment (telemetering equipment) if required 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. The Company may remove such equipment when service hereunder is terminated.

The customer may be required to provide and maintain, at no cost to Company: A 120 volt, 15 ampere, AC power supply, and an acceptable telephone service available at customer's meter location(s). The services listed above shall be continuous, accessible to the Company, and be provided by the customer at no cost to the Company. Enhancements and/or modifications to these services may be required to ensure equipment functionality. Such enhancements or modifications shall be completed at the direction of the Company with all associated costs the customer's responsibility. Any interruption in such services must be promptly remedied or service under this tariff will be suspended until satisfactory corrections have been made.

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### **SMALL INTERRUPTIBLE GAS SALES SERVICE Rate 71**

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Consultation between the customer and the Company regarding telemetering requirements shall occur prior to execution of the required service agreement. The telemetering requirement will be determined at the sole discretion of the Company based on customer requirements and location.

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.

#### **General Terms and Conditions:**

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### INTERRUPTIBLE GRAIN DRYING GAS SALES SERVICE RATE 73

**Availability:**

Service under this rate schedule is applicable to all grain drying customers. Customer must satisfy the Company of their ability and willingness to discontinue the use of said gas during period of curtailment or interruption, by the use of standby facilities, or suffering plant shutdown. The rates herein are applicable only to customer's interruptible grain drying load. Customer's firm natural gas requirements must be separately metered.

**Rate:**

Basic Service Charge:	\$450.00 per month
Distribution Charge:	\$1.3723 per dk
Base Cost of Gas:	\$2.9807 per dk

**Minimum Bill:**

Basic Service Charge.

**Cost of Gas:**

The billed cost of gas represents the Base Cost of Gas identified above adjusted by the Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment provided for in the Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment Clause (Sheet No. 5-62).

**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).

**Revenue Decoupling Mechanism:**

All customer bills under this rate 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).

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### INTERRUPTIBLE GRAIN DRYING GAS SALES SERVICE RATE 73

#### Measurement Unit for Billing Purposes:

Customer's metered consumption will be adjusted to reflect dekatherms in accordance with the General Terms and Conditions, Section 6, Paragraph V.12.

#### 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 assessed if the unpaid balance is \$10.00 or less.

#### Conditions of Service:

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 rates. 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 General Terms and Conditions, Section 6, Paragraph V.17.
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 charges applicable under Firm General Gas Service Rate 70 (excluding the Basic Service Charge), plus either an amount equal to any charges the Company is required to pay to 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

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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 OPERATION STARTUP –**  
Customer will be required to notify Company of the anticipated startup of grain drying operations no later than 10:00 A.M. CST the day before customer starts operating their grain drying facilities. Customer must provide to the Company the location of the grain drying facility, the expected hours of operation, and the total Dk needed for operation of the grain drying facility. Failure to comply may result in the assessment of penalties to the customer equal to the penalty amount the Company must pay to the interconnecting pipeline caused by customer's action.
5. **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. Anticipated changes may include change in intra-day or day ahead facility operations, including those changes due to weather. Failure to comply with requirements specified in the service agreement may result in the assessment of penalties to the customer equal to the penalty amount the Company must pay to the interconnecting pipeline caused by customer's action.
6. **METERING REQUIREMENTS –** Remote data acquisition equipment (telemetry equipment) if required 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. The Company may remove such equipment when service hereunder is terminated.

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### **INTERRUPTIBLE GRAIN DRYING GAS SALES SERVICE RATE 73**

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The customer may be required to provide and maintain, at no cost to Company: A 120 volt, 15 ampere, AC power supply, and an acceptable telephone service available at customer's meter location(s). The services listed above shall be continuous, accessible to the Company, and be provided by the customer at no cost to the Company. Enhancements and/or modifications to these services may be required to ensure equipment functionality. Such enhancements or modifications shall be completed at the direction of the Company with all associated costs the customer's responsibility. Any interruption in such services must be promptly remedied or service under this tariff will be suspended until satisfactory corrections have been made.

Consultation between the customer and the Company regarding telemetering requirements shall occur prior to execution of the required service agreement. The telemetering requirement will be determined at the sole discretion of the Company based on customer requirements and location.

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.

#### **General Terms and Conditions:**

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

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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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### INTERRUPTIBLE GAS TRANSPORTATION SERVICE Rates 81 and 82

**Rate:**

Basic Service Charge:

Rate 81	\$250.00 per month
Rate 82	\$560.00 per month

Distribution Charge:

Rate 81	\$1.5777 per dk
Rate 82	\$0.7249 per dk

Margin Sharing & CIP Exempt Customer:

	The distribution charge applicable to the CIP exempt customer
Rate 82	authorized as a margin sharing customer in G004/GR-19-511 shall be \$0.5520 per dk

Flexible Distribution Charge per dk:

	Company and customer will agree to a price between \$0.0530 and
Rate 82	\$1.3968 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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### INTERRUPTIBLE GAS TRANSPORTATION SERVICE Rates 81 and 82

#### **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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### **INTERRUPTIBLE GAS TRANSPORTATION SERVICE Rates 81 and 82**

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:

% 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 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:

% 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 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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### LARGE INTERRUPTIBLE GAS SALES SERVICE Rate 85

#### Availability:

Service under this rate schedule is available to any interruptible general gas service customer, except those served under the Interruptible Grain Drying Gas Sales Service Rate 73, whose interruptible natural gas load will exceed 20,000 dk annually as metered at a single delivery point. The rates herein are applicable only to customer's interruptible load. Customer's firm natural requirements must be separately metered or specified in a firm service agreement. The firm service volumes are subject to available capacity. Customer's firm load shall be billed at Firm General Gas Service Rate 70. For interruption purposes, the maximum daily firm requirement shall be set forth in the firm service agreement. Customer must satisfy Company of their ability and willingness to discontinue the use of said gas during period of curtailment or interruption, by the use of standby facilities, or suffering plant shutdown.

#### Rate:

Basic Service Charge: \$500.00 per month

Distribution Charge: \$0.7249 per dk

Base Cost of Gas: \$2.9807 per dk

Flexible Distribution Charge per dk:

Company and customer will agree to a price between \$0.0810 and \$1.3688 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 normally 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.

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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.

#### **Minimum Bill:**

Basic Service Charge.

#### **Cost of Gas:**

The billed cost of gas represents the Base Cost of Gas identified above adjusted by the Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment provided for in the Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment Clause (Sheet No. 5-62).

#### **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).

#### **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.

#### **Measurement Unit for Billing Purposes:**

Customer's metered consumption will be adjusted to decatherms in accordance with the General Terms and Conditions, Section 6, Paragraph V.12.

#### **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.

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### LARGE INTERRUPTIBLE GAS SALES SERVICE Rate 85

#### Conditions of Service:

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 rates. Customers taking service hereunder agree that the Company, without prior notice, shall have the right to curtail or to 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 the General Terms and Conditions, Section 6, Paragraph V.17.
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 charges applicable under Firm General Gas Service Rate 70 (excluding the Basic Service Charge), plus either an amount equal to any penalty payment(s) or overrun charges the Company is required to pay to 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 any charges Company must pay to the interconnecting pipeline caused by customer's action.

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### **LARGE INTERRUPTIBLE GAS SALES SERVICE Rate 85**

5. **METERING REQUIREMENTS** – Remote data acquisition equipment (telemetry equipment) if required for daily measurement will be 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.

The customer shall be required to provide and maintain, at no cost to the Company the following: A 120 volt, 15 ampere, AC power supply; and an acceptable telephone service available at customer's meter location(s). The services listed above shall be continuous, accessible to the Company, and be provided by the Customer at no cost to the Company.

Enhancements and/or modifications to these services maybe require to ensure equipment functionality. Such enhancements or modifications shall be completed at the direction of the Company with all associated costs the customer's responsibility. Any interruption in such services must be promptly remedied or service under this tariff will be suspended until satisfactory corrections have been made.

Consultation between the customer and the Company regarding telemetry requirements shall occur prior to execution of the required service agreement. The telemetry requirement will be determined at the sole discretion of the Company based on customer requirements and location.

The Company reserves the right to charge for each service call to investigate, repair, reprogram, or reinstall the Company's telemetry 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.

#### **General Terms and Conditions:**

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

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### **PURCHASE GAS ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE (PGA)**

1. The Purchased Gas Adjustment Clause (PGA) is applicable to all Gas Sales Service rate schedules applicable in Great Plains' Minnesota Service Area. The PGA is the difference between the delivered cost of gas supply and the base cost of gas as set in the last general rate case. The PGA will be calculated each month and any change from the previous month that exceeds \$.030 per decatherm (dk) will be applied to bills during that month.
2. Cost of Gas Supply
  - a. 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 the annual normalized sales volumes. The annual normalized sales volumes are the dk sales for the most recent 12-month period normalized for weather and adjusted by an average percentage change in sales over the preceding three-year period.
  - b. Gas Commodity - The average weighted commodity cost from all suppliers for the month the PGA will be in effect.

The current cost of gas supply is applicable to the following classes:

Firm Service = Firm Demand + Gas Commodity

Interruptible Service = Gas Commodity + Demand assigned based on a 100% load factor allocation of firm demand.

3. Gas Cost Reconciliation (GCR)
  - a. For each twelve-month period ending June 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 September 1 of each year. This adjustment shall include:
    1. The balance in the (over) under recovered gas cost account as of June 30.
    2. The difference between actual and recovered gas costs for each customer class for the twelve months ending June 30. The amount may be an under recovery or (over) recovery.
    3. The cost of gas, such as propane, butane, LNG, coal, gas, or other manufactured gas used by the Company to supplement the supplies of natural gas to service its customers. The costs shall be apportioned to the customer classes on the same basis as the demand charges. The additional cost of supplemental gas is to be determined on an estimated annual firm gas sales requirement as of June 30 each year.

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4. Any difference between the estimate included in 3a(3) in the previous GCR and actual expense for the twelve months ending June 30.
  5. Any refunds from suppliers of gas or pipeline services where the average refund per customer is less than \$5.00.
- 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 September 1 and remain in effect for a twelve (12) month period.
4. Refunds
- Refunds and interest on the refunds, that are received from the suppliers or transporters of purchased gas and attributable to the cost of gas previously sold, shall be annually refunded by credits to bills, except that cumulative refund amounts equal to or greater than \$5 per customer shall be refunded within 90 days from the date the refund is received from a supplier or transporter. Refunds shall be allocated to customer classes in proportion to previously charged costs of purchased gas. Within classes, the refund amount per unit shall be applied to bills on the basis of individual 12-month usage. Great Plains shall add interest to the unrefunded balance at the prime interest rate.

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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	(\$0.0599)

#### 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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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### 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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### GAS AFFORDABILITY PROGRAM

#### **Availability:**

Available to residential customers who have been qualified and receive assistance from the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (“LIHEAP”) during the federal fiscal year (“Program Year”). Further, such customers must agree to be placed on a levelized payment plan and must also agree to a payment schedule as described below to be considered a “Qualified Customer”.

#### **Description and Rate Impact for Qualifying Customers:**

The Gas Affordability Program (GAP) shall meet the conditions of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 216B.16, Subd.15 on low income programs. The GAP has two components: 1) Affordability, and 2) Arrearage Forgiveness. Great Plains, or an agent of Great Plains, will review current billing and consumption information, approved LIHEAP benefits and household income information as submitted to Great Plains to determine a Qualified Customer’s payment schedule amount. A Qualified Customer’s payment schedule shall include both payment of the customer’s current month’s bill (which reflects one-twelfth the levelized payment plan), after inclusion of the affordability bill credit, and payment of a portion of the Qualified Customer’s pre-program arrears.

#### **Affordability Component:**

The Affordability component consists of a bill credit determined as one-twelfth of the difference between Great Plains’ estimate of the Qualified Customer’s annual gas bill and 4% of the Qualified Customer’s household income as provided by the Qualified Customer to Great Plains. This bill credit is a GAP cost that will be included in the Tracker. Any energy assistance sums not applied to arrears will be applied to a Qualified Customer’s current bill.

The Affordability Component shall be calculated as follows:

1. Calculate four percent of the participant’s income and add any available LIHEAP funds not applied to arrears to determine the affordability payment.
2. Sum the participant’s annual usage and determine participant’s average annual bill.
3. Subtract the participant’s affordability payment from the average monthly bill to determine the affordability credit amount.

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#### **Arrearage Forgiveness Component:**

The Arrearage Forgiveness component consists of a monthly credit that will be applied each month after receipt of the Qualified Customer's payment. The credit, will be designed to retire pre-program arrears over a period of up to 24 months with the Company matching the Qualifying Customer's contribution to retiring pre-program arrears. The credit is determined by taking the pre-program arrears divided by the number of months to retire the arrears divided by two and then subtracting any energy assistance sums received by the Company on behalf of the customer divided by the number of months remaining to retire the arrears divided by two. This arrearage forgiveness credit is a GAP cost that will be included in the Tracker.

#### **Conditions of Service:**

Enrollment participation is limited to a first come first served basis until the estimated GAP dollar cap is reached.

Before the start of an enrollment period, Great Plains will mail information on the GAP and an application to participate in the GAP to targeted current LIHEAP customers in arrears. The application for participation must be completed in full and returned to Great Plains before the close of the enrollment period.

Regardless of arrears balances, Great Plains agrees to maintain service and suspend collection activities to Qualified Customers if they maintain their payment schedule.

Qualified Customers must maintain an active Great Plains account in said customer's name at their permanent primary residence only to be eligible for the GAP.

Qualified Customers agree to notify Great Plains of any changes in address, income level, or household size. Such changes may result in removal from the GAP. Additionally, Qualified Customers who do not continue to qualify under the provisions of Section 1 above can be removed from the GAP.

If a Qualified Customer fails to pay two consecutive monthly payments in full under the GAP, they will be terminated from the GAP and will be subject to Great Plains' regular collection practices including the possibility of disconnection.

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#### **Funding:**

Total GAP costs, which include start-up costs, Affordability component, Arrearage Forgiveness component and incremental administration costs incurred by Great Plains shall not exceed \$50,000 per year. Great Plains shall limit administrative costs included in the tracker (except start-up related costs) included in the tracker to 5% of total GAP costs. Administrative costs will include, but are not limited to, the costs to inform customers of the GAP and costs to process and implement enrollments.

Great Plains shall recover the GAP costs in a separate Delivery Charge applicable to all customers receiving firm service under Residential Gas Service and Firm General Service Rate Schedules at a rate of \$0.01393 per dk.

A tracking mechanism ("Tracker") will be established to provide for recovery of all actual GAP costs as compared to the recovery of GAP costs through rates. Great Plains will track and defer GAP costs with regulatory approval. Carrying charges at a rate equal to the authorized rate of return of 7.46% established in Docket No. G004/GR-19-511 shall be applied to the balance and recovered. The prudence of the GAP costs are subject to a regulatory review. Great Plains may petition the Commission to adjust this rate in order to true up the GAP balance in the Tracker in its next general rate case.

#### **Evaluation:**

The GAP shall be evaluated for the years 2016 through 2018 with an evaluation filed with the Commission by May 31, 2019.

Annual reports to be submitted by March 31 of each year will include the effect of the GAP on customer payment frequency, payment amount, arrearage level and number of customers in arrears, service disconnections, retention rates, customer complaints and utility customer collection activity. The annual reports may also include information about customer satisfaction with the GAP.

The financial evaluation will include a discounted cash flow of the GAP cost-effectiveness analysis from a ratepayer perspective comparing the 1) total GAP costs, which includes the Affordability component, Arrearage Forgiveness component and total company incurred administration costs, to 2) the total net

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### **GAS AFFORDABILITY PROGRAM**

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savings including cost reductions on utility functions such as the impact of the GAP on write-offs, service disconnections and reconnections and collections activities. The discounted cash flow difference between total GAP costs and total net savings will result in either a net benefit or a net cost to ratepayers for the GAP. Any net benefit after the initial four year term of the GAP will be added to the Tracker for refund to residential ratepayers.

#### **GAP Revocation:**

GAP, upon approval by the Commission, is effective unless the Commission, after notice and hearing, rescinds or amends its order approving GAP.

#### **Applicability:**

Unless otherwise specified in this tariff, Qualified Customers in the GAP shall receive service in accordance with all terms and conditions of the standard gas service tariffs applicable to residential customers.

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### REVENUE DECOUPLING MECHANISM

#### **Applicability:**

This rate schedule represents a Revenue Decoupling Mechanism (RDM) that serves to reduce the Company's financial disincentive to the promotion of energy efficiency and conservation by separating the link between the Company's revenues from changes in the volume of gas sales. This mechanism complies with the legislative intent and language of Minnesota Statute, Section 216B.2412 Decoupling of Energy Sales from Revenue.

The RDM is applicable to all rate classes with the exception of customers served under a flexible distribution rate agreement.

#### **Revenue Decoupling Mechanism:**

The Revenue Decoupling Mechanism includes two components: a RDM Adjustment and a Margin Sharing Credit.

1. **RDM Adjustment:** the RDM Adjustment calculations will be performed annually for each rate class with the exception of the Large Interruptible Rate Schedules 82 and 85. Customers taking service under Rate 82 and 85 are not subject to this component of the RDM rate.
  - a. The RDM will compare the level of non-gas revenues authorized in the last general rate case (excluding those revenues associated with the CCRC), adjusted for customer growth, to the level of non-gas revenues collected by rate class to determine either a revenue shortfall or surplus for each calendar year. An adjustment per Dk per rate class will be calculated if either a revenue shortfall or surplus exists.
  - b. An RDM adjustment per Dk will be calculated annually for each class of customers to which the RDM applies. The adjustment shall be calculated in the following manner per rate class:
  - c. Authorized Margin per Customer: the non-gas revenues divided by the number of customers per rate class as authorized in the Company's last general rate case.
  - d. Designed Revenues: authorized margin per customer multiplied by authorized customers unless actual customers per rate class for the

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calendar year under review are greater than the authorized level of customers. If actual customers exceed authorized customers, actual customers shall be used.

- e. RDM Adjustment per Dk = (Designed Revenues less actual non-gas revenues) divided by forecasted volumes for each rate class of customers. The RDM is symmetrical in form and can result in either a bill surcharge or credit for each rate class of customers. Bill surcharges applicable to the RDM shall be capped at ten percent of non-gas margin revenues (excluding revenues for the CCRC) by rate class.

- 2. **Margin Sharing Credit:** at the time of each RDM adjustment, the Company will compute a Margin Sharing Credit (MSC) based on the margin revenues collected from the identified customer authorized in Docket No. G004/GR-19-511, including any prior period over or under collected balances. The MSC will be allocated to the various rate classes based on the Margin Sharing Allocation authorized in Docket No. G004/GR-19-511.

The per unit credit shall be determined by dividing each rate class' MSC allocation by the forecasted volumes for each rate class of customers, excluding flexible rate contract customers. The MSC rate per Dk will be a component of the RDM rate billed customers.

#### **Annual RDM Adjustment:**

- a. No later than March 1<sup>st</sup>, the Company shall file with the Commission a report that specifies the RDM adjustments to be effective for each rate class.
- b. The applicable rate adjustment under the RDM shall be effective with service rendered on or after April 1 of the year in which the evaluation report was filed. Any over or under collection will be added to or subtracted from the Annual RDM Adjustment for the next RDM filing.
- c. In the event any portions of the proposed rate adjustments are modified by the Commission, the proposed rate adjustments shall be adjusted in accordance with the Commission's order.

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- d. The Company shall record its best estimate of the amounts to be recognized under the RDM so as to reflect in its books and records a fair representation of the impact of this rider in actual earnings. Such estimate shall be adjusted, if necessary, upon filing the RDM calculations with the Commission, and again upon final Commission approval.

#### Revenue Decoupling Mechanism (RDM Rate per Dk):

	Revenue Decoupling Adjustment 1/	Margin Sharing Credit	RDM Rate/Dk 2/
Residential Rate 60		(\$0.2860)	
Firm General Rate 70		(\$0.2059)	
Small Interruptible Sales & Transportation Rates 71 and 81		(\$0.1539)	
Large Interruptible Sales & Transportation Rates 82 and 85		(\$0.0592)	
Interruptible Grain Drying Rate 73		(\$0.1245)	

1/ To be updated with Rate effective at the time final rates are implemented.

2/ To be updated with the total RDM rate at the time final rates are implemented.

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### GAS UTILITY INFRASTRUCTURE COST ADJUSTMENT

#### Applicability:

This rate schedule constitutes provision to recover the costs of investment and associated expenses for the replacement of natural gas distribution facilities required to comply with state and federal pipeline safety programs. It specifies the procedure to be utilized to adjust the rates for natural gas sold or transported under Great Plains' rate schedules in order to reflect: (a) the projected revenue requirement for the period the adjustment will be in effect and (b) a true-up of the prior year adjustment.

#### Effective Date

The effective dates of the Gas Utility Infrastructure Cost Adjustment (GUIC) shall be service rendered on and after October 1 each year with a filing date of April 15, which is at least 150 days before the proposed effective date.

#### Adjustment:

1. The Projected Revenue Requirement shall include:
  - a. The return on investment on the rate base reflecting the eligible projects shall be based on the twelve month average of the projected investment and the authorized rate of return authorized in the most recent general rate case, unless otherwise determined by the Commission.
  - b. The operation and maintenance, depreciation expense and ad valorem tax expense associated with the eligible projects.
  - c. The revenue requirement shall be apportioned to each rate class based on the authorized non-gas costs (margin) apportionment.
  - d. The revenue requirement for each rate class shall be divided by projected annual dk sales and transportation volumes, excluding flexible rate contracts, to derive a cost per dk for each rate class.
2. The true-up
  - a. For each annual period ending December 31 a true-up will be calculated for each rate class and will be applied effective with the change in the GUIC. This adjustment shall include:
    1. The balance in the (over) under recovered account as of December 31.
    2. The difference between the revenue requirement based on actual project costs and recovered costs for each customer class for the

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twelve months ending December 31. The amount may be an under recovery or (over) recovery.

- b. The resulting balance is divided by the projected annual dk sales and transportation volumes.
3. When the Company files its next general rate case, all project costs shall be removed from the GUIC tracker and included in base rates. Only the true-up component (remaining GUIC tracker balance) shall remain in the GUIC Rider to be either collected or refunded to customers over a subsequent period.
4. The current GUIC adjustment for each rate class is (excluding flexible rate contracts):

	Adjustment Per Dk
<u>Sales</u>	
Residential	\$0.0000
Firm General	0.0000
Small Interruptible	0.0000
Large Interruptible	0.0000
Grain Drying	0.0000
<u>Transportation</u>	
Small Interruptible	0.0000
Large Interruptible	0.0000

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#### I. PURPOSE:

These rules are intended to define good practice, which can normally be expected, but are not intended to exclude other accepted standards and practices not covered herein. They are intended to ensure adequate service to the public and protect the Company from unreasonable demands.

The Company undertakes to furnish service subject to the rules and regulations of the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission and as supplemented by these general provisions, as now in effect or as may hereafter be lawfully established, and in accepting service from the Company, each customer agrees to comply with and be bound by said rules and regulations and the applicable rate schedules.

#### II. DEFINITIONS:

The following terms used in this tariff shall have the following meanings, unless otherwise indicated:

AGENT – The party authorized by the transportation service customer to act on that customer's behalf.

APPLICANT – A customer requesting Company to provide service.

BTU - British Thermal Unit(s) - A quantity of heat required to raise the temperature of one pound of water one degree Fahrenheit.

CCF - Hundred cubic feet - The basic measurement of the amount of gas used.

COMMISSION – Public Utilities Commission of the State of Minnesota.

COMPANY – Great Plains Natural Gas Co.

COMPANY'S OPERATING CONVENIENCE – The utilization, under certain circumstances, of facilities or practices not ordinarily employed which contribute to the overall efficiency of Company's operations. This does not refer to the customer's convenience or to the use of facilities or adoption of practices required to comply with applicable laws, ordinances, rules or regulations, or similar requirements of public authorities.

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**CURTAILMENT** – A reduction of transportation or retail natural gas service deemed necessary by the Company. Also includes any reduction of transportation natural gas service deemed necessary by the pipeline.

**CUSTOMER** – Any individual, partnership, corporation, firm, other organization or government agency supplied with service by Company at one location and at one point of delivery unless otherwise expressly stated in these rules or in a rate schedule.

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**DELIVERY POINT** – The point at which customer assumes custody of the gas being transported. This point will normally be at the outlet of Company's meter(s) located on customer's premises.

**EXCESS FLOW VALVE** – Safety device designed to automatically stop or restrict the flow of gas if an underground pipe is broken or severed.

**FLEXIBLE RATE CUSTOMER** - An interruptible service customer qualifying for a flexible rate provision as prescribed in the interruptible service rate schedules.

**GAS DAY** – Means a period of twenty-four consecutive hours, beginning and ending at 9:00 a.m. Central Clock Time.

**INTERRUPTION** – A cessation of transportation or retail natural gas service deemed necessary by Company.

**INTERRUPTIBLE CUSTOMER** - A customer qualifying for service as prescribed in the interruptible service rate schedules.

**NOMINATION** – The daily dk quantity of natural gas requested by customer for transportation and delivery to customer at the delivery point during a gas day.

**NON-RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER** - Service provided to a business enterprise in space occupied and operated for non-residential purposes. Typical service includes stores, offices, shops, restaurants, boarding houses, hotels, service garages, wholesale houses, filling stations, barber shops, beauty salons, common areas of shopping malls, schools, etc.

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**PIPELINE** – The transmission company(s) delivering natural gas into company's system.

**RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER** - A customer using natural gas for residential use (space heating, cooling, water heating, clothes drying, etc.) through an individual meter in a single family dwelling or building, or for residential use in an individual apartment, mobile home, or for residential use in not over four households served by a single meter in a multiple family dwelling. Residential premises used regularly for professional or business purposes (doctor's office, small store, etc.) are considered residential where the residential natural gas usage is half or more of the total gas usage.

**RATE** – Shall mean and include every compensation, charge, fare, toll, rental and classification, or any of them, demanded, observed, charged or collected by the Company for any service, product, or commodity, offered by the Company to the public, and any rules, regulations, practices or contracts affecting any such compensation, charge, fare, toll, rental or classification.

**RECEIPT POINT** – The intertie between Company and the interconnecting pipeline(s) at which point Company assumes custody of the gas being transported.

**SHIPPER** – The party with whom the Pipeline has entered into a service agreement for transportation services

**THERM** - A unit of heat equal to 100,000 Btu's.

**TRANSPORTATION CUSTOMER** - A customer who qualifies for transportation service as prescribed in the transportation service rate schedules and that has entered into a gas transportation agreement with the Company to have gas other than Company system supply delivered to the Company's border station on the customer's behalf.

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#### **III. CUSTOMER OBLIGATION:**

**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 without 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.

**INPUT RATING** – All new customers whose consumption of gas for any purpose will exceed an input of 2,500,000 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.

**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 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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**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.

**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.

**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 or permits.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**QUALITY OF GAS** – The gas tendered to the Company shall conform to the applicable quality specifications of the transporting Pipeline's tariff.

#### **IV. LIABILITY**

**CONTINUITY OF SERVICE** – The Company will use all reasonable care to provide continuous service but does not assume responsibility for a regular

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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, except when such loss, injury or damage results from the negligence of the Company.

**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 the 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.

**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, or devices on the customer's premises, except loss, injuries, death, or damages resulting from the negligence of the Company.

**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.

**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

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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 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.

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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 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. RULES FOR APPLICATION OF GAS SERVICE:
  - (a) Residential gas service is available to any residential customer for domestic purposes only.
  - (b) Non-residential service is defined as service provided to a business enterprise in space occupied and operated for non-residential purposes.
  - (c) If separate metering is not practical for a single unit (one premise) that is using gas for both domestic purposes and for conducting business (or for Non-residential purposes as defined herein), the customer will be billed under the predominate use policy. Under this policy, the customer's combined service is billed under the rate (Residential or Non-residential) applicable to the type of service which constitutes 50% or more of the customer's total connected load.
  - (d) Other classes of service furnished by the Company shall be defined in applicable rate schedules or in rules and regulations pertaining thereto. Service to customers for whom no specific rate schedule is applicable shall be billed on the Non-residential rates.

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#### 4. FIRM GAS SERVICE MAIN AND SERVICE LINE EXTENSIONS:

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 100 Feet or Less – The Company will extend a gas main up to, but not to exceed, 100 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 100 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:

$$\text{Maximum Allowable Investment (MAI)} = \frac{\text{Annual Basic Service Charge} + (\text{3rd Year Estimated Dk x Distribution Delivery Charge} + \text{GUIC} + \text{MSC})}{\text{LARR}}$$

Where: LARR = 14.276%

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

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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.

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.

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- 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.
- 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:
  - (1) The term “service line” refers to facilities that are constructed from a main to the final terminus at a building or structure.
  - (2) The Company shall furnish, own, and maintain all material and equipment to the outlet side of the meter on the customer’s premise(s).
  - (3) 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, 75 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.
  - (4) If the additional service line required is beyond 75 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 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.
  - (5) Where cost participation is required, such extension is subject to execution of the Company’s standard agreement for extensions by the customer.
  - (6) 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.

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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.

5. INTERRUPTIBLE GAS MAIN AND SERVICE LINE EXTENSIONS:

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.

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- 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 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

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- 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.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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.

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9. CONSUMER DEPOSITS – A deposit or guarantee shall not be required from any customer or applicant for service who has established good credit. A deposit of up to an estimated two average months' bills or guarantee may be required if the customer or applicant:
- (a) Has a poor credit history with the Company or any other utility having recently served the applicant.
  - (b) Has been disconnected or liable for disconnection for nonpayment of a service bill or any permissible reason which is not in dispute.

All deposits shall be in addition to payment of an outstanding bill.

Interest shall be paid on deposits in excess of \$20.00 at the rate of six percent per year compounded annually. Interest shall be payable from the date of deposit to the date of refund.

The deposit shall be refunded to the customer after twelve consecutive months of continuous prompt payment, upon discontinuation of service, or to satisfy a delinquent service bill. The deposit along with accrued interest shall be credited on the service bill. Direct payment of any balance due the customer shall be made within forty-five (45) days after termination of service.

The Company's procedures on deposit and guarantee requirements shall be in compliance with Minnesota Rules 7820.4200 – 7820.4700, Deposit and Guarantee Requirement.

10. DELIVERY PRESSURE - Delivery of natural gas by Company shall be at such varying pressures as may exist under operating conditions in the pipeline of Company at the point of delivery, and, unless otherwise mutually agreed to, shall not be less than 7" W.C. per square inch gauge pressure. The Customer shall install, operate and maintain, at its own expense, such pressure regulating devices as may be necessary to regulate the pressure of gas after delivery to the Customer.

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#### 11. 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 electronic data acquisition equipment to Company before transportation service is implemented.

#### 12. MEASUREMENT UNIT FOR BILLING PURPOSES – The measurement unit for billing purposes shall be one (1) decatherm (dk), unless otherwise specified. Billing will be calculated to the nearest one-tenth (1/10) dk. One dk equals 10 therms or 1,000,000 Btu's. Dk's 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 Heating Value adjustment factor used to reflect the heating value of the gas delivered.

#### 13. 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 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

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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. For hand billed accounts, application of supercompressibility factors will be waived on monthly-billed volumes of 250 dk or less.

14. METER READING PROCEDURES - Meters shall be read once a month as nearly as practicable to thirty (30) day intervals. In remote areas, customers may supply meter readings on forms provided by the Company. A Company representative must, however, read the customer's meter at least once every twelve months, at the customer's request, or when there is a change in customer. Meter reading procedures shall be done in accordance with Minnesota Rules 7820.3300.

When access to a meter cannot be gained, the customer fails to supply a meter reading form in time for the billing operation, or in case of emergency, an estimated bill may be rendered. Estimated bills shall be based on the customer's normal consumption for a previous corresponding period. Estimated Billing procedures shall be done in accordance with Minnesota Rules 7820.3400.

15. BILLING ADJUSTMENTS -

- (a) In the event a customer service bill is in error due to an incorrect meter reading, incorrect rate calculation, or other similar reason, the error shall be corrected in accordance with Minnesota Rule 7820.4000. If the error date can be fixed with reasonable certainty, the remedy shall be calculated on the basis of payments for service rendered after that date, but in no event for a period longer than one year before the discovery of an undercharge and three years before the discovery of an overcharge.

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- i. If an overcharge has occurred, the Company shall calculate the difference, plus interest, for the period beginning three years before the date of discovery. Interest will be calculated as prescribed by Minnesota Statutes § 325E.02(b). If the recalculated bills indicate that more than one dollar (\$1.00) is due an existing customer or two dollars (\$2.00) is due a person no longer a customer of the Company, the full amount shall be refunded to the Customer. The refund to an existing Customer may be in cash or as a credit on the bill. If a refund is due a person no longer a Customer of the Company, the Company shall mail to the customer's last known address either a refund, or a notice that the customer has three months in which to request a refund from the Company.

- ii. If an undercharge has occurred, the Company shall calculate the difference for the period beginning one year before the date of discovery. If the recalculated bills indicate that the amount due the Company exceeds ten dollars (\$10.00), the Company may bill the customer for the amount due. The Company will not bill for any undercharge incurred after the date of a customer inquiry or complaint if the Company failed to begin investigating the matter within a reasonable time and the inquiry or complaint ultimately resulted in the discovery of the undercharge.

The Company shall offer a payment agreement to customers who have been undercharged if no culpable conduct by the customer or resident of the customer's household caused the undercharge. The agreement shall cover a period equal to the time over which the undercharge occurred or a different time period that is mutually agreeable to the customer and the Company, except that the duration of a payment agreement offered by the Company to a customer whose household income is at or below 50 percent of the state median household income must consider the financial circumstances of the customer's household. No interest or delinquency fee shall be charged as part of an undercharge agreement.

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- (b) Fast Meters - Whenever any meter is found upon test to have an average error of more than two percent (2%) fast, the Company shall refund to the Customer the overcharge. If the error is due to a cause the date of which can be determined with reasonable certainty, then the refund will be computed from that date, but in no event for a period longer than one (1) year. If the period of the inaccuracy cannot be determined, then it shall be assumed that the full amount of the inaccuracy existing during the last half of the period since the meter was last tested but not to exceed six months.

If the recalculated bills indicate that more than one dollar (\$1.00) is due an existing customer or two dollars (\$2.00) is due a person no longer a customer of the Company, the full amount of the calculated difference, plus interest, between the amount paid and the recalculated amount shall be refunded to the Customer. The refund to an existing Customer may be in cash or as a credit on the bill. If a refund is due a person no longer a Customer of the Company, the Company shall mail to the customer's last known address either a refund, or a notice that the customer has three months in which to request a refund from the Company.

- (c) Slow Meters - Whenever any meter is found upon test to have an average error of more than two percent (2%) slow, the Company may charge for the gas consumed during the period of inaccuracy but not included in bills previously rendered. If the error is due to a cause the date of which can be determined with reasonable certainty, then the Company may bill the Customer for the amount that the test indicates has been undercharged for the period of the inaccuracy, but not for a period longer than one (1) year. If the period of inaccuracy cannot be determined, then the charge shall be based on a corrected meter reading for a period equal to one-half of the time elapsed since the previous test, but not to exceed six months. For the purpose of this billing adjustment, the meter error shall be one-half of the algebraic sum of the error at full-rated flow plus the error at check flow. No back-billing from the time of notification by the Customer will be sanctioned if the Customer has called to the Company's attention his/her doubts as to the meter's accuracy and the Company has failed, within a reasonable time, to check it.

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If the recalculated bills indicate that the amount due the Company exceeds ten dollars (\$10.00), the Company may bill the Customer for the amount due. The first billing rendered shall be separated from the regular bill and the charges explained in detail.

Billing adjustments due to inaccurate meters shall be done in accordance with Minnesota Rules 7820.3900.

16. BILLING AND TERMS OF PAYMENT - A service bill shall be submitted by the Company to the customer once a month as nearly possible to thirty (30) day intervals. Scheduled billing intervals shall not be less than twenty-five (25) days.

Service bills will be due twenty two (22) days from the current billing date. If payment is not recorded to the customer's account prior to the next scheduled billing date, amounts in excess of \$10.00 are subject to a late payment charge as itemized on the effective rate schedule.

Payments shall be credited to the oldest outstanding account balance before application of the above late payment charge. The late payment charge shall be calculated on the lesser of the outstanding account balance or the outstanding scheduled payments of those customers delinquent on either a budget billing or payment schedule plan.

The Company shall offer a payment agreement for the payment of arrears. Payment agreements shall consider a customer's financial circumstances and any extenuating circumstances of the household. No additional service deposit shall be charged to continue service to a customer who has entered and is reasonably on time under an accepted payment agreement.

17. PRIORITY OF SERVICE AND ALLOCATION OF CAPACITY – Priority of Service from Highest to Lowest:
- (a) Priority 1 – Firm sales services.
  - (b) Priority 2 – Small interruptible sales and small interruptible transportation services at the maximum rate on a pro rata basis.
  - (c) Priority 3 – Large interruptible sales and large interruptible transportation services at the maximum rate on a pro rata basis.

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- (d) Priority 4 – Large interruptible transportation services at less than the maximum rate from the highest rate to the lowest rate and on a pro rata basis where equal rates are applicable among customers.
- (e) Priority 5 – Interruptible grain drying sales services.

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.

- 18. 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.
- 19. TAX CLAUSE – To the total monthly bill computed as provided under the Customer General Terms and Conditions, Company shall have the right to add all or any part of the amount by which the cost to Company of the natural gas delivered to the Customer is increased in any month by any new or additional excise tax levied. The term "excise tax" wherever used in these schedules shall mean any occupation, production, severance, transportation, pipeline, footage, sales, or other excise tax or tax of similar nature now or hereafter imposed by any lawful authority upon or in respect to the production, severance, transportation, or sale of natural gas sold by Company to the Customer whether under direct imposition or pursuant to the terms of any present or future contract.
- 20. 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.

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21. DISCONNECTION OF SERVICE – With notice the Company may disconnect service for any of the following reasons:

- (1) For non-payment of a service bill, but only when the amount of the customer's outstanding bill equals or exceeds the amount of the customer's deposit.
- (2) For failure to make proper application for service.
- (3) For violations of any of the Company's rules on file with the Public Utilities Commission.
- (4) For failure to meet a deposit or credit requirement.
- (5) For failure to provide the Company reasonable access to its equipment and property.
- (6) For breach of contract for service between the Company and the customer.
- (7) For failure to furnish such service, equipment and/or rights of way necessary to serve the customer as have been specified by the Company as a condition of obtaining service.
- (8) When determined by the Commission as prescribed by relevant state or other applicable standards or after individual hearing upon application of any person that customer is willfully wasting service through improper equipment.
- (9) When necessary for the Company to comply with any order or request of any governmental authority having jurisdiction.

The Company shall reconnect or continue service to a customer's residence where a medical emergency exists provided that the Company receives from a medical doctor written certification, or initial certification by telephone and written certification within five business days, that failure to reconnect or continue service will impair or threaten the health or safety of a resident of the customer's household. The customer must enter into a payment agreement.

Without notice the Company may disconnect service for any of the following reasons:

- (1) In the event of an unauthorized use of or tampering with the utility equipment.

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- (2) In the event of a condition determined to be hazardous to the customer, to other customers of the utility, to the utility's equipment, or to the public.

Disconnection shall be in accordance with procedures contained in Minnesota Rules 7820.1000 – 7820.3000 on Disconnection of Service.

#### 22. RECONNECTION OF SERVICE –

- (a) In the event service has been disconnected because the Customer could not pay the bill or meet deposit or credit requirements, the Customer shall pay a reconnection fee of forty five (\$45.00) dollars in addition to making a settlement satisfactory to the Company of the outstanding bill, before service is restored. The Customer will not be required to pay a reconnection fee when the disconnection was because of a condition determined to be hazardous to the Customer, other Customers of the Company, to the Company's equipment, or to the public.

Reconnection of service shall be done in accordance with Minnesota Rules 7820.2600.

- (b) 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 as follows:

Residential – The Basic Service Charge applicable during the period while service was not being used or a minimum of \$45.00. The minimum will be based on standard overtime rates for reconnection of service after normal business hours.

Non- Residential – The Basic Service Charge applicable during the period while service was not being used. However, the reconnection charge applicable to seasonal business concerns such as irrigation, grain drying and asphalt processing shall be the Basic Service Charge applicable during the period while service was not being used less the Distribution

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Charge revenue collected during the period in-service. A minimum of \$45.00 will apply to reconnections occurring during normal business hours. The minimum will be based on standard overtime rates for reconnection of service occurring after normal business hours.

- (c) Transportation customers who cease service and then resume service within the succeeding 12 months shall be subject to a reconnection charge of \$160.00 whenever reinstallation of the required electronic measurement equipment is necessary.

23. **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.

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- (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.

- (c) Reconnection of Service:

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.  
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 paragraph 23(b) above.
- (4) Reconnection fee applicable.
- (5) A cash deposit, the amount of which will not exceed the maximum amount determined in accordance with Commission Rules.

24. CUSTOMER COMPLAINTS – The Company shall establish procedures whereby qualified personnel shall be available during regular business hours to receive and, if possible, resolve all customer inquiries, requests, and complaints.

If any complaint cannot be promptly resolved, the Company shall contact the customer within five (5) business days and at least once every fourteen (14) calendar days thereafter, and advise the customer regarding the status of its investigation until: the complaint is mutually resolved; or the Company advises the customer of the results of its investigation and final disposition of the matter; or the customer files a written complaint with the Public Utilities Commission or the courts.

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When the Public Utilities Commission forwards a customer complaint to the Company, the Company shall notify the Commission within ten (10) business days regarding the status or disposition of the complaint.

Customer complaints shall be handled in compliance to procedures contained in Minnesota Rule 7820.0300.

25. **CUSTOMER DISPUTES** – Whenever the customer advises the Company's designated representative prior to the disconnection of service that any part of the billing as rendered or any part of the service is in dispute, the Company shall investigate the dispute promptly, advise the customer of investigation and its result, attempt to resolve dispute, and withhold disconnection of service until the investigation is completed and the customer is informed of the findings in writing.

Upon the findings of the Company, the customer must submit payment in full of any bill which is due. If the dispute is not resolved to the satisfaction of the customer, he or she must submit the entire payment and may designate the disputed portion to be placed in escrow to the Company. Such payment shall be called an escrow payment.

Customer disputes shall be handled in compliance to procedures contained in Minnesota Rule 7820.2700.

26. **BALANCED BILLING PROGRAM** – All residential and commercial customers receiving natural gas under the Residential or Firm Gas Service rate schedules are eligible to enter into a Balanced Billing Plan. This option allows customers to be billed monthly based on a twelve-month rolling average of gas consumed multiplied by the currently effective rate for the month. Monthly bills will change minimally as fluctuations in consumption levels and natural gas prices occur throughout the year.

27. **COLD WEATHER RULE** – Applicable to residential customers

(a) **DEFINITIONS:**

- (1) Cold weather period – the period beginning October 15 and continuing through April 15 of the following year.
- (2) Customer – a residential customer of a utility.

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- (3) Disconnection – the involuntary loss of utility heating service as a result of a physical act by the Company to discontinue service. Disconnection includes installation of a service or load limiter or any device that limits or interrupts utility service in any way.
- (4) Household income – the combined income, as defined in Minn. Stat. 290A.03, subd. 3, of all residents of the customer's household, computed on an annual basis. Household income does not include any amount received for energy assistance.
- (5) Reasonably timely payment – payment posted within five working days of agreed-upon due dates.
- (6) Reconnection – the restoration of utility heating service after it has been disconnected.
- (7) Summary of rights and responsibilities – a notice approved by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) that contains, at a minimum, the following:
  - i. An explanation of the provisions of Minn. Stat. §216B.096, subd. 5 (cold weather rule);
  - ii. An explanation of no-cost and low-cost methods to reduce the consumption of energy;
  - iii. A third party notice;
  - iv. Ways to avoid disconnection;
  - v. Information regarding payment agreements;  
An explanation of the customer's right to appeal a determination of income by the Company and the right to appeal if the Company and the customer cannot arrive at a mutually acceptable payment agreement; and
  - vi. A list of names and telephone numbers for county and local energy assistance and weatherization providers in each county served by the Company.
- (8) Third-party notice – a Commission-approved notice containing, at a minimum the following information:
  - i. A statement that the Company will send a copy of any future notice of proposed disconnection of utility heating service to a third party designated by the residential customer;
  - ii. Instructions on how to request this service; and

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- i. A statement that the residential customer should contact the person the customer intends to designate as the third-party contact before providing the Company with the party's name.
  - (9) Utility – Great Plains Natural Gas Co. (Company)
  - (10) Utility heating service – natural gas or electricity used as a primary heating source, including electricity service necessary to operate gas heating equipment, for the customer's primary residence.
  - (11) Working days – Mondays through Fridays, excluding legal holidays. The day of receipt of a personally served notice and the day of mailing of a notice shall not be counted in calculating working days.
- (b) COMPANY OBLIGATIONS BEFORE COLD WEATHER PERIOD:  
Each year between September 1 and October 15, the Company must provide all customers, personally or by first class mail, a summary of rights and responsibilities. The summary must also be provided to all new residential customers when service is initiated.
- (c) NOTICE BEFORE DISCONNECTION DURING COLD WEATHER PERIOD:  
Before disconnecting utility heating service during the cold weather period, the Company must provide, personally or by first class mail, a Commission – approved notice to a customer, in easy-to-understand language, that contains, at a minimum, the date of the scheduled disconnection, the amount due, and a summary of rights and responsibilities.
- (d) COLD WEATHER RULE: During the cold weather period, the Company may not disconnect and must reconnect utility heating service of a customer whose household income is at or below 50 percent of the state median income if the customer enters into and makes reasonably timely payments under a mutually acceptable payment agreement with the Company that is based on the financial resources and circumstances of the household, provided that, the Company may not require a customer to pay more than 10 percent of the household income toward current and past utility bills for utility heating service.

The Company may accept more than ten percent of the household income as the payment arrangement amount if agreed to by the customer.

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The customer or a designated third party may request a modification of the terms of a payment agreement previously entered into if the customer's financial circumstances have changed or the customer is unable to make reasonably timely payments.

The payment agreement terminates at the expiration of the cold weather period unless a longer period is mutually agreed to by the customer and the Company.

The Company shall use reasonable efforts to restore service within 24 hours of an accepted payment agreement, taking into consideration customer availability, employee availability, and construction-related activity.

(e) VERIFICATION OF INCOME:

In verifying a customer's household income, the Company may:

- (1) Accept the signed statement of a customer that the customer is income eligible;
- (2) Obtain income verification from a local energy assistance provider or a government agency;
- (3) Consider one or more of the following:
  - i. The most recent income tax return filed by members of the customer's household;
  - ii. For each employed member of the customer's household, paycheck stubs for the last two months or a written statement from the employer reporting wages earned during the preceding two months.
  - iii. Documentation that the customer receives a pension from the Department of Human Services, the Social Security Administration, the Veteran's Administration, or other pension provider;

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- iv. A letter showing the customer's dismissal from a job or other documentation of unemployment; or
  - v. Other documentation that supports the customer's declaration of income eligibility.
- (4) A customer who receives energy assistance benefits under any federal, state, or county government programs in which eligibility is defined as household income at or below 50 percent of state median income is deemed to be automatically eligible for protection under the Cold Weather Rule and no other verification of income may be required.
- (f) PROHIBITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS:
  - (1) This section applies during the cold weather period.
  - (2) The Company may not charge a deposit or delinquency charge to a customer who has entered into a payment agreement or a customer who has appealed to the Commission under ¶ 27(g) and Minn. Stat. 216B.096 subd. 8.
  - (3) The Company may not disconnect service during the following periods:
    - i. During the pendency of any appeal under ¶ 27(g) and Minn. Stat. 216B.096, subd. 8;
    - ii. Earlier than ten working days after the Company has deposited in first class mail, or seven working days after the Company has personally served, the notice required under ¶ 27(c) and Minn. Stat. 216B.096, subd. 4 to a customer in an occupied dwelling.
    - iii. Earlier than ten working days after the Company has deposited in first class mail the notice required under ¶ 27(c) and Minn. Stat. 216B.096, subd. 4 to the recorded billing address of the customer, if the Company has reasonably determined from an on-site inspection that the dwelling is unoccupied;

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- iv. On a Friday, unless the Company makes personal contact with, and offers a payment agreement consistent with this section to the customer;
- v. On a Saturday, Sunday, holiday, or the day before a holiday;
- vi. When the Company offices are closed;
- vii. When no Company personnel are available to resolve disputes, enter into payment agreements, accept payments, and reconnect service; or
- viii. When the Commission offices are closed.

- (4) The Company may not discontinue service until the Company investigates whether the dwelling is actually occupied. At a minimum, the investigation must include one visit by the Company to the dwelling during normal working hours. If no contact is made and there is reason to believe that the dwelling is occupied, the Company must attempt a second contact during non-business hours. If the personal contact is made, the Company representative must provide notice required under ¶ 27(c) and Minn. Stat. 216B.096, subd. 4 and, if the Company representative is not authorized to enter into a payment agreement, the telephone number the customer can call to establish a payment agreement.

The Company must reconnect utility service if, following disconnection, the dwelling is found to be occupied and the customer agrees to enter into a payment agreement or appeals to the Commission because the customer and the Company are unable to agree on a payment agreement.

(g) DISPUTES; CUSTOMER APPEALS:

- (1) The Company must provide the customer and any designated third party with a Commission-approved written notice of the right to appeal:
- i. A Company determination that the customer's household income is more than 50 percent of state median household income; or

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- ii. When the utility and customer are unable to agree on the establishment or modification of a payment agreement.
  - (2) A customer's appeal must be filed with the commission no later than seven working days after the customer's receipt of a personally served appeal notice or within ten working days after the Company has deposited a first class appeal notice.
  - (3) The Commission must determine all customer appeals on an informal basis, within 20 working days of receipt of a customer's written appeal. In making its determination, the Commission must consider one or more of the factors in ¶ 27(e) and Minn. Stat. 216B.096, subd. 6.
  - (4) Notwithstanding any other law, following an appeals decision adverse to the customer, the Company may not disconnect utility heating service for seven working days after the Company has personally served a disconnection notice, or for ten working days after the Company has deposited a first class mail notice. The notice must contain, in easy-to-understand language, the date on or after which disconnection will occur, the reason for disconnection, and ways to avoid disconnection.
  - (h) CUSTOMERS ABOVE 50 PERCENT OF STATE MEDIAN INCOME: During the cold weather period, a customer whose household income is above 50 percent of state median income:
    - i. Has the right to a payment agreement that takes into consideration the customer's financial circumstances and any other extenuating circumstances of the household; and
    - ii. May not be disconnected and must be reconnected if the customer makes timely payments under a payment agreement accepted by the Company.
- ¶ 27 (f) does not apply to customers whose household income is above 50 percent of state median income.

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- (i) **REPORTING:** Annually on November 1, the Company must electronically file with the Commission a report, in a format specified by the Commission, specifying the number of heating service customers whose service is disconnected or remains disconnected for nonpayment as of October 1 and October 15. If customers remain disconnected on October 15, the Company must file a report each week between November 1 and the end of the cold weather period specifying:

- (1) The number of heating service customers that are or remain disconnected from service for nonpayment; and
- (2) The number of heating service customers that are reconnected to service each week.

The Company may discontinue weekly reporting if the number of heating service customers that are or remain disconnected reaches zero before the end of the cold weather period.

The data reported under ¶ 27 (i) are presumed to be accurate upon submission and must be made available through the Commission's electronic filing system.

- (j) **NOTICE TO CITIES OF UTILITY DISCONNECTION:** Notwithstanding Minn. Stat. §13.685 or any other law or administrative rule to the contrary, upon written request from a city, on October 15 and November 1 of each year, or the next business day if that date falls on a Saturday or Sunday, a report must be made available to the city of the address of properties currently disconnected and the date of the disconnection. Upon written request from a city, between October 15 and April 15, daily reports must be made available of the address and date of any newly disconnected properties. A city provided notice under this paragraph must provide the information on disconnection to the police and fire departments of the city within three business days of receipt of this notice.

For the purpose of this paragraph, "disconnection" means a cessation of services initiated by the Company that affects the primary heat source of a residence and service is not reconnected within 24 hours.

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28. EXCESS FLOW VALVE – In accordance with Federal Pipeline Safety Regulations 49 CFR 192.383, the Company will install an excess flow valve on an existing service line at the customer's request at a mutually agreeable date. At the time of the customer's request Great Plains will provide the customer with a detailed explanation of the estimated installation costs identifying specific line items and the per hour rates that the customer would be charged. The actual cost of the installation excluding the cost of the excess flow valve and any other physical property necessary to install the excess flow valve, will be assessed to the customer.

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### APPLICATION FOR SERVICE LINE/ ADDITIONAL METER FIRM NATURAL GAS SERVICE

#### Application For Service Line/Additional Meter Firm Natural Gas Service

Community: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

With this application, I hereby authorize connection of firm natural gas service to the premises with the address:

Billing Address: (If different than the service address) \_\_\_\_\_

#### MINIMUM CONNECTION CHARGE:

Natural gas input loads up to 400,000 BTU/hour . . . . . \$25.00 Plus Applicable Sales Taxes

Natural gas input loads above 400,000 BTU/hour . . . . . \$50.00 Plus Applicable Sales Taxes

The minimum connection charge covers the cost of the installation of the meter and regulator, the service connection, general inspection, and the gas turn-on.

The minimum connection charge also covers the cost of installing the natural gas service line up to 75 feet. Measurement of the service line commences at the customer's property line.

Great Plains Natural Gas Co. will not be held responsible for damage to customer-owned, underground piping or cable not located and marked prior to the installation of the natural gas service line.

Any service line exceeding 75 feet or where natural gas is not the primary fuel used for space heating, cost participation may be charged to the customer if the estimated capital expenditure is not cost justified as determined in Section V.4.i.iv of the Company's General Terms and Conditions tariff.

The entire cost of the installed service line, less the initial minimum connection charge, will be charged to the customer who does not connect and use a gas burning heating, water heating, or commercial cooking unit to the service line within 12 months of the installation of the line.

Natural gas service provided under this application is subject to the General Rules and Conditions as set forth in the Gas Tariff. Rates and conditions of service are subject to the change upon approval of regulatory agencies.

Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Received of: \_\_\_\_\_

The sum of: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

For payment of minimum connection charge for natural gas service.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

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### APPLICATION FOR SERVICE LINE/ ADDITIONAL METER INTERRUPTIBLE NATURAL GAS SERVICE

#### Application For Service Line/Additional Meter Interruptible Natural Gas Service

Community: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

With this application, I hereby authorize connection of interruptible natural gas service to the premises with the  
address: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(If different than the service address)

The minimum connection charge is \$100.00 and must be paid prior to the installation of any facilities. The minimum connection charge covers the installation of the meter and regulator, the service connection, general inspection, and the gas turn-on.

Service line installation will be charged to the customer at current time and material rates. Payment of service line installation charges is due upon completion of the installation.

Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Received of: \_\_\_\_\_

The sum of: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

For payment of minimum connection charge for interruptible natural gas service.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

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### CONSUMER BILL



SERVICE FOR  
JOHN CUSTOMER  
1234 MAIN AVE  
ANY TOWN, MN 56537-1830

ACCOUNT NUMBER 123 456 7890 3  
DATE DUE Sep 3, 2019  
BILL DATE Aug 9, 2019  
AMOUNT DUE \$64.31

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#### ACCOUNT SUMMARY

Previous Balance \$78.01  
Payment Received 7/19/2019 Thank you -78.01  
Current Gas Charges 64.31

Amount Due on 9/3/19 \$64.31

A balance of \$10 or more remaining after the due date is subject to a late payment charge of 1.5% per month, or \$1 whichever is greater.

#### CUSTOMER SERVICE & EMERGENCY SERVICE

1-877-267-4764

Emergencies: 24 hours a day  
Non-emergencies: Mon-Fri, 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Email: customerservice@gpng.com

Mail: Great Plains Natural Gas Co.,  
Attn: Customer Service, PO Box 7608, Boise, ID  
83707-1608. Please include your account number.

CALL BEFORE YOU DIG 811



Payment Due ▲  
See "Ways to Pay Your Bill"  
on the back of this page.

#### Gas Charges

BILLING PERIOD 7/10/19 - 8/8/19  
DAYS 30

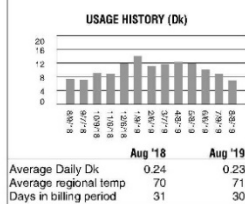
METER NUMBER 987654321

METER READ DATE 8/8/19

Next scheduled read 9/9/19

RATE

N70 - Firm General Gas



CURRENT READING	PREVIOUS READING	DIFFERENCE	THERM FACTOR	Dk USED
109.3	102.4	= 6.9	x 1.007511	= 7.0
Basic Service Charge				23.00
Distribution Charge 7.0 Dk x \$1.3193				9.24
Cost of Gas 5.1 Dk x \$3.9639				20.22
Cost of Gas 1.9 Dk x \$3.8977				7.41
CCRA Factor 5.1 Dk x \$0.013				0.07
CCRA Factor 1.9 Dk x \$-0.0337				-0.06
Gas Affordability Plan 7.0 Dk x \$0.01393				0.10
Infrastructure Cost Adjustment 7.0 Dk x \$0.1792				1.25
Revenue Decoupling Mechanism 7.0 Dk x \$-0.2312				-1.62
State Tax 6.875% x \$59.61				4.10
County Tax 0.5% x \$59.61				0.30
City Tax 0.5% x \$59.61				0.30
<b>Total Charges</b>				<b>\$64.31</b>

Effective with service rendered on and after 08-01-2019, the cost of gas reflects a change of \$0.1786 per Dk from the base cost of gas set on 7/1/17.

PLEASE KEEP THIS PORTION FOR YOUR RECORDS.

PLEASE RETURN THIS PORTION WITH YOUR PAYMENT, MAKING SURE THE RETURN ADDRESS SHOWS IN THE ENVELOPE WINDOW.



ACCOUNT NUMBER  
123 456 7890 3

DATE DUE  
Sep 3, 2019

AMOUNT DUE  
\$64.31

UTG 64.31

Has your mailing address  
or phone number changed?  
Check here and provide details on back.



JOHN CUSTOMER  
1234 W RIVER RD  
ANY TOWN MN 55421



PO BOX 5600  
BISMARCK ND 58506-5600

Please enter amount enclosed  
if different than amount due.

\$

Write account number on check and  
make payable to GPNG.

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#### Ways to Pay Your Bill

**Online:** Go to [www.gpng.com](http://www.gpng.com) for our free online payment service. Once you have registered, simply log in each month to make your payment using any active U.S. checking account. It's an easy and secure way to view and/or pay your bill online 24/7.

**Pay by Bank:** Automatically pay your bill each month by authorizing Great Plains Natural Gas Co. to withdraw your payment from your financial institution on your bill's due date, which is shown on your bill stub. Enroll electronically by logging in to your account online at [www.gpng.com](http://www.gpng.com) and completing the online form.

**By Phone:** Our self-service automated telephone system allows you to pay your gas bill or deposit anytime it is convenient - 24/7. To make a debit, credit card or check-by-phone payment, simply call our customer service number and follow the prompts to be connected with our independent service provider. A convenience fee for each transaction will apply.

**Payment Locations:** Pay by check or money order at one of our payment locations, there is no charge for this service. Call Customer Service or visit our website for the nearest payment location. Payments made at a payment location are not credited to your account until they are received by Great Plains Natural Gas.

**By Mail:** Mail your payment along with your bill stub to Great Plains Natural Gas Co., P.O. Box 5600, Bismarck, ND 58506-5600. Be sure to allow time for mailing so that your payment is received by the due date.

**Balanced Billing:** This billing plan levels out your monthly bill so you can reduce fluctuations brought on by changes in the weather and the cost of energy.

If interested, sign up through your account using Online Account Services at [www.gpng.com](http://www.gpng.com) or contact Customer Service at 1-877-267-4764.

**Payment Due Date:** Your bill is past due if not paid by the due date shown on the front of this billing statement. If you are paying with a credit card or paying at one of our payment locations in response to a Disconnection of Service Notice, please contact Great Plains Natural Gas at 1-877-267-4764 and let us know that payment has been made.

#### Billing Terms and Definitions

The rates reflected on your bill have been approved by the Public Service Commission or Public Utilities Commission in the state where service is provided. Copies of the company's current tariffs are available at [www.gpng.com](http://www.gpng.com).

**Basic Service Charge:** A monthly or daily charge designed to recover a portion of the fixed costs incurred in providing utility service regardless of how much energy is used.

**City Franchise Fee:** This is a fee charged by a city to Great Plains Natural Gas for operating within the city. If applicable, Great Plains Natural Gas will collect this city-imposed franchise fee from its gas service customers located within that city. One hundred percent of the franchise fees collected shall be submitted to the government entity assessing such fee.

**Constant:** A fixed value used to convert meter readings to actual energy use when gas service is delivered at an elevated pressure.

**Cost of Gas:** This charge recovers the cost of gas itself as well as other related costs Great Plains Natural Gas incurs from its pipeline suppliers in providing natural gas service. The cost is strictly a pass-through to customers and does not provide Great Plains Natural Gas with a profit.

**CCRA:** Conservation Cost Recovery Adjustment is the charge that provides funding for Conservation Programs. In addition to the CCRA, a base charge is billed as part of the distribution delivery charge.

**Distribution Charge:** A volumetric charge to recover the costs of delivering energy to your meter. This amount varies with the amount of energy used.

**Dk - Dekatherms:** The Dk billed is reflective of the total amount of natural gas used in the billing period. The amount of natural gas used as measured by the gas meter is converted to Dk by applying a therm factor to the measured use in order to reflect the heating value of natural gas delivered.

**Gas Affordability Plan (GAP):** Volumetric surcharge paid by residential and firm general service customers to fund GAP that helps qualified customers manage their monthly gas heating bills and pay past-due balances.

**Gas Utility Infrastructure Cost Adjustment:** Volumetric charge for the recovery of costs related to the replacement of natural gas distribution facilities required to comply with state and federal pipeline safety programs.

**Therm Factor:** The therm factor adjusts the amount of natural gas measured by the meter for the heat content and atmospheric pressure of the gas delivered to a customer's premise. This conversion ensures that all customers are billed based on the heat value of the gas during the applicable billing period.

**Revenue Decoupling Mechanism:** Volumetric rate designed to recover the level of costs established in the Company's most recent rate case. The volumetric rate may be a surcharge or credit. The mechanism serves to reduce Great Plains' financial disincentive to the promotion of energy efficiency and conservation by separating the link between Great Plains revenues from changes in the volume of gas sales. This mechanism complies with MN Statute, Section 216B.2412 Decoupling of Energy Sales from Revenue.

#### Important Customer Information

If you have questions regarding your bill or service, please call Great Plains Natural Gas FIRST at 1-877-267-4764. If you cannot pay your bill at this time, we are willing to make satisfactory payment arrangements. Register any inquiry or complaint at 1-877-267-4764 or write to P.O. Box 5603, Bismarck, ND 58506-5603. If your questions are not resolved after you have called Customer Service, you may contact the regulatory agency governing in the state service is provided.

#### Customers With Service in Minnesota:

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission regulates this utility and is available for mediation upon written request.

- MN PUC: Email [consumer.puc@state.mn.us](mailto:consumer.puc@state.mn.us), write to 121 Seventh Place E., Suite 350, Saint Paul, MN 55101-2147, or call 1-800-657-3782.

#### Customers With Service in North Dakota:

- ND PSC: Write to 600 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept. 408, Bismarck, ND 58505-0480.

Payments made by check or electronically that are dishonored by the bank will be assessed a returned payment fee.

When you provide a check as payment, you authorize us to use information from your check either to make a one-time electronic fund transfer from your account or to process the payment as a check transaction. When we use information from your check to make an electronic fund transfer (EFT), funds may be withdrawn from your account as soon as the same day we receive your payment. The transaction will appear on your bank statement as EFT and you will not receive a copy or an image of your check from your financial institution.

Payments marked with a restrictive legend (Paid in Full, for example) will not act as an accord and satisfaction without our express prior written approval.

#### Save a Stamp! Receive, view and pay your bill online at [www.gpng.com](http://www.gpng.com).

Moving? To avoid being billed for service you have not used, please contact us at least two business days before you want service disconnected.

**Has your mailing/email address  
or phone number changed?**

**Please provide details here and check the box on the front of this stub.**

Account No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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# GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS CO.

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### DISCONNECTION NOTICE



A Division of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.

In the Community to Serve®

PO Box 7608 Boise, ID 83707-1608

Phone: 1-877-267-4764 • Fax: 701-323-3104

Customer Service Hours: 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. Mon-Fri

[www.gpng.com](http://www.gpng.com)



Re: Account #

July 8, 2019

#### PAST DUE NOTICE

*WE WANT TO CONTINUE OUR DEPENDABLE SERVICE TO YOU, OUR  
VALUED CUSTOMER, BUT YOU MUST TAKE ACTION NOW.*

Payment of your service account is now past due. Unless your past due amount is paid in full or satisfactory arrangements are made before **July 22, 2019**, your service may be disconnected. Should this action result in your service being disconnected, payment in full plus a charge for reconnection will be required.

**PLEASE CONTACT US NOW AT 1-877-267-4764**

SERVICE ADDRESS	PAST DUE	ACCOUNT BALANCE
Utility		

#### Payment Options:

**By Phone:** To make a debit, credit card or check-by-phone payment, call our customer service number and follow the prompts to be connected with our independent service provider. A fee for each transaction will apply.

**Payment Locations:** Pay by cash, check or money order at one of our payment locations. Call our customer service number or visit [www.gpng.com](http://www.gpng.com) to find the nearest location.

**Online:** Go to [www.gpng.com](http://www.gpng.com) and use our free Online Account Services to make payments 24/7.

**Mail:** Great Plains Natural Gas Co.  
PO Box 5600  
Bismarck, ND 58506-5600

**Direct Inquiries To:**  
Great Plains Natural Gas Co.  
**1-877-267-4764**  
7 a.m. - 7 p.m. Mon-Fri

If, after contacting Great Plains Natural Gas Co. you have unresolved questions regarding this notice, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission staff is available at 1-800-657-3782 or mail to 121 7th Place East, Suite 350 Saint Paul, MN 55101-2147.

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# GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS CO.

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### DISCONNECTION NOTICE RESIDENTIAL HEAT CUSTOMERS (COLD WEATHER RULE)



A Division of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.

In the Community to Serve™

PO Box 7608 Boise, ID 83707-1608

Phone: 1-877-267-4764 - Fax: 701-323-3104

Customer Service Hours: 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. Mon-Fri

[www.gpng.com](http://www.gpng.com)



Re:

February 19, 2019

#### PAST DUE NOTICE

*WE WANT TO CONTINUE OUR DEPENDABLE SERVICE TO YOU, OUR  
VALUED CUSTOMER, BUT YOU MUST TAKE ACTION NOW.*

Payment of your service account is now past due. Unless your past due amount is paid in full or satisfactory arrangements are made before **March 11, 2019**, your service may be disconnected. Should this action result in your service being disconnected, payment in full plus a charge for reconnection will be required.

Minnesota's Cold Weather Rule may provide you with certain legal rights concerning gas service shut off. You may also qualify for energy assistance which could help reduce the amount you owe on your heating bill. Contact the State Energy Assistance information line at 1-800-657-3710. They will give you the telephone number for your local county office. Please review the enclosed notice of residential rights and possible assistance.

**PLEASE CONTACT US NOW AT 1-877-267-4764**

**SERVICE ADDRESS**

**PAST DUE**

**ACCOUNT BALANCE**

Utility

#### Payment Options:

**By Phone:** To make a debit, credit card or check-by-phone payment, call our customer service number and follow the prompts to be connected with our independent service provider. A fee for each transaction will apply.

**Payment Locations:** Pay by cash, check or money order at one of our payment locations. Call our customer service number or visit [www.gpng.com](http://www.gpng.com) to find the nearest location.

**Online:** Go to [www.gpng.com](http://www.gpng.com) and use our free Online Account Services to make payments 24/7.

**Mail:** Great Plains Natural Gas Co.  
PO Box 5600  
Bismarck, ND 58506-5600

**Direct Inquiries To:**  
Great Plains Natural Gas Co.  
**1-877-267-4764**  
7 a.m. - 7 p.m. Mon-Fri

If, after contacting Great Plains Natural Gas Co. you have unresolved questions regarding this notice, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission staff is available at 1-800-657-3782 or mail to 121 7th Place East, Suite 350 Saint Paul, MN 55101-2147.

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# GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS CO.

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### INTERRUPTIBLE GAS SALES SERVICE AGREEMENT

#### INTERRUPTIBLE GAS SALES SERVICE AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, made this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, is by and between GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS CO. ("Company") and \_\_\_\_\_ ("Customer").

Customer and Company enter into this Interruptible Gas Sales Service Agreement to have natural gas delivered by Company to Customer.

WITNESSETH: The parties hereto, each in consideration of the agreement of the other, agree as follows:

1. **TERM.** Deliveries and charges hereunder shall commence as specified in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein. Customer agrees 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.

2. **DELIVERY POINT(S), RATE SCHEDULE, AND QUANTITIES.** Delivery of natural gas under Small Interruptible Gas Sales Service or Large Interruptible Gas Sales Service by Company to Customer shall be as specified in attached Exhibit "A".

3. **RATE.** The rates charged and services rendered Customer, under this Agreement, shall be as specified in applicable Company tariffs as approved by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission.

Company shall have the right to modify the rates charged and the terms and conditions hereunder by making unilateral rate filings with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission.

4. **INTERRUPTIBLE GAS SALES SERVICE.** Service under Interruptible Gas Sales Service is dependent upon the availability of capacity on Company's system and prior demands of customers served under Company's firm gas

service rates. Customer agrees to accept service hereunder in accordance with Company's "Rate Schedule" as specified in Exhibit "A" of this Agreement.

5. **CHANGE IN DAILY OPERATIONS.** Customer agrees to notify Company of changes in Customer's natural gas requirements as specified in attached Exhibit "A". Company shall not be obligated to provide daily requirements in excess of the daily quantities set forth in Exhibit "A" unless Company, in its sole discretion, determines that increased quantities are available, and all quantities hereunder shall be subject to interruption and service priorities as provided in General Provisions Tariff.

6. **ASSIGNMENT.** Customer agrees that it will not assign this Agreement except upon written consent of Company.

7. **INGRESS AND EGRESS.** Company is hereby granted rights of ingress and egress, at reasonable times, for operating, inspecting and maintaining any of Company's facilities on Customer's premises.

8. **REGULATORY AUTHORITY.** This Agreement is subject to all valid laws, orders, rules and regulations of any and all duly constituted authorities having jurisdiction over the subject matter herein and is subject to the receipt of any necessary authorization for the interruptible service contemplated herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have duly executed this Agreement as of the date and year above written.

CUSTOMER

COMPANY

\_\_\_\_\_

GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS CO.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

\*

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Please type or print the names below the signature lines.

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# GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS CO.

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### EXHIBIT "A" INTERRUPTIBLE GAS SALES SERVICE AGREEMENT

#### EXHIBIT "A" INTERRUPTIBLE GAS SALES SERVICE AGREEMENT

This document is an attachment to the Interruptible Gas Sales Service Agreement dated \_\_\_\_\_ between Great Plains Natural Gas Co. ("Company") and \_\_\_\_\_ ("Customer") covering interruptible natural gas sales service. Deliveries and charges hereunder shall commence on \_\_\_\_\_ and expire on \_\_\_\_\_.

<u>Delivery Point(s)</u>	<u>Rate Schedule</u>	<u>Distribution Charge*</u>	<u>Maximum Interruptible Delivery Point Quantity Per Day (dk)</u>
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\* Plus Cost of Gas and all applicable adjustments under the Rate Schedule above

Customer agrees to notify Company of changes in its daily natural gas requirements in accordance with the following requirements:

Accepted and agreed to this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_.

CUSTOMER

\_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Representing \_\_\_\_\_.

Accepted and agreed to this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_.

COMPANY

GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS CO.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

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# GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS CO.

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### GAS TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT

#### GAS TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is by and between GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS CO. ("Company"), and \_\_\_\_\_ ("Customer") and is effective 9:00 a.m. CCT on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

Customer has entered into agreements to purchase natural gas and have that gas delivered to a "receipt point" using Shipper/Agent(s) as specified in attached Exhibit "A" as Shipper/Agent. Customer agrees to notify Company prior to any change in Shipper/Agent(s) and further agrees to execute a new Exhibit "A" prior to the change of event.

Customer and Company enter into this Gas Transportation Agreement to have said gas transported by Company from the "receipt point" to the "delivery point(s)".

WITNESSETH: The parties hereto, each in consideration of the agreement of the other, agree as follows:

1. TERM. This Agreement will continue in effect for One (1) year(s) from its effective date. Upon expiration of the initial term, this Agreement shall continue month to month thereafter until either party furnishes the other party 30 days prior written notice of termination.

2. RECEIPT POINT, DELIVERY POINT(S), RATE SCHEDULE. Natural Gas delivered hereunder shall be in accordance with the Company's approved rate schedules titled: Small Interruptible General Gas Transportation Service or Large Interruptible General Gas Transportation Service.

Receipt Point: \_\_\_\_\_

Delivery Point(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Rate Schedule: \_\_\_\_\_

3. RECORD EXAMINATION. Customer shall have the right at all reasonable times to examine the books, records and charts of Company, for a two-year period subsequent to the issuance in writing of a dispute invoice, to the extent necessary to verify the accuracy of any statement, charge or computation made under or pursuant to any provisions of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have duly executed this Agreement as of the date and year below written.

CUSTOMER

COMPANY

GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS CO.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Please type or print the name below the signature line.

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### EXHIBIT "A" GAS TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT

#### EXHIBIT "A" GAS TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT

This document is an attachment to the Gas Transportation Agreement dated \_\_\_\_\_ between GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS CO. ("Company") and \_\_\_\_\_ ("Customer").

This Exhibit "A" is effective 9:00 a.m. CCT on the \_\_ day of \_\_ 20\_\_.

Customer's Maximum Interruptible Transportation Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_ dk per day.

The Shipper/Agent(s) name is \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Customer hereby authorizes Company to furnish the Shipper/Agent any information relating to the volume and/or cost of natural gas furnished by Company for use by Customer. This authorization will remain in effect until a written notice is received from Customer.

Accepted and agreed to this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

CUSTOMER

\_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Accepted and agreed to this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

COMPANY

GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS CO.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

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### EXHIBIT "B" GAS TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT

#### EXHIBIT "B" GAS TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT

This document is an attachment to the Gas Transportation Agreement dated \_\_\_\_\_ between GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS CO. ("Company") and \_\_\_\_\_ ("Customer").

Rate

Term of Rate

Accepted and agreed to this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

CUSTOMER

\_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Accepted and agreed to this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

COMPANY

GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS CO.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

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**FIRM GAS SERVICE EXTENSION AGREEMENT**

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**FIRM GAS SERVICE  
EXTENSION AGREEMENT**

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, by and between GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS CO., a Division of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., 705 West Fir Ave, Fergus Falls, Minnesota, hereinafter called "Company," and \_\_\_\_\_ hereinafter called "Customer," whether one or more.

WHEREAS, Customer has requested that Company provide natural gas service to Customer at the following location:

County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_; and

WHEREAS, such service will necessitate the construction by Company of a gas main extension and the installation of the necessary facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements herein contained, it is hereby agreed as follows where cost participation may be required on gas main extensions over 100 feet or where natural gas is not the primary fuel used for space heating.

Item Nos. one, two and three below may not be applicable where the Customer is not responsible for cost participation where the gas main extension is 100 feet or less, connected within 12 months from the start of construction, and where natural gas is the primary fuel used for space heating.

1. Company agrees to construct and install said natural gas Project in accordance with the Firm Gas Service Extension Policy within the Company's General Terms and Conditions tariff and Customer agrees that, prior to construction of same, Customer will pay to Company the required cost participation for the Project, in the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, to be paid as follows:

2. It is further agreed that after facilities have been placed in service, Company shall recalculate the Customer's cost participation as outlined below.

Final Actual Cost of Project.....	\$ _____
Less Maximum Allowable Investment .....	\$ _____
Final Cost Participation .....	\$ _____
Preliminary Cost Participation.....	\$ _____
Difference to be: <input type="checkbox"/> Paid to Company .....	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Refunded to Customer.....	\$ _____

3. "Project", as used in this Agreement, 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.

4. This Agreement applies only to Company-owned facilities and does not apply to Customer-owned facilities. Company shall not be liable for any damages on account of injury to or death of persons, or damage to property, due to the operation, maintenance, repair or replacement of customer-owned piping and equipment. All duties and liabilities in this respect are assumed by the Customer.

5. The following additional terms and conditions shall apply to Company's construction of a gas main and installation of the necessary facilities as follows:

6. The following documents are attached hereto, and incorporated herein, as part of the Agreement:

- Estimate of construction costs
- Map showing the route of the extension
- Economic analysis of the extension
- Firm Gas Service Extension Policy, effective date: \_\_\_\_\_

7. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties, their respective successors and assigns; but the assignment of this Agreement by either party shall not relieve such party, without the written consent of the other, from any of the obligations undertaken by this Agreement. Further, this Agreement shall expire on December 1, of the year in which it was signed by the Company, or on the following date, \_\_\_\_\_, whichever is later, if construction of the extension has not begun. If the Agreement expires, Company will refund any deposit made by Customer and, thereafter, all parties shall be relieved from any and all further liability in connection with this Agreement.

- If, within the five-year period after the extension(s) in service date, the number of active customers and related volumes exceeds the projections used in the economic analysis, the Company shall recompute the participation requirement by recalculating the maximum allowable investment, in accordance with the Firm Gas Service Extension Policy within the Company's General Terms and Conditions tariff. No refund shall be made by Company to Customer until the new applicants begin taking service from the Company.
- If after the aforementioned five-year period, the Customer's participation amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ has not been fully refunded by that time, the obligation of the Company to make refunds shall cease. In no event, shall the total amount of refunds exceed the amount paid to Company hereunder.

GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS CO.  
A Division of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.

Customer

Date

Company

Date

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### INTERRUPTIBLE GAS SERVICE EXTENSION AGREEMENT

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#### INTERRUPTIBLE GAS SERVICE EXTENSION AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, by and between GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS CO., a Division of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., 705 West Fir Ave, Fergus Falls, Minnesota, hereinafter called "Company," and \_\_\_\_\_ hereinafter called "Customer," whether one or more.

WHEREAS, Customer has requested that Company provide natural gas service to Customer at the following location:

County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_; and

WHEREAS, such service will necessitate the construction by Company of a gas main and service line extension, and the installation of the necessary facilities. NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements herein contained, it is hereby agreed as follows:

1. Company agrees to construct and install said natural gas Project in accordance with the Interruptible Gas Service Extension Policy within the Company's General Terms and Conditions tariff, attached hereto and incorporated herein, and Customer agrees that, prior to construction of same, Customer will pay to the Company the required cost participation for the Project, in the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to be paid as follows:

2. It is further agreed that after facilities have been placed in service, Company shall recalculate the Customer's cost participation as outlined below.

Final Actual Cost of Project.....	\$ _____
Adjusted for Federal and State Income Taxes .....	\$ _____
Preliminary Cost Participation .....	\$ _____
Difference to be: <input type="checkbox"/> Paid to Company .....	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Refunded to Customer.....	\$ _____

3. The minimum connection charge is \$100.00 and must be paid prior to the installation of any facilities. The minimum connection charge covers the installation of the meter and regulator, the service connection, general inspection, and the gas turn-on.

4. "Project", as used in this Agreement, shall include the gas main extension(s), valves, service stub(s), or service line(s) complete where applicable, regulators, meters (excluding electronic measurement equipment), any required payments made by the Company to the transmission pipeline company to accommodate the extension(s), and other costs as adjusted for applicable federal and state income taxes.

5. This Agreement applies only to Company-owned facilities and does not apply to Customer-owned gas service lines. Company shall not be liable for any damages on account of injury to or death of persons, or damage to property, due to the operation, maintenance, repair or replacement of the Customer's service line or customer-owned piping and equipment. All duties and liabilities in this respect are assumed by the Customer.

6. The following additional terms and conditions shall apply to Company's construction of a gas main and installation of the necessary facilities as follows:

7. The following listed documents are attached hereto, and incorporated herein as part of the Agreement:

- Interruptible Gas Service Extension Policy, effective date, \_\_\_\_\_
- Estimate of Construction Costs
- Map showing the route of the extension
- Economic Analysis of the extension

8. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties, their respective successors and assigns; but the assignment of this Agreement by either party shall not relieve such party, without the written consent of the other, from any of the obligations undertaken by this Agreement. Further, this Agreement shall expire on December 1, of the year in which it was signed by the Company, or on the following date \_\_\_\_\_, whichever is later, if construction of the extension has not begun. If the Agreement expires, Company will refund any deposit made by Customer and, thereafter, all parties shall be relieved from any and all further liability in connection with this Agreement.

9. 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 tariff 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.

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## Tariffs Reflecting Proposed Changes



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### CONTACT LIST

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### COMMUNITIES SERVED

#### ~~North District~~

~~Breckenridge  
Crookston  
Fergus Falls  
Pelican Rapids  
Vergas~~

#### ~~South District~~

~~Belview  
Boyd  
Clarkfield  
Danube  
Dawson  
Echo  
Granite Falls  
Marshall  
Montevideo  
Redwood Falls  
Renville  
Sacred Heart  
Wood Lake~~

#### Belview

#### Boyd

#### Breckenridge

#### Clarkfield

#### Crookston

#### Danube

#### Dawson

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#### Montevideo

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### **TECHNICAL TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS**

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The Company does not employ any technical or special terms that are unique to the application of any of its rate schedules, rules or regulations. All terms used by the Company are common terms in the industry. For clarification purposes such terms are defined in Section 6 General Terms and Conditions.

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### RESIDENTIAL GAS SERVICE Rate **N60**

#### ~~North District~~

#### Availability:

Service under this rate schedule is available to any residential customer ~~located in Great Plains' Minnesota North District Service Area (Breckenridge, Crookston, Fergus Falls, Pelican Rapids and Vergas)~~ for the domestic use of natural gas service. See General Terms and Conditions, Paragraph 3, for definition on class of service.

#### Rate:

Basic Service Charge: ~~\$0.296 per day~~~~7.50 per month~~  
~~(Effective Monthly Basic Service Charge: \$9.00 per month)~~

Distribution Charge: ~~\$3.03751~~~~6.545~~ per dk

Base Cost of Gas: ~~\$3.85323~~~~7.191~~ per dk

#### Minimum Bill:

Basic Service Charge.

#### Cost of Gas:

The billed cost of gas represents the Base Cost of Gas identified above adjusted by the Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment provided for in the Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment Clause (Sheet No. 5-62).

#### 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).

#### Revenue Decoupling Mechanism:

All customer bills under this rate are subject to the Revenue Decoupling Mechanism; ~~(Sheet No. 5-125)~~.

#### Gas Affordability Program:

Bills are subject to the currently effective Gas Affordability Program charge as provided in the Gas Affordability Program Tariff; ~~(Sheet No. 5-120)~~.

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### RESIDENTIAL GAS SERVICE Rate **N60**

#### ~~North District~~

#### 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).

#### Measurement Unit for Billing Purposes:

Customer's metered consumption will be adjusted to reflect decatherms in accordance with the General Terms and Conditions, Section 6, Paragraph V.12.

#### 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 22 days from the current billing date. No late payment charge will be assessed 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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### FIRM GENERAL SERVICE Rate ~~N70~~

#### ~~North District~~

#### Availability:

Service under this rate schedule is available to any firm general service customer ~~located in Great Plains' Minnesota North District Service Area (Breckenridge, Crookston, Fergus Falls, Pelican Rapids and Vergas)~~ whose maximum requirements are not more than 2,000 cubic feet per hour. See General Terms and Conditions, Paragraph 3, for definition on class of service.

#### Rate:

##### Basic Service Charge:

For customers with meters rated

Under 500 cubic feet per hour ~~\$0.904 per day~~ ~~23.00 per month~~

~~(Effective Monthly Basic Service Charge: \$27.50 per month)~~

For customers with meters rated

Over 500 cubic feet per hour ~~\$1.151 per day~~ ~~28.50 per month~~

~~(Effective Monthly Basic Service Charge: \$35.00 per month)~~

Distribution Charge: ~~\$2.324~~ ~~81.3193~~ per dk

Base Cost of Gas: ~~\$3.853~~ ~~23.7191~~ per dk

#### Minimum Bill:

Basic Service Charge.

#### Cost of Gas:

The billed cost of gas represents the Base Cost of Gas identified above adjusted by the Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment provided for in the Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment Clause (Sheet No. 5-62).

#### 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).

#### Revenue Decoupling Mechanism:

All customer bills under this rate are subject to the Revenue Decoupling Mechanism, ~~(Sheet No. 5-125).~~

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### **FIRM GENERAL SERVICE Rate ~~N70~~**

#### **~~North District~~**

#### **Gas Affordability Program:**

Bills are subject to the currently effective Gas Affordability Program charge as provided in the Gas Affordability Program Tariff, ~~(Sheet No. 5-120).~~

#### **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).~~

#### **Measurement Unit for Billing Purposes:**

Customer's metered consumption will be adjusted to decatherms in accordance with the General Terms and Conditions, Section 6, Paragraph V.12.

#### **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 assessed if the unpaid balance is \$10.00 or less.

#### **General Terms and Conditions:**

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### SMALL INTERRUPTIBLE GAS SALES SERVICE Rate **N71**

#### ~~North District~~

#### Availability:

Service under this rate schedule is available to any interruptible general gas service customer, ~~except those served under Interruptible Grain Drying Gas Sales Service Rate 73 located in Great Plains' Minnesota North District Service Area (Breckenridge, Crookston, Fergus Falls, Pelican Rapids and Vergas),~~ whose normal annual interruptible requirements are in excess of 1,000 dk but do not exceed 20,000 dk. Customer must satisfy Company of their ability and willingness to discontinue the use of said gas during period of curtailment or interruption, by the use of standby facilities, or suffering plant shutdown. The rates herein are applicable only to customer's interruptible load. Customer's firm natural gas requirements must be separately metered or specified in a firm service agreement. The firm service volumes are subject to available capacity. Customer's firm load shall be billed at Firm General Service Rate 70. For interruptible purposes, the maximum daily firm requirement shall be set forth in the firm service agreement.

#### Rate:

Basic Service Charge: \$~~150.00~~~~145.00~~ per month

Distribution Charge: \$~~1.57771~~~~1.1444~~ per dk

Base Cost of Gas: \$~~2.98072~~~~2.8599~~ per dk

#### Minimum Bill:

Basic Service Charge.

#### Cost of Gas:

The billed cost of gas represents the Base Cost of Gas identified above adjusted by the Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment provided for in the Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment Clause (Sheet No. 5-62).

#### 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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### SMALL INTERRUPTIBLE GAS SALES SERVICE Rate **N71**

#### **North-District**

#### **Revenue Decoupling Mechanism:**

All customer bills under this rate 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).

#### **Measurement Unit for Billing Purposes:**

Customer's metered consumption will be adjusted to reflect decatherms in accordance with the General Terms and Conditions, Section 6, Paragraph V.12.

#### **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 assessed if the unpaid balance is \$10.00 or less.

#### **Conditions of Service:**

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 rates. 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 General Terms and Conditions, Section 6, Paragraph V.17.
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 charges applicable under Firm General Gas Service Rate **N70** (distribution delivery charge and cost of gas excluding the Basic Service Charge), plus either an amount equal to any charges the Company is required to pay to 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

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### SMALL INTERRUPTIBLE GAS SALES SERVICE Rate **N71**

#### ~~North-District~~

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 amount the Company must pay to the interconnecting pipeline caused by customer's action.
5. METERING REQUIREMENTS – Remote data acquisition equipment (telemetry equipment) if required 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. The Company may remove such equipment when service hereunder is terminated.

The customer may be required to provide and maintain, at no cost to Company: A 120 volt, 15 ampere, AC power supply, and an acceptable telephone service available at customer's meter location(s). The services listed above shall be continuous, accessible to the Company, and be provided by the customer at no cost to the Company. Enhancements and/or modifications to these services may be required to ensure equipment

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### SMALL INTERRUPTIBLE GAS SALES SERVICE Rate ~~N71~~

#### ~~North District~~

functionality. Such enhancements or modifications shall be completed at the direction of the Company with all associated costs the customer's responsibility. Any interruption in such services must be promptly remedied or service under this tariff will be suspended until satisfactory corrections have been made.

Consultation between the customer and the Company regarding telemetering requirements shall occur prior to execution of the required service agreement. The telemetering requirement will be determined at the sole discretion of the Company based on customer requirements and location.

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.

#### **General Terms and Conditions:**

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

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## State of Minnesota Gas Rate Schedule – MNPUC Volume 3

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### **INTERRUPTIBLE GRAIN DRYING GAS SALES SERVICE RATE 73**

#### **Availability:**

Service under this rate schedule is applicable to all grain drying customers. Customer must satisfy the Company of their ability and willingness to discontinue the use of said gas during period of curtailment or interruption, by the use of standby facilities, or suffering plant shutdown. The rates herein are applicable only to customer's interruptible grain drying load. Customer's firm natural gas requirements must be separately metered.

#### **Rate:**

<u>Basic Service Charge:</u>	<u>\$450.00 per month</u>
<u>Distribution Charge:</u>	<u>\$1.3723 per dk</u>
<u>Base Cost of Gas:</u>	<u>\$2.9807 per dk</u>

#### **Minimum Bill:**

Basic Service Charge.

#### **Cost of Gas:**

The billed cost of gas represents the Base Cost of Gas identified above adjusted by the Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment provided for in the Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment Clause (Sheet No. 5-62).

#### **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).

#### **Revenue Decoupling Mechanism:**

All customer bills under this rate 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).

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### INTERRUPTIBLE GRAIN DRYING GAS SALES SERVICE RATE 73

#### Measurement Unit for Billing Purposes:

Customer's metered consumption will be adjusted to reflect dekatherms in accordance with the General Terms and Conditions, Section 6, Paragraph V.12.

#### 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 assessed if the unpaid balance is \$10.00 or less.

#### Conditions of Service:

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 rates. 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 General Terms and Conditions, Section 6, Paragraph V.17.
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 charges applicable under Firm General Gas Service Rate 70 (excluding the Basic Service Charge), plus either an amount equal to any charges the Company is required to pay to 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.

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### INTERRUPTIBLE GRAIN DRYING GAS SALES SERVICE RATE 73

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 OPERATION STARTUP – Customer will be required to notify Company of the anticipated startup of grain drying operations no later than 10:00 A.M. CST the day before customer starts operating their grain drying facilities. Customer must provide to the Company the location of the grain drying facility, the expected hours of operation, and the total Dk needed for operation of the grain drying facility. Failure to comply may result in the assessment of penalties to the customer equal to the penalty amount the Company must pay to the interconnecting pipeline caused by customer's action.
5. 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. Anticipated changes may include change in intra-day or day ahead facility operations, including those changes due to weather. Failure to comply with requirements specified in the service agreement may result in the assessment of penalties to the customer equal to the penalty amount the Company must pay to the interconnecting pipeline caused by customer's action.
6. METERING REQUIREMENTS – Remote data acquisition equipment (telemetry equipment) if required 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. The Company may remove such equipment when service hereunder is terminated.

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### INTERRUPTIBLE GRAIN DRYING GAS SALES SERVICE RATE 73

The customer may be required to provide and maintain, at no cost to Company: A 120 volt, 15 ampere, AC power supply, and an acceptable telephone service available at customer's meter location(s). The services listed above shall be continuous, accessible to the Company, and be provided by the customer at no cost to the Company. Enhancements and/or modifications to these services may be required to ensure equipment functionality. Such enhancements or modifications shall be completed at the direction of the Company with all associated costs the customer's responsibility. Any interruption in such services must be promptly remedied or service under this tariff will be suspended until satisfactory corrections have been made.

Consultation between the customer and the Company regarding telemetering requirements shall occur prior to execution of the required service agreement. The telemetering requirement will be determined at the sole discretion of the Company based on customer requirements and location.

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.

#### **General Terms and Conditions:**

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

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### INTERRUPTIBLE GAS TRANSPORTATION SERVICE Rates **N81** and **N82** **North-District**

#### 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 located in Great Plains' Minnesota North District Service Area (Breckenridge, Crookston, Fergus Falls, Pelican Rapids and Vergas). 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 N81:**

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 **N71**. 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 **N70**. The firm service volumes are subject to available capacity.

#### **Large Interruptible General Gas Transportation Service Rate N82:**

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 **N70**. The firm service volumes are subject to available capacity.

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### INTERRUPTIBLE GAS TRANSPORTATION SERVICE Rates ~~N81~~ and ~~N82~~ **North-District**

#### Basic Service Charge:

Rate ~~N81~~                      \$~~250.00~~~~200.00~~ per month

Rate ~~N82~~                      \$~~560.00~~~~260.00~~ per month

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### INTERRUPTIBLE GAS TRANSPORTATION SERVICE Rates **N81** and **N82** **North-District**

#### Distribution Charge:

Rate **N81** \$~~1.57774-1444~~ per dk

Rate **N82** \$~~0.72490-5763~~ per dk

#### **Revenue Decoupling Mechanism:**

~~— All customers billed under this rate schedule, with the exception of customers deemed to be CIP exempted, and 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~~

#### 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 \$0.5520 per dk

#### Flexible Distribution Charge per dk:

Rate **N82** Company and customer will agree to a price between \$~~0.05300-0320~~ and \$~~1.39684-1206~~ 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.

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### **INTERRUPTIBLE GAS TRANSPORTATION SERVICE Rates **N81** and **N82**** **~~North District~~**

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).

#### **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.

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### INTERRUPTIBLE GAS TRANSPORTATION SERVICE Rates ~~N81~~ and ~~N82~~ ~~North-District~~

#### 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.
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 ~~N70~~, (~~distribution~~

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~~delivery charge and cost of gas~~ excluding the Basic Service Charge), plus either an amount equal to any penalty payments or overrun charges the

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### **INTERRUPTIBLE GAS TRANSPORTATION SERVICE Rates **N81** and **N82**** **~~North-District~~**

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.

- (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

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### INTERRUPTIBLE GAS TRANSPORTATION SERVICE Rates **N81** and **N82** **North-District**

> 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 65(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 65(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 -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.

#### 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.

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- (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.
- (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

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### **INTERRUPTIBLE GAS TRANSPORTATION SERVICE Rates **N81** and **N82**** **~~North District~~**

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. 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).~~

~~940.~~ 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.

~~1044.~~ 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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### LARGE INTERRUPTIBLE GAS SALES SERVICE Rate **N85**

#### ~~North District~~

#### Availability:

Service under this rate schedule is available to any interruptible general gas service customer, ~~except those served under the Interruptible Grain Drying Gas Sales Service Rate 73, located in Great Plains' Minnesota North District Service Area (Breckenridge, Crookston, Fergus Falls, Pelican Rapids and Vergas),~~ whose interruptible natural gas load will exceed 20,000 dk annually as metered at a single delivery point. The rates herein are applicable only to customer's interruptible load. Customer's firm natural requirements must be separately metered or specified in a firm service agreement. The firm service volumes are subject to available capacity. Customer's firm load shall be billed at Firm General Gas Service Rate 70. For interruption purposes, the maximum daily firm requirement shall be set forth in the firm service agreement. Customer must satisfy Company of their ability and willingness to discontinue the use of said gas during period of curtailment or interruption, by the use of standby facilities, or suffering plant shutdown.

#### Rate:

Basic Service Charge: ~~\$500.00~~~~230.00~~ per month

Distribution Charge: ~~\$0.72490~~~~0.5763~~ per dk

Base Cost of Gas: ~~\$2.98072~~~~2.8599~~ per dk

#### Flexible Distribution Charge per dk:

Company and customer will agree to a price between ~~\$0.08100~~~~0.0560~~ and ~~\$1.36881~~~~0.0966~~ 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 normally 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.

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### **LARGE INTERRUPTIBLE GAS SALES SERVICE Rate **N85**** **~~North District~~**

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.

#### **Minimum Bill:**

Basic Service Charge.

#### **Cost of Gas:**

The billed cost of gas represents the Base Cost of Gas identified above adjusted by the Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment provided for in the Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment Clause (Sheet No. 5-62).

#### **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).

#### **Revenue Decoupling Mechanism:**

All customers billed under this rate schedule, with the exception of customers ~~deemed to be CIP exempted or~~ 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.

#### **Measurement Unit for Billing Purposes:**

Customer's metered consumption will be adjusted to decatherms in accordance with the General Terms and Conditions, Section 6, Paragraph V.12.

#### **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.

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### LARGE INTERRUPTIBLE GAS SALES SERVICE Rate **N85**

#### **North-District**

#### Conditions of Service:

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 rates. Customers taking service hereunder agree that the Company, without prior notice, shall have the right to curtail or to 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 the General Terms and Conditions, Section 6, Paragraph V.17.
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 charges applicable under Firm General Gas Service Rate ~~N70~~ (~~distribution delivery charge and cost of gas excluding the Basic Service Charge~~), plus either an amount equal to any penalty payment(s) or overrun charges the Company is required to pay to 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

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of penalties to the customer equal to any charges Company must pay to the interconnecting pipeline caused by customer's action.

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### LARGE INTERRUPTIBLE GAS SALES SERVICE Rate **N85**

#### **North-District**

5. METERING REQUIREMENTS – Remote data acquisition equipment (telemetry equipment) if required for daily measurement will be 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.

The customer shall be required to provide and maintain, at no cost to the Company the following: A 120 volt, 15 ampere, AC power supply; and an acceptable telephone service available at customer's meter location(s). The services listed above shall be continuous, accessible to the Company, and be provided by the Customer at no cost to the Company.

Enhancements and/or modifications to these services maybe require to ensure equipment functionality. Such enhancements or modifications shall be completed at the direction of the Company with all associated costs the customer's responsibility. Any interruption in such services must be promptly remedied or service under this tariff will be suspended until satisfactory corrections have been made.

Consultation between the customer and the Company regarding telemetry requirements shall occur prior to execution of the required service agreement. The telemetry requirement will be determined at the sole discretion of the Company based on customer requirements and location.

The Company reserves the right to charge for each service call to investigate, repair, reprogram, or reinstall the Company's telemetry 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.

#### **General Terms and Conditions:**

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

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### **PURCHASE GAS ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE (PGA)**

1. The Purchased Gas Adjustment Clause (PGA) is applicable to all Gas Sales Service rate schedules applicable in Great Plains' Minnesota Service Area. The PGA is the difference between the delivered cost of gas supply and the base cost of gas as set in the last general rate case. The PGA will be calculated each month and any change from the previous month that exceeds \$.030 per decatherm (dk) will be applied to bills during that month.
2. Cost of Gas Supply
  - a. 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 the annual normalized sales volumes. The annual normalized sales volumes are the dk sales for the most recent 12-month period normalized for weather and adjusted by an average percentage change in sales over the preceding three-year period.
  - b. Gas Commodity - The average weighted commodity cost from all suppliers for the month the PGA will be in effect.

The current cost of gas supply is applicable to the following classes:

~~Residential and~~ Firm General Service = Firm Demand + Gas Commodity  
~~Small and Large~~ Interruptible Service = Gas Commodity + Demand  
assigned based on a 100% load factor allocation of firm demand.

3. Gas Cost Reconciliation (GCR)
  - a. For each twelve-month period ending June 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 September 1 of each year. This adjustment shall include:
    1. The balance in the (over) under recovered gas cost account as of June 30.
    2. The difference between actual and recovered gas costs for each customer class for the twelve months ending June 30. The amount may be an under recovery or (over) recovery.
    3. The cost of gas, such as propane, butane, LNG, coal, gas, or other manufactured gas used by the Company to supplement the supplies of natural gas to service its customers. The costs shall be apportioned to the customer classes on the same basis as the demand charges. The additional cost of supplemental gas is to be determined on an estimated annual firm gas sales requirement as of June 30 each year.

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### **PURCHASE GAS ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE (PGA)**

4. Any difference between the estimate included in 3a(3) in the previous GCR and actual expense for the twelve months ending June 30.
  5. Any refunds from suppliers of gas or pipeline services where the average refund per customer is less than \$5.00.
- 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 September 1 and remain in effect for a twelve (12) month period.

#### **4. Refunds**

Refunds and interest on the refunds, that are received from the suppliers or transporters of purchased gas and attributable to the cost of gas previously sold, shall be annually refunded by credits to bills, except that cumulative refund amounts equal to or greater than \$5 per customer shall be refunded within 90 days from the date the refund is received from a supplier or transporter. Refunds shall be allocated to customer classes in proportion to previously charged costs of purchased gas. Within classes, the refund amount per unit shall be applied to bills on the basis of individual 12-month usage. Great Plains shall add interest to the unrefunded balance at the prime interest rate.

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### ~~RESIDENTIAL GAS SERVICE Rate S60~~ ~~South District~~

#### **Availability:**

~~Service under this rate schedule is available to any residential customer located in Great Plains' Minnesota South District Service Area (Belview, Boyd, Clarkfield, Danube, Dawson, Echo, Granite Falls, Marshall, Montevideo, Redwood Falls, Renville, Sacred Heart, and Wood Lake) for domestic use of natural gas service. See General Terms and Conditions, Paragraph 3, for definition on class of service.~~

#### **Rate:**

~~Basic Service Charge: \$7.50 per month~~

~~Distribution Charge: \$1.6545 per dk~~

~~Base Cost of Gas: \$3.7191 per dk~~

#### **Minimum Bill:**

~~Basic Service Charge.~~

#### **Cost of Gas:**

~~The billed cost of gas represents the Base Cost of Gas identified above adjusted by the Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment provided for in the Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment Clause (Sheet No. 5-62).~~

#### **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).~~

#### **Revenue Decoupling Mechanism:**

~~All customer bills under this rate are subject to the Revenue Decoupling Mechanism, Sheet No. 5-125.~~

#### **Gas Affordability Program:**

~~Bills are subject to the currently effective Gas Affordability Program charge as provided in the Gas Affordability Program Tariff, Sheet No. 5-120.~~

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### ~~RESIDENTIAL GAS SERVICE Rate S60~~ ~~South District~~

#### ~~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.~~

#### ~~Measurement Unit for Billing Purposes:~~

~~Customer's metered consumption will be adjusted to decatherms in accordance with the General Terms and Conditions, Section 6, Paragraph V.12.~~

#### ~~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 22 days from the current billing date. The next billing date must not be less than 25 days from the current billing date. No late payment charge will be assessed 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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### ~~FIRM GENERAL SERVICE Rate S70~~

#### ~~South District~~

#### **Availability:**

~~Service under this rate schedule is available to any firm general service customer located in Great Plains' Minnesota South District Service Area (Belview, Boyd, Clarkfield, Danube, Dawson, Echo, Granite Falls, Marshall, Montevideo, Redwood Falls, Renville, Sacred Heart and Wood Lake) whose maximum requirements are not more than 2,000 cubic feet per hour. See General Terms and Conditions, Paragraph 3, for definition on class of service.~~

#### **Rate:**

~~Basic Service Charge:~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ For customers with meters rated~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ Under 500 cubic feet per hour \_\_\_\_\_ \$23.00 per month~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ For customers with meters rated~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ Over 500 cubic feet per hour \_\_\_\_\_ \$28.50 per month~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ Distribution Charge: \_\_\_\_\_ \$1.3193 per dk~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ Base Cost of Gas: \_\_\_\_\_ \$3.7191 per dk~~

#### **Minimum Bill:** \_\_\_\_\_

~~Basic Service Charge.~~

#### **Cost of Gas:**

~~The billed cost of gas represents the Base Cost of Gas identified above adjusted by the Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment provided for in the Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment Clause (Sheet No. 5-62).~~

#### **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).~~

#### **Revenue Decoupling Mechanism:**

~~\_\_\_\_\_ All customer bills under this rate are subject to the Revenue Decoupling Mechanism, Sheet No. 5-125.~~

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### ~~FIRM GENERAL SERVICE Rate S70~~ ~~South District~~

#### ~~Gas Affordability Program:~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ Bills are subject to the currently effective Gas Affordability Program charge as  
\_\_\_\_\_ provided in the Gas Affordability Program Tariff, Sheet No. 5-120.~~

#### ~~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.~~

#### ~~Measurement Unit for Billing Purposes:~~

~~Customer's metered consumption will be adjusted to decatherms in accordance with the General Terms and Conditions, Section 6, Paragraph V.12~~

#### ~~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 assessed 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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### **SMALL INTERRUPTIBLE GAS SALES SERVICE Rate S71**

#### **South District**

#### **Availability:**

Service under this rate schedule is available to any interruptible general gas service customer, located in Great Plains' Minnesota South District Service Area (Belview, Boyd, Clarkfield, Danube, Dawson, Echo, Granite Falls, Marshall, Montevideo, Redwood Falls, Renville, Sacred Heart and Wood Lake), whose normal annual interruptible requirements exceed 1,000 dk but do not exceed 20,000 dk. Customer must satisfy Company of their ability and willingness to discontinue the use of said gas during period of curtailment or interruption, by the use of standby facilities, or suffering plant shutdown. The rates herein are applicable only to customer's interruptible load. Customer's firm natural gas requirements must be separately metered or specified in a firm service agreement. The firm service volumes are subject to available capacity. Customer's firm load shall be billed at Firm General Service Rate 70. For interruptible purposes, the maximum daily firm requirement shall be set forth in the firm service agreement.

#### **Rate:**

Basic Service Charge: \$145.00 per month

Distribution Charge: \$1.1444 per dk

Base Cost of Gas: \$2.8599 per dk

#### **Minimum Bill:**

Basic Service Charge.

#### **Cost of Gas:**

The billed cost of gas represents the Base Cost of Gas identified above adjusted by the Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment provided for in the Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment Clause (Sheet No. 5-62).

#### **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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### ~~SMALL INTERRUPTIBLE GAS SALES SERVICE Rate \$71~~

#### ~~South District~~

#### ~~Revenue Decoupling Mechanism:~~

~~— All customer bills under this rate 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.~~

#### ~~Measurement Unit for Billing Purposes:~~

~~Customer's metered consumption will be adjusted to decatherms in accordance with the General Terms and Conditions, Section 6, Paragraph V.12.~~

#### ~~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 assessed if the unpaid balance is \$10.00 or less.~~

#### ~~Conditions of Service:~~

- ~~1. PRIORITY OF SERVICE — Deliveries of gas under this schedule shall be subject at all times to the prior demands of customers served on firm gas service rates. 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 General Terms and Conditions of Service, Section 6, Paragraph V.17.~~
- ~~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 General Gas Service Rate \$70 (distribution delivery charge and cost of gas), plus either an amount equal to any charges the Company is required to pay to 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~~

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### ~~SMALL INTERRUPTIBLE GAS SALES SERVICE Rate S71~~

#### ~~South District~~

~~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 amount the Company must pay to the interconnecting pipeline caused by customer's action.~~

~~5. METERING REQUIREMENTS — Remote data acquisition equipment (telemetry equipment) if required 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. The Company may remove such equipment when service hereunder is terminated.~~

~~The customer may be required to provide and maintain, at no cost to Company: A 120 volt, 15 ampere, AC power supply, and an acceptable telephone service available at customer's meter location(s). The services listed above shall be continuous, accessible to the Company, and be provided by the customer at no cost to the Company. Enhancements and/or modifications to these services may be required to ensure equipment functionality. Such enhancements or modifications shall be completed at the direction of the Company with all associated costs the customer's~~

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~~responsibility. Any interruption in such services must be promptly remedied or service under this tariff will be suspended until satisfactory corrections have been made.~~

~~Consultation between the customer and the Company regarding telemetering requirements shall occur prior to execution of the required service agreement. The telemetering requirement will be determined at the sole discretion of the Company based on customer requirements and location.~~

~~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.~~

#### ~~General Terms and Conditions:~~

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### ~~INTERRUPTIBLE GAS TRANSPORTATION SERVICE Rates S81 and S82~~ ~~South District~~

#### **Availability:**

~~Service under this rate schedule is available on an interruptible basis to any interruptible general gas service customer located in Great Plains' Minnesota South District Service Area (Belview, Boyd, Clarkfield, Danube, Dawson, Echo, Granite Falls, Marshall, Montevideo, Redwood Falls, Renville, Sacred Heart and Wood Lake). 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 S81:**

~~Transportation service is available for all general gas service customers 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 do 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 Sales Gas Service Rate S71. 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 S70. The firm service volumes are subject to available capacity.~~

#### **Large Interruptible General Gas Transportation Service Rate S82:**

~~Transportation service is available for all general gas service customers 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 S70. The firm service volumes are subject to available capacity.~~

#### **Rate:**

~~Basic Service Charge:~~  
~~Rate S81~~

~~\$200.00 per month~~

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### **INTERRUPTIBLE GAS TRANSPORTATION SERVICE Rates S81 and S82 South District**

Rate S82 \$260.00 per month

#### **Distribution Charge:**

Rate S81 \$1.1444 per dk

Rate S82 \$0.5763 per dk

#### **Revenue Decoupling Mechanism:**

All customers billed under this rate schedule, with the exception of customers deemed to be CIP exempted, and 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.

#### **Flexible Distribution Charge per dk:**

Rate S82 Company and customer will agree to a price between \$0.0320 and \$1.1206 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 normally 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.

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### ~~INTERRUPTIBLE GAS TRANSPORTATION SERVICE Rates S81 and S82~~ ~~South District~~

#### **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 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 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.~~

~~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.~~

~~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 Firm General Service Rate \$70, (distribution delivery charge and cost of gas), plus either an amount equal to any penalty payments or overrun charges the~~

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### ~~INTERRUPTIBLE GAS TRANSPORTATION SERVICE Rates S81 and S82~~ ~~South District~~

~~Company is required to make to its the 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.~~

~~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.~~

~~(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:~~

<del>% Monthly Imbalance</del>	<del>Undertake Purchase Rate</del>
<del>0%—3%</del>	<del>100% Cash-out Mechanism</del>
<del>&gt; 3% and ≤ 5%</del>	<del>98% Cash-out Mechanism</del>
<del>&gt; 5% and ≤ 10%</del>	<del>90% Cash-out Mechanism</del>
<del>&gt; 10% and ≤ 15%</del>	<del>80% Cash-out Mechanism</del>
<del>&gt; 15% and ≤ 20%</del>	<del>70% Cash-out Mechanism</del>

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### ~~INTERRUPTIBLE GAS TRANSPORTATION SERVICE Rates S81 and S82~~ ~~South District~~

~~>20%      -60% 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 5(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:~~

<del>% Monthly Imbalance</del>	<del>Overtake Charge Rate</del>
<del>0% — 3%</del>	<del>100% Cash-in Mechanism</del>
<del>&gt; 3% and ≤ 5%</del>	<del>102% Cash-in Mechanism</del>
<del>&gt; 5% and ≤ 10%</del>	<del>110% Cash-in Mechanism</del>
<del>&gt; 10% and ≤ 15%</del>	<del>120% Cash-in Mechanism</del>
<del>&gt; 15% and ≤ 20%</del>	<del>130% Cash-in Mechanism</del>
<del>&gt; 20%</del>	<del>140% Cash-in Mechanism</del>

~~Where the Cash-in Mechanism is equal to the greater of the Company's WACOG or the Index Price, as defined in Paragraph 5(c).~~

~~(c) The Index price shall be the arithmetic average of the five average weekly prices at Northern Damarcation and Northern Ventura as published in the Gas Daily "Daily Price Surveys" 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.~~

#### ~~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.~~

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(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.~~

~~(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~~

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### ~~INTERRUPTIBLE GAS TRANSPORTATION SERVICE Rates S81 and S82~~ ~~South District~~

~~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. 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).~~

~~10. 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.~~

~~11. 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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### ~~LARGE INTERRUPTIBLE GAS SALES SERVICE Rate S85~~

#### ~~South District~~

#### **Availability:**

~~Service under this rate schedule is available to any interruptible general gas service customer located in Great Plains' Minnesota South District Service Area (Belview, Boyd, Clarkfield, Danube, Dawson, Echo, Granite Falls, Marshall, Montevideo, Redwood Falls, Renville, Sacred Heart, and Wood Lake), whose interruptible natural gas load will exceed 20,000 dk annually as metered at a single delivery point. The rates herein are applicable only to customer's interruptible load. Customer's firm natural requirements must be separately metered or specified in a firm service agreement. The firm service volumes are subject to available capacity. Customer's firm load shall be billed at Firm General Gas Service Rate 70. For interruption purposes, the maximum daily firm requirement shall be set forth in the firm service agreement. Customer must satisfy Company, of their ability and willingness to discontinue the use of said gas during period of curtailment or interruption, by the use of standby facilities, or suffering plant shutdown.~~

#### **Rate:**

~~Basic Service Charge: \$230.00 per month~~

~~Distribution Charge: \$0.5763 per dk~~

~~Base Cost of Gas: \$2.8599 per dk~~

#### ~~Flexible Distribution Charge per dk:~~

~~Company and customer will agree to a price between \$0.0560 and \$1.0966 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 normally 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~~

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### ~~LARGE INTERRUPTIBLE GAS SALES SERVICE Rate S85~~

#### ~~South District~~

~~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.~~

#### ~~Minimum Bill:~~

~~Basic Service Charge.~~

#### ~~Cost of Gas:~~

~~The billed cost of gas represents the Base Cost of Gas identified above adjusted by the Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment provided for in the Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment Clause (Sheet No. 5-62).~~

#### ~~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).~~

#### ~~Revenue Decoupling Mechanism:~~

~~All customers billed under this rate schedule, with the exception of customers deemed to be CIP exempted or 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.~~

#### ~~Measurement Unit for Billing Purposes:~~

~~Customer's metered consumption will be adjusted to decatherms in accordance with the General Terms and Conditions, Section 6, Paragraph V.12.~~

#### ~~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~~

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### **~~LARGE INTERRUPTIBLE GAS SALES SERVICE Rate S85~~** **~~South District~~**

~~payment charge will be made if the unpaid balance is \$10.00 or less.~~

#### **~~Conditions of Service:~~**

- ~~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 rates. Customers taking service hereunder agree that the Company, without prior notice, shall have the right to curtail or to 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 General Terms and Conditions, Section 6, Paragraph V.17.~~
- ~~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 General Gas Service Rate S70 (distribution delivery charge and cost of gas), plus either an amount equal to any penalty payment(s) or overrun charges the Company is required to pay to 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~~

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~~customer equal to any charges Company must pay to the interconnecting pipeline caused by customer's action.~~

- ~~5. METERING REQUIREMENTS — Remote data acquisition equipment (telemetry equipment) if required for daily measurement will be 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.~~

~~The customer shall be required to provide and maintain, at no cost to Company the following: A 120 volt, 15 ampere, AC power supply; and an acceptable telephone service available at customer's meter location(s). The services listed above shall be continuous, accessible to the Company, and be provided by the Customer at no cost to the Company. Enhancements and/or modifications to these services may be required to ensure equipment functionality. Such enhancements or modifications shall be completed at the direction of the Company with all associated costs the customer's responsibility.~~

~~Any interruption in such services must be promptly remedied or service under this tariff will be suspended until satisfactory corrections have been made.~~

~~Consultation between the customer and the Company regarding telemetry requirements shall occur prior to execution of the required service agreement. The telemetry requirement will be determined at the sole discretion of the Company based on customer requirements and location.~~

~~The Company reserves the right to charge for each service call to investigate, repair, reprogram, or reinstall the Company's telemetry 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.~~

#### **General Terms and Conditions:**

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

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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, ~~as part of the Resource Adjustment,~~ 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 ~~\$0.0556~~ \$0.0818 per

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dk, also known as the Conservation Cost Recovery Charge (CCRC), is billed as part

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### CONSERVATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE

of the distribution ~~delivery~~ charge authorized in Docket No. G004/GR-~~15-87919-511~~. 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
<del>\$0.0556</del> <u>0.0818</u>	<del>(\$0.0337)</del> <u>0.0599</u>

#### 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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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### **CONSERVATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE**

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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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### **GAS AFFORDABILITY PROGRAM**

#### **Availability:**

Available to residential customers who have been qualified and receive assistance from the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program ("LIHEAP") during the federal fiscal year ("Program Year"). Further, such customers must agree to be placed on a levelized payment plan and must also agree to a payment schedule as described below to be considered a "Qualified Customer".

#### **Description and Rate Impact for Qualifying Customers:**

The Gas Affordability Program (GAP) shall meet the conditions of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 216B.16, Subd.15 on low income programs. The GAP has two components: 1) Affordability, and 2) Arrearage Forgiveness. Great Plains, or an agent of Great Plains, will review current billing and consumption information, approved LIHEAP benefits and household income information as submitted to Great Plains to determine a Qualified Customer's payment schedule amount. A Qualified Customer's payment schedule shall include both payment of the customer's current month's bill (which reflects one-twelfth the levelized payment plan), after inclusion of the affordability bill credit, and payment of a portion of the Qualified Customer's pre-program arrears.

#### **Affordability Component:**

The Affordability component consists of a bill credit determined as one-twelfth of the difference between Great Plains' estimate of the Qualified Customer's annual gas bill and 4% of the Qualified Customer's household income as provided by the Qualified Customer to Great Plains. This bill credit is a GAP cost that will be included in the Tracker. Any energy assistance sums not applied to arrears will be applied to a Qualified Customer's current bill.

The Affordability Component shall be calculated as follows:

1. Calculate four percent of the participant's income and add any available LIHEAP funds not applied to arrears to determine the affordability payment.
2. Sum the participant's annual usage and determine participant's average annual bill.
3. Subtract the participant's affordability payment from the average monthly bill to determine the affordability credit amount.

#### **Arrearage Forgiveness Component:**

The Arrearage Forgiveness component consists of a monthly credit that will be applied each month after receipt of the Qualified Customer's payment. The credit will be designed to retire pre-program arrears over a period of up to 24 months,

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with the Company matching the Qualifying Customer's contribution to retiring pre-program arrears. The credit is determined by taking the pre-program arrears divided by the number of months to retire the arrears divided by two and then subtracting any energy assistance sums received by the Company on behalf of the customer divided by the number of months remaining to retire the arrears divided by two. This arrearage forgiveness credit is a GAP cost that will be included in the Tracker.

#### **Conditions of Service:**

Enrollment participation is limited to a first come first served basis until the estimated GAP dollar cap is reached.

Before the start of an enrollment period, Great Plains will mail information on the GAP and an application to participate in the GAP to targeted current LIHEAP customers in arrears. The application for participation must be completed in full and returned to Great Plains before the close of the enrollment period.

Regardless of arrears balances, Great Plains agrees to maintain service and suspend collection activities to Qualified Customers if they maintain their payment schedule.

Qualified Customers must maintain an active Great Plains account in said customer's name at their permanent primary residence only to be eligible for the GAP.

Qualified Customers agree to notify Great Plains of any changes in address, income level, or household size. Such changes may result in removal from the GAP. Additionally, Qualified Customers who do not continue to qualify under the provisions of Section 1 above can be removed from the GAP.

If a Qualified Customer fails to pay two consecutive monthly payments in full under the GAP, they will be terminated from the GAP and will be subject to Great Plains' regular collection practices including the possibility of disconnection.

#### **Funding:**

Total GAP costs, which include start-up costs, Affordability component, Arrearage Forgiveness component and incremental administration costs incurred by Great Plains shall not exceed \$50,000 per year. Great Plains shall limit

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administrative costs included in the tracker (except start-up related costs) included in the tracker to 5% of total GAP costs. Administrative costs will include, but are not limited to, the costs to inform customers of the GAP and costs to process and implement enrollments.

Great Plains shall recover the GAP costs in a separate Delivery Charge applicable to all customers receiving firm service under Residential Gas Service and Firm General Service Rate Schedules at a rate of \$0.01393 per dk.

A tracking mechanism ("Tracker") will be established to provide for recovery of all actual GAP costs as compared to the recovery of GAP costs through rates. Great Plains will track and defer GAP costs with regulatory approval. Carrying charges at a rate equal to the authorized rate of return of ~~7.0327.46~~% established in Docket No. G004/GR-~~15-87919-511~~ shall be applied to the balance and recovered. The prudence of the GAP costs are subject to a regulatory review. Great Plains may petition the Commission to adjust this rate in order to true up the GAP balance in the Tracker in its next general rate case.

#### **Evaluation:**

The GAP shall be evaluated for the years 2016 through 2018 with an evaluation filed with the Commission by May 31, 2019.

Annual reports to be submitted by March 31 of each year will include the effect of the GAP on customer payment frequency, payment amount, arrearage level and number of customers in arrears, service disconnections, retention rates, customer complaints and utility customer collection activity. The annual reports may also include information about customer satisfaction with the GAP.

The financial evaluation will include a discounted cash flow of the GAP cost-effectiveness analysis from a ratepayer perspective comparing the 1) total GAP costs, which includes the Affordability component, Arrearage Forgiveness component and total company incurred administration costs, to 2) the total net savings including cost reductions on utility functions such as the impact of the GAP on write-offs, service disconnections and reconnections and collections

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activities. The discounted cash flow difference between total GAP costs and total net savings will result in either a net benefit or a net cost to ratepayers for the GAP. Any net benefit after the initial four year term of the GAP will be added to the Tracker for refund to residential ratepayers.

#### **GAP Revocation:**

GAP, upon approval by the Commission, is effective unless the Commission, after notice and hearing, rescinds or amends its order approving GAP.

#### **Applicability:**

Unless otherwise specified in this tariff, Qualified Customers in the GAP shall receive service in accordance with all terms and conditions of the standard gas service tariffs applicable to residential customers.

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### REVENUE DECOUPLING MECHANISM

#### Applicability:

This rate schedule represents a Revenue Decoupling Mechanism (RDM) that serves to reduce the Company's financial disincentive to the promotion of energy efficiency and conservation by separating the link between the Company's revenues from changes in the volume of gas sales. This mechanism complies with the legislative intent and language of Minnesota Statute, Section 216B.2412 Decoupling of Energy Sales from Revenue.

The RDM is applicable to all rate classes with the exception of customers served under a flexible distribution rate agreement.

#### Revenue Decoupling Mechanism:

The Revenue Decoupling Mechanism includes two components: a RDM Adjustment and a Margin Sharing Credit.

1. **RDM Adjustment:** the RDM Adjustment calculations will be performed annually for each rate class with the exception of the Large Interruptible Rate Schedules 82 and 85. Customers taking service under Rate 82 and 85 are not subject to this component of the RDM rate.

- a. The RDM will compare the level of non-gas revenues authorized in the last general rate case (excluding those revenues associated with the CCRC), adjusted for customer growth, to the level of non-gas revenues collected by rate class to determine either a revenue shortfall or surplus ~~foref~~ each calendar year. An adjustment per Dk per rate class will be calculated if either a revenue shortfall or surplus exists.
- b. An RDM adjustment per Dk will be calculated annually for each class of customers to which the RDM applies. The adjustment shall be calculated in the following manner per rate class:
- c. Authorized Margin per Customer: the non-gas revenues divided by the number of customers per rate class as authorized in the Company's last general rate case.
- d. Designed Revenues: authorized margin per customer multiplied by ~~the greater of the (1)~~ authorized customers ~~unless or (2)~~ actual customers per rate class ~~of each for the~~ calendar year under review are greater than the

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authorized level of customers. If actual customers exceed authorized customers, actual customers shall be used.

- e. RDM Adjustment per Dk = (Designed Revenues less actual non-gas revenues) divided by forecasted volumes for each rate class of customers. The RDM is symmetrical in form and can result in either a bill surcharge or credit for each rate class of customers. Bill surcharges applicable to the RDM shall be capped at ten percent of non-gas margin revenues (excluding revenues for the ~~Conservation Cost Recovery charge~~ CCRC) by rate class.

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#### **Pilot Program:**

~~The RDM established under this tariff is new to the Company's rate design and was not included in any prior rate structure of the Company. The RDM will be effective for a pilot period of 36 months from the date the program is authorized to become effective. The Company may request approval from the Commission to extend the RDM beyond the pilot period.~~

**2. Margin Sharing Credit:** at the time of each RDM adjustment, the Company will compute a Margin Sharing Credit (MSC) based on the margin revenues collected from the identified customer authorized in Docket No. G004/GR-19-511, including any prior period over or under collected balances. The MSC will be allocated to the various rate classes based on the Margin Sharing Allocation authorized in Docket No. G004/GR-19-511.

The per unit credit shall be determined by dividing each rate class' MSC allocation by the forecasted volumes for each rate class of customers, excluding flexible rate contract customers. The MSC rate per Dk will be a component of the RDM rate billed customers.

#### **Annual RDM Adjustment:**

- a. ~~No later than March 1<sup>st</sup> of the calendar year following the Commission's approval of the RDM tariff, and each March 1<sup>st</sup> thereafter, the Company shall file with the Commission a report that specifies the RDM adjustments to be effective for each rate class. The initial report shall reflect a 12-month period beginning January 1, 2017, the first day of the month following the final order of the Commission in Docket G004/GR-15-879.~~
- b. The applicable rate adjustment under the RDM shall be effective with service rendered on or after April 1 of the year in which the evaluation report was filed. Any over or under collection will be added to or subtracted from the Annual RDM Adjustment for the next RDM filing.
- c. In the event any portions of the proposed rate adjustments are modified by the Commission, the proposed rate adjustments shall be adjusted in accordance with the Commission's order.
- d. The Company shall record its best estimate of the amounts to be recognized under the RDM so as to reflect in its books and records a fair representation of the impact of this rider in actual earnings. Such estimate shall be adjusted,

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if necessary, upon filing the RDM calculations with the Commission, and again upon final Commission approval.

<u>Revenue Decoupling Mechanism:</u>	<u>Rate per Dk</u>
Residential	
North District Rate N60	(\$0.3816)
South District Rate S60	(\$0.3050)
Firm General	
North District Rate N70	(\$0.2312)
South District Rate S70	(\$0.0742)

### Revenue Decoupling Mechanism (RDM Rate per Dk):

	<u>Revenue Decoupling Adjustment 1/</u>	<u>Margin Sharing Credit</u>	<u>RDM Rate/Dk 2/</u>
Residential Rate 60		(\$0.2860)	
Firm General Rate 70		(\$0.2059)	
<u>Small Interruptible Sales &amp; Transportation Rates 71 and 81</u>		(\$0.1539)	
<u>Large Interruptible Sales &amp; Transportation Rates 82 and 85</u>		(\$0.0592)	
<u>Interruptible Grain Drying Rate 73</u>		(\$0.1245)	
<u>1/ To be updated with Rate effective at the time final rates are implemented.</u>			
<u>2/ To be updated with the total RDM rate at the time final rates are implemented.</u>			

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<del>Small Interruptible Sales &amp; Transportation</del>	
<del>North District Rates N71 and N81</del>	<del>(\$0.1360)</del>
<del>South District Rates S71 and S81</del>	<del>(\$0.0896)</del>
<del>Large Interruptible Sales &amp; Transportation</del>	
<del>North District Rates N82 and N85</del>	<del>(\$0.4005)</del>
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### GAS UTILITY INFRASTRUCTURE COST ADJUSTMENT

#### Applicability:

This rate schedule constitutes provision to recover the costs of investment and associated expenses for the replacement of natural gas distribution facilities required to comply with state and federal pipeline safety programs. It specifies the procedure to be utilized to adjust the rates for natural gas sold or transported under Great Plains' rate schedules in order to reflect: (a) the projected revenue requirement for the period the adjustment will be in effect and (b) a true-up of the prior year adjustment.

#### Effective Date

The effective dates of the Gas Utility Infrastructure Cost Adjustment (GUIC) shall be service rendered on and after October 1 each year with a filing date of April 15, which is at least 150 days before the proposed effective date.

#### Adjustment:

1. The Projected Revenue Requirement shall include:
  - a. The return on investment on the rate base reflecting the eligible projects shall be based on the twelve month average of the projected investment and the authorized rate of return authorized in the most recent general rate case, unless otherwise determined by the Commission.
  - b. The operation and maintenance, depreciation expense and ad valorem tax expense associated with the eligible projects.
  - c. The revenue requirement shall be apportioned to each rate class based on the authorized non-gas costs (margin) apportionment.
  - d. The revenue requirement for each rate class shall be divided by projected annual dk sales and transportation volumes, excluding flexible rate contracts, to derive a cost per dk for each rate class.
2. The true-up
  - a. For each annual period ending December 31 a true-up will be calculated for each rate class and will be applied effective with the change in the GUIC. This adjustment shall include:
    1. The balance in the (over) under recovered account as of December 31.
    2. The difference between the revenue requirement based on actual project costs and recovered costs for each customer class for the

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twelve months ending December 31. The amount may be an under recovery or (over) recovery.

- b. The resulting balance is divided by the projected annual dk sales and transportation volumes.
3. When the Company files its next general rate case, all project costs shall be removed from the GUIC tracker and included in base rates. Only the true-up component (remaining GUIC tracker balance) shall remain in the GUIC Rider to be either collected or refunded to customers over a subsequent period.
4. The current GUIC adjustment for each rate class is (excluding flexible rate contracts):

	Adjustment Per Dk
<u>Sales</u>	
Residential	<del>\$0.24940.0000</del>
Firm General	<del>0.17920.0000</del>
Small Interruptible	<del>0.15190.0000</del>
Large Interruptible	<del>0.11030.0000</del>
<u>Grain Drying</u>	<del>0.0000</del>
<u>Transportation</u>	
Small Interruptible	<del>0.07940.0000</del>
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### GENERAL Terms and Conditions

#### I. **PURPOSE:**

These rules are intended to define good practice, which can normally be expected, but are not intended to exclude other accepted standards and practices not covered herein. They are intended to ensure adequate service to the public and protect the Company from unreasonable demands.

The Company undertakes to furnish service subject to the rules and regulations of the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission and as supplemented by these general provisions, as now in effect or as may hereafter be lawfully established, and in accepting service from the Company, each customer agrees to comply with and be bound by said rules and regulations and the applicable rate schedules.

#### II. **DEFINITIONS:**

The following terms used in this tariff shall have the following meanings, unless otherwise indicated:

**AGENT** – The party authorized by the transportation service customer to act on that customer's behalf.

**APPLICANT** – A customer requesting Company to provide service.

**BTU** - British Thermal Unit(s) - A quantity of heat required to raise the temperature of one pound of water one degree Fahrenheit.

**CCF** - Hundred cubic feet - The basic measurement of the amount of gas used.

**COMMISSION** – Public Utilities Commission of the State of Minnesota.

**COMPANY** – Great Plains Natural Gas Co.

**COMPANY'S OPERATING CONVENIENCE** – The utilization, under certain circumstances, of facilities or practices not ordinarily employed which contribute to the overall efficiency of Company's operations. This does not refer to the customer's convenience or to the use of facilities or adoption of practices required to comply with applicable laws, ordinances, rules or regulations, or similar requirements of public authorities.

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### GENERAL Terms and Conditions

**CURTAILMENT** – A reduction of transportation or retail natural gas service deemed necessary by the Company. Also includes any reduction of transportation natural gas service deemed necessary by the pipeline.

**CUSTOMER** – Any individual, partnership, corporation, firm, other organization or government agency supplied with service by Company at one location and at one point of delivery unless otherwise expressly stated in these rules or in a rate schedule.

**DECATHERM (DK)**- 10 therms.

**DELIVERY POINT** – The point at which customer assumes custody of the gas being transported. This point will normally be at the outlet of Company's meter(s) located on customer's premises.

**EXCESS FLOW VALVE** – Safety device designed to automatically stop or restrict the flow of gas if an underground pipe is broken or severed.

**FLEXIBLE RATE CUSTOMER** - An interruptible service customer qualifying for a flexible rate provision as prescribed in the interruptible service rate schedules.

**GAS DAY** – Means a period of twenty-four consecutive hours, beginning and ending at 9:00 a.m. Central Clock Time.

**INTERRUPTION** – A cessation of transportation or retail natural gas service deemed necessary by Company.

**INTERRUPTIBLE CUSTOMER** - A customer qualifying for service as prescribed in the interruptible service rate schedules.

**NOMINATION** – The daily dk quantity of natural gas requested by customer for transportation and delivery to customer at the delivery point during a gas day.

**NON-RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER** - Service provided to a business enterprise in space occupied and operated for non-residential purposes. Typical service includes stores, offices, shops, restaurants, boarding houses, hotels, service garages, wholesale houses, filling stations, barber shops, beauty ~~parlors~~ salons, common areas of shopping malls, schools, etc.

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**PIPELINE** – The transmission company(s) delivering natural gas into company's system.

**RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER** - A customer using natural gas for residential use (space heating, cooling, water heating, clothes drying, etc.) through an individual meter in a single family dwelling or building, or for residential use in an individual apartment, mobile home, or for residential use in not over four households served by a single meter in a multiple family dwelling. Residential premises used regularly for professional or business purposes (doctor's office, small store, etc.) are considered residential where the residential natural gas usage is half or more of the total gas usage.

**RATE** – Shall mean and include every compensation, charge, fare, toll, rental and classification, or any of them, demanded, observed, charged or collected by the Company for any service, product, or commodity, offered by the Company to the public, and any rules, regulations, practices or contracts affecting any such compensation, charge, fare, toll, rental or classification.

**RECEIPT POINT** – The intertie between Company and the interconnecting pipeline(s) at which point Company assumes custody of the gas being transported.

**SHIPPER** – The party with whom the Pipeline has entered into a service agreement for transportation services

**THERM** - A unit of heat equal to 100,000 Btu's.

**TRANSPORTATION CUSTOMER** - A customer who qualifies for transportation service as prescribed in the transportation service rate schedules and that has entered into a gas transportation agreement with the Company to have gas other than Company system supply delivered to the Company's border station on the customer's behalf.

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#### III. CUSTOMER OBLIGATION:

**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.

**INPUT RATING** – All new customers whose consumption of gas for any purpose will exceed an input of 2,500,000 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.

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**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 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.

**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.

**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.

**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 or permits.

**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.

**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.

**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.

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

#### IV. LIABILITY

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, except when such loss, injury or damage results from the negligence of the Company.

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 the 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.

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, or devices on the customer's premises, except loss, injuries, death, or damages resulting from the negligence of the Company.

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

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injury, death, loss or damage resulting from Company's negligent or wrongful acts under and during the term of service.

**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 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.

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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 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. RULES FOR APPLICATION OF GAS SERVICE:
  - (a) Residential gas service is available to any residential customer for domestic purposes only.
  - (b) Non-residential service is defined as service provided to a business enterprise in space occupied and operated for non-residential purposes.
  - (c) If separate metering is not practical for a single unit (one premise) that is using gas for both domestic purposes and for conducting business (or for Non-residential purposes as defined herein), the customer will be billed under the predominate use policy. Under this policy, the customer’s combined service is billed under the rate (Residential or Non-residential) applicable to the type of service which constitutes 50% or more of the customer’s total connected load.

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- (d) Other classes of service furnished by the Company shall be defined in applicable rate schedules or in rules and regulations pertaining thereto. Service to customers for whom no specific rate schedule is applicable shall be billed on the Non-residential rates.
4. FIRM GAS SERVICE MAIN AND SERVICE LINE EXTENSIONS:  
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 100 Feet or Less – The Company will extend a gas main up to, but not to exceed, 100 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 100 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) =

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Annual Basic Service Charge +  
(3rd Year Estimated Dk x Distribution Delivery Charge +  
GUIC+MSC)/LARR

Where: LARR = ~~14.76~~ 14.276%

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.

- 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

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- 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.
- 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.

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- 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.
- 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, 75 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 75 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 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.

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- 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.

#### 5. INTERRUPTIBLE GAS MAIN AND SERVICE LINE EXTENSIONS:

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

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- (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 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.

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- (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.
- 6. 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.

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7. 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.
8. 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.
9. CONSUMER DEPOSITS – A deposit or guarantee shall not be required from any customer or applicant for service who has established good credit. A deposit of up to an estimated two average months' bills or guarantee may be required if the customer or applicant:
  - (a) Has a poor credit history with the Company or any other utility having recently served the applicant.
  - (b) Has been disconnected or liable for disconnection for nonpayment of a service bill or any permissible reason which is not in dispute.

All deposits shall be in addition to payment of an outstanding bill.

Interest shall be paid on deposits in excess of \$20.00 at the rate of six percent per year compounded annually. Interest shall be payable from the date of deposit to the date of refund.

The deposit shall be refunded to the customer after twelve consecutive months of continuous prompt payment, upon discontinuation of service, or to satisfy a delinquent service bill. The deposit along with accrued interest shall be credited on the service bill. Direct payment of any balance due the customer shall be made within forty-five (45) days after termination of service.

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The Company's procedures on deposit and guarantee requirements shall be in compliance with Minnesota Rules 7820.4200 – 7820.4700, Deposit and Guarantee Requirement.

10. DELIVERY PRESSURE - Delivery of natural gas by Company shall be at such varying pressures as may exist under operating conditions in the pipeline of Company at the point of delivery, and, unless otherwise mutually agreed to, shall not be less than 7" W.C. per square inch gauge pressure. The Customer shall install, operate and maintain, at its own expense, such pressure regulating devices as may be necessary to regulate the pressure of gas after delivery to the Customer.
11. 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 electronic data acquisition equipment to Company before transportation service is implemented.
12. MEASUREMENT UNIT FOR BILLING PURPOSES – The measurement unit for billing purposes shall be one (1) decatherm (dk), unless otherwise specified. Billing will be calculated to the nearest one-tenth (1/10) dk. One dk equals 10 therms or 1,000,000 Btu's. Dk's shall be calculated by the application of a thermal factor to the volumes metered. This thermal factor consists of:

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- (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 Heating Value adjustment factor used to reflect the heating value of the gas delivered.
13. 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 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. For hand billed accounts, application of supercompressibility factors will be waived on monthly-billed volumes of 250 dk or less.
14. METER READING PROCEDURES - Meters shall be read once a month as nearly as practicable to thirty (30) day intervals. In remote areas, customers may supply meter readings on forms provided by the Company. A Company representative must, however, read the customer's meter at least once every twelve months, at the customer's request, or when there is a change in customer. Meter reading procedures shall be done in accordance with Minnesota Rules 7820.3300.

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When access to a meter cannot be gained, the customer fails to supply a meter reading form in time for the billing operation, or in case of emergency, an estimated bill may be rendered. Estimated bills shall be based on the customer's normal consumption for a previous corresponding period. Estimated Billing procedures shall be done in accordance with Minnesota Rules 7820.3400.

#### 15. BILLING ADJUSTMENTS -

- (a) In the event a customer service bill is in error due to an incorrect meter reading, incorrect rate calculation, or other similar reason, the error shall be corrected in accordance with Minnesota Rule 7820.4000. If the error date can be fixed with reasonable certainty, the remedy shall be calculated on the basis of payments for service rendered after that date, but in no event for a period longer than one year before the discovery of an undercharge and three years before the discovery of an overcharge.
  - i. If an overcharge has occurred, the Company shall calculate the difference, plus interest, for the period beginning three years before the date of discovery. Interest will be calculated as prescribed by Minnesota Statutes § 325E.02(b). If the recalculated bills indicate that more than one dollar (\$1.00) is due an existing customer or two dollars (\$2.00) is due a person no longer a customer of the Company, the full amount shall be refunded to the Customer. The refund to an existing Customer may be in cash or as a credit on the bill. If a refund is due a person no longer a Customer of the Company, the Company shall mail to the customer's last known address either a refund, or a notice that the customer has three months in which to request a refund from the Company.
  - ii. If an undercharge has occurred, the Company shall calculate the difference for the period beginning one year before the date of discovery. If the recalculated bills indicate that the amount due the Company exceeds ten dollars (\$10.00), the Company may bill the customer for the amount due. The Company will not bill for any undercharge incurred after the date of a customer inquiry or complaint if the Company failed to begin investigating the matter within a reasonable time and the inquiry or complaint ultimately resulted in the discovery of the undercharge.

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The Company shall offer a payment agreement to customers who have been undercharged if no culpable conduct by the customer or resident of the customer's household caused the undercharge. The agreement shall cover a period equal to the time over which the undercharge occurred or a different time period that is mutually agreeable to the customer and the Company, except that the duration of a payment agreement offered by the Company to a customer whose household income is at or below 50 percent of the state median household income must consider the financial circumstances of the customer's household. No interest or delinquency fee shall be charged as part of an undercharge agreement.

- (b) Fast Meters - Whenever any meter is found upon test to have an average error of more than two percent (2%) fast, the Company shall refund to the Customer the overcharge. If the error is due to a cause the date of which can be determined with reasonable certainty, then the refund will be computed from that date, but in no event for a period longer than one (1) year. If the period of the inaccuracy cannot be determined, then it shall be assumed that the full amount of the inaccuracy existed during the last half of the period since the meter was last tested but not to exceed six months.

If the recalculated bills indicate that more than one dollar (\$1.00) is due an existing customer or two dollars (\$2.00) is due a person no longer a customer of the Company, the full amount of the calculated difference, plus interest, between the amount paid and the recalculated amount shall be refunded to the Customer. The refund to an existing Customer may be in cash or as a credit on the bill. If a refund is due a person no longer a Customer of the Company, the Company shall mail to the customer's last known address either a refund, or a notice that the customer has three months in which to request a refund from the Company.

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- (c) Slow Meters - Whenever any meter is found upon test to have an average error of more than two percent (2%) slow, the Company may charge for the gas consumed during the period of inaccuracy but not included in bills previously rendered. If the error is due to a cause the date of which can be determined with reasonable certainty, then the Company may bill the Customer for the amount that the test indicates has been undercharged for the period of the inaccuracy, but not for a period longer than one (1) year. If the period of inaccuracy cannot be determined, then the charge shall be based on a corrected meter reading for a period equal to one-half of the time elapsed since the previous test, but not to exceed six months. For the purpose of this billing adjustment, the meter error shall be one-half of the algebraic sum of the error at full-rated flow plus the error at check flow. No back-billing from the time of notification by the Customer will be sanctioned if the Customer has called to the Company's attention his/her doubts as to the meter's accuracy and the Company has failed, within a reasonable time, to check it.

If the recalculated bills indicate that the amount due the Company exceeds ten dollars (\$10.00), the Company may bill the Customer for the amount due. The first billing rendered shall be separated from the regular bill and the charges explained in detail.

Billing adjustments due to inaccurate meters shall be done in accordance with Minnesota Rules 7820.3900.

16. **BILLING AND TERMS OF PAYMENT** - A service bill shall be submitted by the Company to the customer once a month as nearly possible to thirty (30) day intervals. Scheduled billing intervals shall not be less than twenty-five (25) days.

Service bills will be due twenty two (22) days from the current billing date. If payment is not recorded to the customer's account prior to the next scheduled billing date, amounts in excess of \$10.00 are subject to a late payment charge as itemized on the effective rate schedule.

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Payments shall be credited to the oldest outstanding account balance before application of the above late payment charge. The late payment charge shall be calculated on the lesser of the outstanding account balance or the outstanding scheduled payments of those customers delinquent on either a budget billing or payment schedule plan.

The Company shall offer a payment agreement for the payment of arrears. Payment agreements shall consider a customer's financial circumstances and any extenuating circumstances of the household. No additional service deposit shall be charged to continue service to a customer who has entered and is reasonably on time under an accepted payment agreement.

17. PRIORITY OF SERVICE AND ALLOCATION OF CAPACITY – Priority of Service from Highest to Lowest:
- (a) Priority 1 – Firm sales services.
  - (b) Priority 2 – Small interruptible sales and small interruptible transportation services at the maximum rate on a pro rata basis.
  - (c) Priority 3 – Large interruptible sales and large interruptible transportation services at the maximum rate on a pro rata basis.
  - (d) Priority 4 – Large interruptible transportation services at less than the maximum rate from the highest rate to the lowest rate and on a pro rata basis where equal rates are applicable among customers.
  - (e) Priority 5 – Interruptible grain drying sales services.

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.

18. 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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19. TAX CLAUSE – To the total monthly bill computed as provided under the Customer General Terms and Conditions, Company shall have the right to add all or any part of the amount by which the cost to Company of the natural gas delivered to the Customer is increased in any month by any new or additional excise tax levied. The term “excise tax” wherever used in these schedules shall mean any occupation, production, severance, transportation, pipeline, footage, sales, or other excise tax or tax of similar nature now or hereafter imposed by any lawful authority upon or in respect to the production, severance, transportation, or sale of natural gas sold by Company to the Customer whether under direct imposition or pursuant to the terms of any present or future contract.
20. 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.
21. DISCONNECTION OF SERVICE – With notice the Company may disconnect service for any of the following reasons:
- (1) For non-payment of a service bill, but only when the amount of the customer's outstanding bill equals or exceeds the amount of the customer's deposit.
  - (2) For failure to make proper application for service.
  - (3) For violations of any of the Company’s rules on file with the Public Utilities Commission.
  - (4) For failure to meet a deposit or credit requirement.
  - (5) For failure to provide the Company reasonable access to its equipment and property.
  - (6) For breach of contract for service between the Company and the customer.
  - (7) For failure to furnish such service, equipment and/or rights of way necessary to serve the customer as have been specified by the Company as a condition of obtaining service.
  - (8) When determined by the Commission as prescribed by relevant state or other applicable standards or after individual hearing upon

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application of any person that customer is willfully wasting service through improper equipment.

- (9) When necessary for the Company to comply with any order or request of any governmental authority having jurisdiction.

The Company shall reconnect or continue service to a customer's residence where a medical emergency exists provided that the Company receives from a medical doctor written certification, or initial certification by telephone and written certification within five business days, that failure to reconnect or continue service will impair or threaten the health or safety of a resident of the customer's household. The customer must enter into a payment agreement.

Without notice the Company may disconnect service for any of the following reasons:

- (1) In the event of an unauthorized use of or tampering with the utility equipment.
- (2) In the event of a condition determined to be hazardous to the customer, to other customers of the utility, to the utility's equipment, or to the public.

Disconnection shall be in accordance with procedures contained in Minnesota Rules 7820.1000 – 7820.3000 on Disconnection of Service.

### 22. RECONNECTION OF SERVICE –

- (a) In the event service has been disconnected because the Customer could not pay the bill or meet deposit or credit requirements, the Customer shall pay a reconnection fee of forty five (\$45.00) dollars in addition to making a settlement satisfactory to the Company of the outstanding bill, before service is restored. The Customer will not be required to pay a reconnection fee when the disconnection was because of a condition determined to be hazardous to the Customer, other Customers of the Company, to the Company's equipment, or to the public.

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Reconnection of service shall be done in accordance with Minnesota Rules 7820.2600.

- (b) 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 as follows:

Residential – The Basic Service Charge applicable during the period while service was not being used or a minimum of \$45.00. The minimum will be based on standard overtime rates for reconnection of service after normal business hours.

Non- Residential – The Basic Service Charge applicable during the period while service was not being used. However, the reconnection charge applicable to seasonal business concerns such as irrigation, grain drying and asphalt processing shall be the Basic Service Charge applicable during the period while service was not being used less the Distribution ~~Delivery~~ Charge revenue collected during the period in-service. A minimum of \$45.00 will apply to reconnections occurring during normal business hours. The minimum will be based on standard overtime rates for reconnection of service occurring after normal business hours.

- (c) Transportation customers who cease service and then resume service within the succeeding 12 months shall be subject to a reconnection charge of \$160.00 whenever reinstallation of the required electronic measurement equipment is necessary.

23. 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.

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- (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.
- (c) Reconnection of Service:  
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.  
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 paragraph 23(b) above.
  - (4) Reconnection fee applicable.

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(5) A cash deposit, the amount of which will not exceed the maximum amount determined in accordance with Commission Rules.

24. CUSTOMER COMPLAINTS – The Company shall establish procedures whereby qualified personnel shall be available during regular business hours to receive and, if possible, resolve all customer inquiries, requests, and complaints.

If any complaint cannot be promptly resolved, the Company shall contact the customer within five (5) business days and at least once every fourteen (14) calendar days thereafter, and advise the customer regarding the status of its investigation until: the complaint is mutually resolved; or the Company advises the customer of the results of its investigation and final disposition of the matter; or the customer files a written complaint with the Public Utilities Commission or the courts.

When the Public Utilities Commission forwards a customer complaint to the Company, the Company shall notify the Commission within ten (10) business days regarding the status or disposition of the complaint.

Customer complaints shall be handled in compliance to procedures contained in Minnesota Rule 7820.0300.

25. CUSTOMER DISPUTES – Whenever the customer advises the Company's designated representative prior to the disconnection of service that any part of the billing as rendered or any part of the service is in dispute, the Company shall investigate the dispute promptly, advise the customer of investigation and its result, attempt to resolve dispute, and withhold disconnection of service until the investigation is completed and the customer is informed of the findings in writing.

Upon the findings of the Company, the customer must submit payment in full of any bill which is due. If the dispute is not resolved to the satisfaction of the customer, he or she must submit the entire payment and may designate the disputed portion to be placed in escrow to the Company. Such payment shall be called an escrow payment.

Customer disputes shall be handled in compliance to procedures contained in Minnesota Rule 7820.2700.

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26. **BALANCED BILLING PROGRAM** – All residential and commercial customers receiving natural gas under the Residential or Firm Gas Service rate schedules are eligible to enter into a Balanced Billing Plan. This option allows customers to be billed monthly based on a twelve-month rolling average of gas consumed multiplied by the currently effective rate for the month. Monthly bills will change minimally as fluctuations in consumption levels and natural gas prices occur throughout the year.

27. **COLD WEATHER RULE** – Applicable to residential customers

(a) **DEFINITIONS:**

- (1) Cold weather period – the period beginning October 15 and continuing through April 15 of the following year.
- (2) Customer – a residential customer of a utility.
- (3) Disconnection – the involuntary loss of utility heating service as a result of a physical act by the Company to discontinue service. Disconnection includes installation of a service or load limiter or any device that limits or interrupts utility service in any way.
- (4) Household income – the combined income, as defined in Minn. Stat. 290A.03, subd. 3, of all residents of the customer's household, computed on an annual basis. Household income does not include any amount received for energy assistance.
- (5) Reasonably timely payment – payment posted within five working days of agreed-upon due dates.
- (6) Reconnection – the restoration of utility heating service after it has been disconnected.
- (7) Summary of rights and responsibilities – a notice approved by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) that contains, at a minimum, the following:
  - i. An explanation of the provisions of Minn. Stat. §216B.096, subd. 5 (cold weather rule);
  - ii. An explanation of no-cost and low-cost methods to reduce the consumption of energy;
  - iii. A third party notice;
  - iv. Ways to avoid disconnection;
  - v. Information regarding payment agreements;
  - vi. An explanation of the customer's right to appeal a determination of income by the Company and the right to

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- appeal if the Company and the customer cannot arrive at a mutually acceptable payment agreement; and
- vii. A list of names and telephone numbers for county and local energy assistance and weatherization providers in each county served by the Company.
- (8) Third-party notice – a Commission-approved notice containing, at a minimum the following information:
- A statement that the Company will send a copy of any future notice of proposed disconnection of utility heating service to a third party designated by the residential customer;
  - Instructions on how to request this service; and
  - A statement that the residential customer should contact the person the customer intends to designate as the third-party contact before providing the Company with the party's name.
- (9) Utility – Great Plains Natural Gas Co. (Company)
- (10) Utility heating service – natural gas or electricity used as a primary heating source, including electricity service necessary to operate gas heating equipment, for the customer's primary residence.
- (11) Working days – Mondays through Fridays, excluding legal holidays. The day of receipt of a personally served notice and the day of mailing of a notice shall not be counted in calculating working days.
- (b) COMPANY OBLIGATIONS BEFORE COLD WEATHER PERIOD:  
Each year between September 1 and October 15, the Company must provide all customers, personally or by first class mail, a summary of rights and responsibilities. The summary must also be provided to all new residential customers when service is initiated.
- (c) NOTICE BEFORE DISCONNECTION DURING COLD WEATHER PERIOD:  
Before disconnecting utility heating service during the cold weather period, the Company must provide, personally or by first class mail, a Commission – approved notice to a customer, in easy-to-understand language, that contains, at a minimum, the date of the scheduled disconnection, the amount due, and a summary of rights and responsibilities.
- (d) COLD WEATHER RULE: During the cold weather period, the Company may not disconnect and must reconnect utility heating service of a customer whose household income is at

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or below 50 percent of the state median income if the customer enters into and makes reasonably timely payments under a mutually acceptable payment agreement with the Company that is based on the financial resources and circumstances of the household, provided that, the Company may not require a customer to pay more than 10 percent of the household income toward current and past utility bills for utility heating service.

The Company may accept more than ten percent of the household income as the payment arrangement amount if agreed to by the customer.

The customer or a designated third party may request a modification of the terms of a payment agreement previously entered into if the customer's financial circumstances have changed or the customer is unable to make reasonably timely payments.

The payment agreement terminates at the expiration of the cold weather period unless a longer period is mutually agreed to by the customer and the Company.

The Company shall use reasonable efforts to restore service within 24 hours of an accepted payment agreement, taking into consideration customer availability, employee availability, and construction-related activity.

#### (e) VERIFICATION OF INCOME:

In verifying a customer's household income, the Company may:

- (1) Accept the signed statement of a customer that the customer is income eligible;
- (2) Obtain income verification from a local energy assistance provider or a government agency;
- (3) Consider one or more of the following:
  - i. The most recent income tax return filed by members of the customer's household;
  - ii. For each employed member of the customer's household, paycheck stubs for the last two months or a written statement from

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the employer reporting wages earned during the preceding two months.

iii. Documentation that the customer receives a pension from the Department of Human Services, the Social Security Administration, the Veteran's Administration, or other pension provider;

iv. A letter showing the customer's dismissal from a job or other documentation of unemployment; or

v. Other documentation that supports the customer's declaration of income eligibility.

(4) A customer who receives energy assistance benefits under any federal, state, or county government programs in which eligibility is defined as household income at or below 50 percent of state median income is deemed to be automatically eligible for protection under the Cold Weather Rule and no other verification of income may be required.

(f) PROHIBITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS:

(1) This section applies during the cold weather period.

(2) The Company may not charge a deposit or delinquency charge to a customer who has entered into a payment agreement or a customer who has appealed to the Commission under ¶ 27(g) and Minn. Stat. 216B.096 subd. 8.

(3) The Company may not disconnect service during the following periods:

i. During the pendency of any appeal under ¶ 27(g) and Minn. Stat. 216B.096, subd. 8;

ii. Earlier than ten working days after the Company has deposited in first class mail, or seven working days after the Company has personally served, the notice required under ¶ 27(c) and Minn. Stat. 216B.096, subd. 4 to a customer in an occupied dwelling.

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- iii. Earlier than ten working days after the Company has deposited in first class mail the notice required under ¶ 27(c) and Minn. Stat. 216B.096, subd. 4 to the recorded billing address of the customer, if the Company has reasonably determined from an on-site inspection that the dwelling is unoccupied;
  - iv. On a Friday, unless the Company makes personal contact with, and offers a payment agreement consistent with this section to the customer;
  - v. On a Saturday, Sunday, holiday, or the day before a holiday;
  - vi. When the Company offices are closed;
  - vii. When no Company personnel are available to resolve disputes, enter into payment agreements, accept payments, and reconnect service; or
  - viii. When the Commission offices are closed.
- (4) The Company may not discontinue service until the Company investigates whether the dwelling is actually occupied. At a minimum, the investigation must include one visit by the Company to the dwelling during normal working hours. If no contact is made and there is reason to believe that the dwelling is occupied, the Company must attempt a second contact during non-business hours. If the personal contact is made, the Company representative must provide notice required under ¶ 27(c) and Minn. Stat. 216B.096, subd. 4 and, if the Company representative is not authorized to enter into a payment agreement, the telephone number the customer can call to establish a payment agreement.

The Company must reconnect utility service if, following disconnection, the dwelling is found to be occupied and the customer agrees to enter into a payment agreement or appeals to the Commission because the customer and the Company are unable to agree on a payment agreement.

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# GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS CO.

A Division of ~~MDU Resources Group, Inc.~~ Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.

## State of Minnesota Gas Rate Schedule – MNPUC Volume **32**

Section No. 6

~~1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 6-35~~

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### GENERAL Terms and Conditions

#### (g) DISPUTES; CUSTOMER APPEALS:

- (1) The Company must provide the customer and any designated third party with a Commission-approved written notice of the right to appeal:
  - i. A Company determination that the customer's household income is more than 50 percent of state median household income; or
  - ii. When the utility and customer are unable to agree on the establishment or modification of a payment agreement.
- (2) A customer's appeal must be filed with the commission no later than seven working days after the customer's receipt of a personally served appeal notice or within ten working days after the Company has deposited a first class appeal notice.
- (3) The Commission must determine all customer appeals on an informal basis, within 20 working days of receipt of a customer's written appeal. In making its determination, the Commission must consider one or more of the factors in ¶ 27(e) and Minn. Stat. 216B.096, subd. 6.
- (4) Notwithstanding any other law, following an appeals decision adverse to the customer, the Company may not disconnect utility heating service for seven working days after the Company has personally served a disconnection notice, or for ten working days after the Company has deposited a first class mail notice. The notice must contain, in easy-to-understand language, the date on or after which disconnection will occur, the reason for disconnection, and ways to avoid disconnection.

#### (h) CUSTOMERS ABOVE 50 PERCENT OF STATE MEDIAN INCOME: During the cold weather period, a customer whose household income is above 50 percent of state median income:

- i. Has the right to a payment agreement that takes into consideration the customer's financial circumstances and any other extenuating circumstances of the household; and
- ii. May not be disconnected and must be reconnected if the customer makes timely payments under a payment agreement accepted by the Company.

¶ 27 (f) does not apply to customers whose household income is above

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### GENERAL Terms and Conditions

50 percent of state median income.

- (i) **REPORTING:** Annually on November 1, the Company must electronically file with the Commission a report, in a format specified by the Commission, specifying the number of heating service customers whose service is disconnected or remains disconnected for nonpayment as of October 1 and October 15. If customers remain disconnected on October 15, the Company must file a report each week between November 1 and the end of the cold weather period specifying:

- (1) The number of heating service customers that are or remain disconnected from service for nonpayment; and
- (2) The number of heating service customers that are reconnected to service each week.

The Company may discontinue weekly reporting if the number of heating service customers that are or remain disconnected reaches zero before the end of the cold weather period.

The data reported under ¶ 27 (i) are presumed to be accurate upon submission and must be made available through the Commission's electronic filing system.

- (j) **NOTICE TO CITIES OF UTILITY DISCONNECTION:** Notwithstanding Minn. Stat. §13.685 or any other law or administrative rule to the contrary, upon written request from a city, on October 15 and November 1 of each year, or the next business day if that date falls on a Saturday or Sunday, a report must be made available to the city of the address of properties currently disconnected and the date of the disconnection. Upon written request from a city, between October 15 and April 15, daily reports must be made available of the address and date of any newly disconnected properties. A city provided notice under this paragraph must provide the information on disconnection to the police and fire departments of the city within three business days of receipt of this notice.

For the purpose of this paragraph, "disconnection" means a cessation of services initiated by the Company that affects the primary heat source of a residence and service is not reconnected within 24 hours.

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### GENERAL Terms and Conditions

28. EXCESS FLOW VALVE – In accordance with Federal Pipeline Safety Regulations 49 CFR 192.383, the Company will install an excess flow valve on an existing service line at the customer's request at a mutually agreeable date. At the time of the customer's request Great Plains will provide the customer with a detailed explanation of the estimated installation costs identifying specific line items and the per hour rates that the customer would be charged. The actual cost of the installation excluding the cost of the excess flow valve and any other physical property necessary to install the excess flow valve, will be assessed to the customer.

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# GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS CO.

A Division of ~~MDU Resources Group, Inc.~~ Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.

## State of Minnesota Gas Rate Schedule – MNPUC Volume **32**

Section No. 7

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### APPLICATION FOR SERVICE LINE/ ADDITIONAL METER FIRM NATURAL GAS SERVICE

#### Application For Service Line/Additional Meter Firm Natural Gas Service

Community: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

With this application, I hereby authorize connection of firm natural gas service to the premises with the address:

Billing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

*(If different than the service address)*

#### MINIMUM CONNECTION CHARGE:

Natural gas input loads up to 400,000 BTU/hour ..... \$25.00

Natural gas input loads above 400,000 BTU/hour ..... \$50.00

The minimum connection charge covers the cost of the installation of the meter and regulator, the service connection, general inspection, and the gas turn-on.

The minimum connection charge also covers the cost of installing the natural gas service line up to 75 feet. Measurement of the service line commences at the customer's property line.

Great Plains Natural Gas Co. will not be held responsible for damage to customer-owned, underground piping or cable not located and marked prior to the installation of the natural gas service line.

~~Any service line exceeding 75 feet or where natural gas is not the primary fuel used for space heating, cost participation may be charged to the customer if the estimated capital expenditure is not cost justified as determined in Section V.4.i.iv of the Company's General Terms and Conditions tariff.~~

The entire cost of the installed service line, less the initial minimum connection charge, will be charged to the customer who does not connect and use a gas burning heating, water heating, or commercial cooking unit to the service line within 12 months of the installation of the line.

Natural gas service provided under this application is subject to the General Rules and Conditions as set forth in the Gas Tariff. Rates and conditions of service are subject to the change upon approval of regulatory agencies.

Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Received of: \_\_\_\_\_

The sum of: \_\_\_\_\_ \$

For payment of minimum connection charge for natural gas service.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

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Section No. 7

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### APPLICATION FOR SERVICE LINE/ ADDITIONAL METER ~~FIRM~~ INTERRUPTIBLE NATURAL GAS SERVICE

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(Rev. 11/99)

#### INTERRUPTIBLE GAS SERVICE EXTENSION AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, by and between GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS CO., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., a Delaware Corporation, 705 West Fir Ave, Fergus Falls, Minnesota, hereinafter called "Company," and \_\_\_\_\_

hereinafter called "Customer," whether one or more. WHEREAS, Customer has requested that Company provide natural gas service to Customer at the following location:

County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_; and

WHEREAS, such service will necessitate the construction by Company of a gas main and service line extension, and the installation of the necessary facilities. NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements herein contained, it is hereby agreed as follows:

1. Company agrees to construct and install said natural gas Project in accordance with the Interruptible Gas Service Extension Policy within the Company's General Terms and Conditions tariff, attached hereto and incorporated herein, and Customer agrees that, prior to construction of same, Customer will pay to the Company the required cost participation for the Project, in the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to be paid as follows:

2. It is further agreed that after facilities have been placed in service, Company shall recalculate the Customer's cost participation as outlined below.

Final Actual Cost of Project \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Adjusted for Federal and State Income Taxes \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Preliminary Cost Participation \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Difference to be Paid to Company \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

3. A minimum connection charge of \$100.00 must be paid prior to the installation of any facilities. The minimum connection charge covers installation of the meter, regulator, gas service line, excavation, general inspection, and the gas turn-in.

4. "Project", as used in this Agreement, shall include the gas main extension(s), valves, service stub(s), or service line(s) complete where applicable, regulators, meters (excluding electronic measurement equipment), any required payments made by the Company to the transmission pipeline company to accommodate the extension(s), and other costs as adjusted for applicable federal and state income taxes.

5. This Agreement applies only to Company-owned facilities and does not apply to Customer-owned gas service lines. Company shall not be liable for any damages on account of injury to or death of persons, or damage to property, due to the operation, maintenance, repair or replacement of the Customer's service line or customer-owned piping and equipment. All duties and liabilities in this respect are assumed by the Customer.

6. The following additional terms and conditions shall apply to Company's construction of a gas main and installation of the necessary facilities as follows:

7. The following listed documents are attached hereto, and incorporated herein as part of the Agreement:

- Interruptible Gas Service Extension Policy, effective date, \_\_\_\_\_
- Estimate of Construction Costs
- Map showing the route of the extension
- Economic Analysis of the extension

8. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties, their respective successors and assigns; but the assignment of this Agreement by either party shall not relieve such party, without the written consent of the other, from any of the obligations undertaken by this Agreement. Further, this Agreement shall expire on December 1, of the year in which it was signed by the Company, or on the following date, \_\_\_\_\_, whichever is later, if construction of the extension has not begun. If the Agreement expires, Company will refund any deposit made by Customer and, thereafter, all parties shall be relieved from any and all further liability in connection with this Agreement.

9. 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 tariff 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.

GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS CO.  
A Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.

Customer

Date

Company

Date

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## CONSUMER BILL

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A Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.

In the Community to Serve®

SERVICE FOR

MARSHALL, MN 56258-1603

www.gpng.com

ACCOUNT NUMBER

BILL DATE  
Apr 22, 2014

DATE DUE

May 14, 2014

AMOUNT DUE  
\$48.38

ACCOUNT SUMMARY

Previous Balance	\$84.84
Payment Received 4/17/2014 Thank you	-84.84
Current Gas Charges	48.38

Amount Due on 5/14/14 \$48.38

A balance of \$10.00 or more remaining after the due date is subject to a late payment charge of 1.50% per month, or \$1.00 whichever is greater.

CUSTOMER SERVICE & EMERGENCY SERVICE

1-877-267-4764

Emergencies: 24 hours a day

Non-emergencies: Mon-Fri, 7 AM - 7 PM

Email: customerservice@gpng.com

Mail: Great Plains Natural Gas Co.,

Attn: Customer Service, PO Box 1608, Boise, ID 83707-1608. Please include your account number.

CALL BEFORE YOU DIG 811

Payment Due ▲  
See "Ways to Pay Your Bill"  
on the back of this page.

Gas Charges

BILLING PERIOD DAYS  
3/20/14 - 4/16/14 28

METER NUMBER  
402433616

METER READ DATE  
4/16/14

Next scheduled meter read is 5/16/14

RATE  
SGD - Residential Gas

(Average Daily Demand)  
(Days in billing period)

CURRENT READING PREVIOUS READING DIFFERENCE THERM FACTOR DN USG

SGD = 684.8 x 5.3 = 3,628.64

Basic Service Charge 6.50

Distribution Charge 5.3 Dk x \$1.3142 6.97

Cost of Gas 2.3 Dk x \$6.4936 14.94

Cost of Gas 3.3 Dk x \$5.7098 17.13

OCRA Factor 5.3 Dk x \$0.1023 0.54

City Franchise Fee 5% x \$46.08 2.30

Total Charges \$48.38

USAGE HISTORY (DK)

PLEASE KEEP THIS PORTION FOR YOUR RECORDS.

PLEASE RETURN THIS PORTION WITH YOUR PAYMENT, MAKING SURE THE RETURN ADDRESS SHOWS IN THE ENVELOPE WINDOW.

ACCOUNT NUMBER

A Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.

PG 48.38

Has your mailing address  
or phone number changed?

Check here and provide details on back.

DATE DUE

May 14, 2014

AMOUNT DUE

\$48.38

MARSHALL MN 56258-1603

812

PO BOX 5600  
BISMARCK ND 58505-5600

Please enter amount enclosed,  
if different than amount due.

\$

Write account number on check and  
make payable to GPNG.

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# GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS CO.

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### CONSUMER BILL

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**Customer Service: 1-877-267-4764 • 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Friday**  
Call volume generally is higher on Mondays; for faster service, please call Tuesday-Friday.  
**www.gpng.com**

#### Ways to Pay Your Bill

**Online:** Go to [www.gpng.com](http://www.gpng.com) for our free online payment service. Once you have registered, simply log in each month to make your payment using any active U.S. checking account. It's an easy and secure way to view and/or pay your bill online 24/7.

**Pay by Bank:** Automatically pay your bill each month by authorizing Great Plains Natural Gas Co. to withdraw your payment from your financial institution on your bill's due date, which is shown on your bill stub. Enroll electronically by logging in to your account online at [www.gpng.com](http://www.gpng.com) and completing the online form.

**By Phone:** Our self-service automated telephone system allows you to pay your gas bill or deposit anytime it is convenient – 24/7. To make a debit, credit card or check-by-phone payment, simply call our customer service number and follow the prompts to be connected with our independent service provider. A convenience fee for each transaction will apply.

**Payment Locations:** Pay by check or money order at one of our payment locations, there is no charge for this service. Call Customer Service or visit our website for the nearest payment location. Payments made at a payment location are not credited to your account until they are received by Great Plains Natural Gas.

**By Mail:** Mail your payment along with your bill stub to Great Plains Natural Gas Co., P.O. Box 5600, Bismarck, ND 58506-5600. Be sure to allow time for mailing so that your payment is received by the due date.

**Balanced Billing:** This billing plan levels out your monthly bill so you can reduce fluctuations brought on by changes in the weather and the cost of energy. If interested, sign up through your account using Online Account Services at [www.gpng.com](http://www.gpng.com) or contact Customer Service at 1-877-267-4764.

**Payment Due Date:** Your bill is past due if not paid by the due date shown on the front of this billing statement. If you are paying with a credit card or paying at one of our payment locations in response to a Disconnection of Service Notice, please contact Great Plains Natural Gas at 1-877-267-4764 and let us know that payment has been made.

#### Billing Terms and Definitions

The rates reflected on your bill have been approved by the Public Service Commission or Public Utilities Commission in the state where service is provided. Copies of the company's current tariffs are available at [www.gpng.com](http://www.gpng.com).

**Basic Service Charge:** A monthly or daily charge designed to recover a portion of the fixed costs incurred in providing utility service regardless of how much energy is used.

**City Franchise Fee:** This fee is charged by a city to Great Plains Natural Gas for operating within the city. If applicable, Great Plains Natural Gas will collect this city-imposed franchise fee from its gas service customers located within that city. One hundred percent of the franchise fee collected shall be submitted to the governmental entity assessing such fee.

**Constant:** A fixed value used to convert meter readings to actual energy use when gas service is delivered at an elevated pressure.

**Cost of Gas:** This charge recovers the cost of gas itself as well as other related costs Great Plains Natural Gas incurs from its pipeline suppliers in providing natural gas service. The cost is strictly a pass-through to customers and does not provide Great Plains Natural Gas with a profit.

**CCRA:** Conservation Cost Recovery Adjustment is the charge that provides funding for Conservation Programs. In addition to the CCRA, a base charge is billed as part of the distribution delivery charge.

**Distribution Charge:** A volumetric charge to recover the costs of delivering energy to your meter. This amount varies with the amount of energy used.

**Dk – Dekatherms:** The Dk billed is reflective of the total amount of natural gas used in the billing period. The amount of natural gas used as measured by the gas meter is converted to Dk by applying a therm factor to the measured use in order to reflect the heating value of natural gas delivered.

**GAP Affordability Plan (GAP):** Volumetric surcharge paid by residential and firm general service customers to fund GAP that helps qualified customers manage their monthly gas billing bills and pay past due balances.

**Therm Factor:** The therm factor adjusts the amount of natural gas measured by the meter for the heat content and atmospheric pressure of the gas delivered to a customer's premise. This conversion ensures that all customers are billed based on the heat value of the gas during the applicable billing period.

#### Important Customer Information

If you have questions regarding your bill or service, please call Great Plains Natural Gas FIRST at 1-877-267-4764. If you cannot pay your bill at this time, we are willing to make satisfactory payment arrangements. Register any inquiry or complaint at 1-877-267-4764 or write to PO Box 5603, Bismarck, ND 58506-5603. If your questions are not resolved after you have called Customer Service, you may contact the regulatory agency governing in the state service is provided.

#### Customers With Service In Minnesota:

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission regulates this utility and is available for mediation upon written request.

- MN PUC: Email [consumer.puc@state.mn.us](mailto:consumer.puc@state.mn.us), write to 121 Seventh Place E., Suite 350, Saint Paul, MN 55101-2147, or call 1-800-657-3782.

#### Customers With Service In North Dakota:

- ND PSC: Write to 600 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept. 408, Bismarck, ND 58505-0480.

Payments made by check or electronically that are dishonored by the bank will be assessed a returned payment fee.

When you provide a check as payment, you authorize us to use information from your check either to make a one-time electronic fund transfer from your account or to process the payment as a check transaction. When we use information from your check to make an electronic fund transfer (EFT), funds may be withdrawn from your account as soon as the same day we receive your payment. The transaction will appear on your bank statement as EFT and you will not receive a copy or an image of your check from your financial institution.

Payments marked with a restrictive legend (Paid in Full, for example) will not act as an accord and satisfaction without our express prior written approval.

#### Save a Stamp! Receive, view and pay your bill online at [www.gpng.com](http://www.gpng.com).

**Moving?** To avoid being billed for service you have not used, please contact us at least two business days before you want service disconnected.

**Has your mailing/email address  
or phone number changed?**

**Please provide details here and check the box on the front of this stub.**

Account No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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# GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS CO.

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Section No. 7

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### DISCONNECTION NOTICE



PO Box 7609, Boise, ID 83707-1608  
Phone: (877) 267-4764 • Fax: (701) 323-3104  
Customer Service Hours: 7 AM – 7 PM (M – F)  
[www.gpng.com](http://www.gpng.com)

[Customer First Name] [Customer Last Name]  
[2<sup>nd</sup> Financially Responsible First Name] [2<sup>nd</sup> Financially Responsible Last Name]  
[Mailing Street Address]  
[City], [State] [Zip]

RE: Account #

[Current Date ]

#### PAST DUE NOTICE

WE WANT TO CONTINUE OUR DEPENDABLE SERVICE TO YOU, OUR  
VALUED CUSTOMER, BUT YOU MUST TAKE ACTION NOW.

Payment of your service account is now past due. Unless your past due amount is paid in full or satisfactory arrangements are made before [Date 6 business days from system date], your service may be disconnected and should this action result in your service being disconnected, payment in full plus a charge for reconnection will be required. In addition, a security deposit may be required before service is restored.

PLEASE CONTACT US NOW AT 1-877-267-4764

SERVICE ADDRESS	PAST DUE	ACCOUNT BALANCE
Utility	\$(00.00)	\$(0,000.00)

#### Payment Options:

Call: 1-866-364-5829 or visit our Website to find the nearest payment location.  
Connect to Western Union® Speedpay® at 1-866-364-5829, toll free 24 hours a day.  
(A fee of \$3.95 per transaction is charged by Western Union® Speedpay® for this service).

Online: [www.gpng.com](http://www.gpng.com) for payment options

Mail: Great Plains Natural Gas Co.  
PO Box 5600  
Bismarck, ND 58506-5600

#### Direct Inquiries To:

Great Plains Natural Gas Co.  
1-877-267-4764  
Customer Service Hours 7 AM – 7 PM

If, after contacting Great Plains Natural Gas Co. you have unresolved questions regarding this notice, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission staff is available at 651-296-0406 or 1-800-657-3782 (Minnesota only) or mail to 121 7<sup>th</sup> Place East, Suite 350, Saint Paul, MN 55101-2147.

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### DISCONNECTION NOTICE RESIDENTIAL HEAT CUSTOMERS (COLD WEATHER RULE)



PO Box 7609, Boise, ID 83707-1608  
Phone: (877) 267-4764 • Fax: (701) 323-3104  
Customer Service Hours: 7 AM – 7 PM (M – F)  
[www.gpng.com](http://www.gpng.com)

[Customer First Name] [Customer Last Name]  
[2<sup>nd</sup> Financially Responsible First Name] [2<sup>nd</sup> Financially Responsible Last Name]  
[Mailing Street Address]  
[City], [State] [Zip]

RE: Account # \_\_\_\_\_

[Current Date] \_\_\_\_\_

#### PAST DUE NOTICE

WE WANT TO CONTINUE OUR DEPENDABLE SERVICE TO YOU, OUR  
VALUED CUSTOMER, BUT YOU MUST TAKE ACTION NOW.

Payment for your service is now past due. As your past due amount is paid, your  
disconnection arrangement is made before 10 AM business day from system date, your service  
may be disconnected without this action result in your service being disconnected, payment in full plus a  
charge for reconnection will be required. In addition, a security deposit may be required before service is  
restored.

Minnesota's Cold Weather Rule may provide you with certain legal rights concerning gas service shut off.  
You may also qualify for energy assistance which could help reduce the amount you owe on your heating  
bill. Contact the State Energy Assistance information line at 1-800-657-3710. They will give you the  
telephone number for your local county office. Please review the enclosed notice of residential rights and  
possible assistance.

PLEASE CONTACT US NOW AT 1-877-267-4764

SERVICE ADDRESS	PAST DUE	ACCOUNT BALANCE
Utility	\$(00.00)	\$(0,000.00)

#### Payment Options:

Call: 1-866-364-5829 or visit our Website to find the nearest  
payment location.  
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toll free 24 hours a day.  
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If, after contacting Great Plains Natural Gas Co. you have unresolved questions regarding this notice, the Minnesota  
Public Utilities Commission staff is available at 651-296-0406 or 1-800-657-3782 (Minnesota only) or mail to 121 7<sup>th</sup>  
Place East, Suite 350, Saint Paul, MN 55101-2147.

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# GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS CO.

A Division of *MDU Resources Group, Inc. Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.*

## State of Minnesota Gas Rate Schedule – MNPUC Volume 2

Section No. 7

Original Sheet No. 7-6

### REQUEST FOR INTERRUPTIBLE NATURAL GAS SERVICE

#### REQUEST FOR INTERRUPTIBLE NATURAL GAS SERVICE

THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY REQUESTS GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS CO., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc. ("Company") to provide interruptible natural gas service at the location(s) listed below.

- (A) Customer is a non-residential retail gas customer of Company and agrees to the terms and conditions of the Company's Rate Schedule \_\_\_\_\_.
- (B) Company's rates and services are subject to regulation and Customer will be bound by any changes as approved by the applicable regulatory authorities.
- (C) Customers taking Interruptible Gas Transportation Service must use Company's electronic measurement equipment as a remote terminal unit for system operations. The estimated cost of the installation of electronic measurement equipment in conjunction with this Request is \$ \_\_\_\_\_. Such cost shall be adjusted for federal and state income taxes. Customer agrees to provide this amount to Company at the time this request is returned to Company for approval by Company. Such electronic measurement equipment shall remain the property of the Company.

#### INTERRUPTIBLE EQUIPMENT

<u>Type &amp; No. of Units</u>	<u>Input (btuh)</u>	<u>Standby Fuel</u>	<u>Peak Day Usage (dk)</u>
Revised Form			

CUSTOMER: \_\_\_\_\_ BY: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ACCOUNT NO.: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED:

GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS CO.,  
A Division of MDU Resources Group Inc.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

K. Frank Morehouse  
Region Manager

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

DISTRIBUTION:  
1 Copy to Accounting  
1 Copy to Gas Superintendent  
1 Copy to Gas Supply  
1 Copy to Customer

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# GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS CO.

A Division of *MDU Resources Group, Inc. Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.*

## State of Minnesota Gas Rate Schedule – MNPUC Volume **32**

Section No. 7  
Original Sheet No. 7-7

### INTERRUPTIBLE GAS SALES SERVICE AGREEMENT

#### INTERRUPTIBLE GAS SALES SERVICE AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, made this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, is by and between GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS CO., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc. ("Company") and \_\_\_\_\_ ("Customer").

Customer and Company enter into this Interruptible Gas Sales Service Agreement to have natural gas delivered by Company to Customer.

WITNESSETH: The parties hereto, each in consideration of the agreement of the other, agree as follows:

1. TERM. Deliveries and charges hereunder shall commence as specified in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein. Customer agrees 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.

2. DELIVERY POINT, RATE SCHEDULE AND QUANTITIES. Delivery of natural gas under Small Interruptible Gas Sales Service or Large Interruptible Gas Sales Service by Company to Customer shall be as specified in attached Exhibit "A".

3. RATE. The rates charged and services rendered Customer, under this Agreement, shall be as specified in applicable Company tariffs as approved by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission.

Company shall have the right to modify the rates charged and the terms and conditions hereunder by making unilateral rate filings with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission.

4. INTERRUPTIBLE GAS SALES SERVICE. Service under Interruptible Gas Sales Service is dependent upon the availability of capacity on Company's system and prior

demands of customers served under Company's firm gas service rates. Customer agrees to accept service hereunder in accordance with Company's "Rate Schedule" as specified in Exhibit "A" of this Agreement.

5. CHANGE IN DAILY OPERATIONS. Customer agrees to notify Company of changes in Customer's natural gas requirements as specified in attached Exhibit "A". Company shall not be obligated to provide daily requirements in excess of the daily quantities set forth in Exhibit "A" unless Company, in its sole discretion, determines that increased quantities are available, and all quantities hereunder shall be subject to interruption and service priorities as provided in General Provisions Tariff.

6. ASSIGNMENT. Customer agrees that it will not assign this Agreement except upon written consent of Company.

7. INGRESS AND EGRESS. Company is hereby granted rights of ingress and egress, at reasonable times, for operating, inspecting and maintaining any of Company's facilities on Customer's premises.

8. REGULATORY AUTHORITY. This Agreement is subject to all valid laws, orders, rules and regulations of any and all duly constituted authorities having jurisdiction over the subject matter herein and is subject to the receipt of any necessary authorization for the interruptible service contemplated herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have duly executed this Agreement as of the date and year above written.

CUSTOMER

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Please type or print the names below the signature lines.

COMPANY

GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS CO.,  
A Division of MDU Resources Group Inc.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

K. Frank Morehouse  
Region Manager

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A Division of ~~MDU Resources Group, Inc.~~ Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.

## State of Minnesota Gas Rate Schedule – MNPUC Volume **32**

Section No. 7  
Original Sheet No. 7-8

### EXHIBIT "A" INTERRUPTIBLE GAS SALES SERVICE AGREEMENT

#### EXHIBIT "A" INTERRUPTIBLE GAS SALES SERVICE AGREEMENT

This document is an attachment to the Interruptible Gas Sales Service Agreement dated \_\_\_\_\_ between Great Plains Natural Gas Co. ("Company") and \_\_\_\_\_ ("Customer") covering interruptible natural gas sales service. Deliveries and charges hereunder shall commence on \_\_\_\_\_ and expire on \_\_\_\_\_.

<u>Delivery Point(s)</u>	<u>Rate Schedule</u>	<u>Distribution Charge*</u>	<u>Maximum Interruptible Delivery Point Quantity Per Day (dk)</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____

\* Plus Cost of Gas and the Conservation Improvement Program Adjustment.

Customer agrees to notify Company of changes in its daily natural gas requirements in accordance with the following requirements:

# Revised Form

Accepted and agreed to this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

#### CUSTOMER

\_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Representing \_\_\_\_\_

Accepted and agreed to this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

#### COMPANY

GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS CO.,  
A Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

K. Frank Morehouse  
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# GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS CO.

A Division of ~~MDU Resources Group, Inc.~~ Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.

## State of Minnesota Gas Rate Schedule – MNPUC Volume 32

Section No. 7  
Original Sheet No. 7-9

### GAS TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT

#### GAS TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is by and between GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS CO., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc. ("Company"), and \_\_\_\_\_ ("Customer") and is effective 9:00 a.m. CCT on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

Customer has entered into agreements to purchase natural gas and have that gas delivered to a "receipt point" using Shipper/Agent(s) as specified in attached Exhibit "A" as Shipper/Agent. Customer agrees to notify Company prior to any change in Shipper/Agent(s) and further agrees to execute a new Exhibit "A" prior to the change of event.

Customer and Company enter into this Gas Transportation Agreement to have said gas transported by Company from the "receipt point" to the "delivery point(s)".

WITNESSETH: The parties hereto, each in consideration of the agreement of the other, agree as follows:

1. **TERM.** This Agreement will continue in effect for \_\_\_\_ year(s) from its effective date. Upon expiration of the initial term, this Agreement shall continue month to month thereafter until either party furnishes the other party 30 days prior written notice of termination.

2. **RECEIPT POINT, DELIVERY POINT(S), RATE SCHEDULE.** Natural Gas delivered hereunder shall be in accordance with the Company's approved rate schedules titled: Small Interruptible General Gas Transportation Service or Large Interruptible General Gas Transportation Service.

Receipt Point: \_\_\_\_\_

Delivery Point(s): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Rate Schedule: \_\_\_\_\_

computation made under or pursuant to any provisions of this Agreement.

4. **RATE.** The rates charged and services rendered Customer under this Agreement shall be as specified in applicable Company tariffs as approved by Minnesota Public Utilities Commission. In the event "Rate", as specified in attached "Exhibit B" is not executed by both parties of this Agreement, Customer agrees to pay Company the currently approved Fixed Distribution Charge of the Rate Schedule specified in Section 2 of this Agreement.

Company shall have the right to modify the rates charged and the terms and conditions hereunder by making unilateral rate filings with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission.

5. **ASSIGNMENT.** Customer agrees that it will not assign this Agreement except upon written consent of Company.

6. **INGRESS AND EGRESS.** Company hereby granted rights of ingress and egress, at reasonable times, for operating, inspecting and maintaining any of Company's facilities on Customer's premises.

3. **RECORD EXAMINATION.** Customer shall have the right at all reasonable times to examine the books, records and charts of Company, for a two year period subsequent to the issuance in writing of a dispute invoice, to the extent necessary to verify the accuracy of any statement, charge or

7. **REGULATORY AUTHORITY.** This Agreement is subject to all valid laws, orders, rules and regulations of any and all duly constituted authorities having jurisdiction over the subject matter herein and is subject to the receipt of any necessary authorization for the transportation service contemplated herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have duly executed this Agreement as of the date and year below written.

**CUSTOMER**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Please type or print the name below the signature line.

**COMPANY**

GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS CO.,  
A Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

K. Frank Morehouse  
Region Manager

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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A Division of ~~MDU Resources Group, Inc.~~ Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.

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### EXHIBIT "A" GAS TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT

#### EXHIBIT "A" GAS TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT

This document is an attachment to the Gas Transportation Agreement dated \_\_\_\_\_ between  
GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS CO. ("Company") and \_\_\_\_\_ ("Customer").

This Exhibit "A" is effective 9:00 a.m. CCT on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

Customer's Maximum Interruptible Transportation Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_ dk per day.

The Shipper/Agent(s) name is \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Customer hereby authorizes Company to furnish the Shipper/Agent any information relating to the  
volume and/or cost of natural gas furnished by Company for use by Customer. This authorization will  
remain in effect until a written notice is received from Customer.

Accepted and agreed to this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

CUSTOMER

By: Revised Form

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Accepted and agreed to this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

COMPANY

GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS CO.,  
A Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
K. Frank Morehouse  
Region Manager

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## State of Minnesota Gas Rate Schedule – MNPUC Volume **32**

Section No. 7  
Original Sheet No. 7-11

### EXHIBIT "B" GAS TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT

#### EXHIBIT "B" GAS TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT

This document is an attachment to the Gas Transportation Agreement dated \_\_\_\_\_ between  
GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS CO. ("Company") and \_\_\_\_\_ ("Customer").

Rate

Term of Rate

Accepted and agreed to this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

CUSTOMER

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

# Revised Form

Accepted and agreed to this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

COMPANY

GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS CO.,  
A Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

K. Frank Morehouse  
Region Manager

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## State of Minnesota Gas Rate Schedule – MNPUC Volume 32

Section No. 7  
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### FIRM GAS SERVICE EXTENSION AGREEMENT

#### FIRM GAS SERVICE EXTENSION AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, by and between GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS CO., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., a Delaware Corporation, 705 West Fir Ave, Fergus Falls, Minnesota, hereinafter called "Company," and \_\_\_\_\_, hereinafter called "Customer," whether one or more.

WHEREAS, Customer has requested that Company provide natural gas service to Customer at the following location:

County of \_\_\_\_\_ State of \_\_\_\_\_; and

WHEREAS, such service will necessitate the construction by Company of a gas main extension and the installation of the necessary facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements herein contained, it is hereby agreed as follows where cost participation may be required on gas main extensions over 100 feet or where natural gas is not the primary fuel used for space heating:

Item Nos. one, two and three below may not be applicable where the Customer is not responsible for cost participation where the gas main extension is 100 feet or less, connected within 12 months from the start of construction, and where natural gas is the primary fuel used for space heating:

1. Company agrees to construct and install said natural gas Project in accordance with the Firm Gas Service Extension Policy within the Company's General Terms and Conditions tariff and Customer agrees that, prior to construction of same, Customer will pay to Company the required cost participation for the Project, in the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, to be paid as follows:

2. It is further agreed that after facilities have been placed in service, Company shall recalculate the Customer's cost participation as outlined below:

Final Actual Cost of Project	\$ _____
Less Maximum Allowable Investment	\$ _____
Final Cost Participation	\$ _____
Preliminary Cost Participation	\$ _____
Difference to be <input type="checkbox"/> Paid by Company <input type="checkbox"/> Refunded to Customer	\$ _____

3. "Project", as used in this Agreement, 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.

4. This Agreement applies only to Company-owned facilities and does not apply to Customer-owned facilities. Company shall not be liable for any damages on account of injury to or death of persons, or damage to property, due to the operation, maintenance, repair or replacement of customer-owned piping and equipment. All duties and liabilities in this respect are assumed by the Customer.

5. The following additional terms and conditions shall apply to Company's construction of a gas main and installation of the necessary facilities as follows:

6. The following documents are attached hereto, and incorporated herein, as part of the Agreement:
- Estimate of construction costs
  - Map showing the route of the extension
  - Economic analysis of the extension
  - Firm Gas Service Extension Policy, effective date: \_\_\_\_\_

7. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties, their respective successors and assigns; but the assignment of this Agreement by either party shall not relieve such party, without the written consent of the other, from any of the obligations undertaken by this Agreement. Further, this Agreement shall expire on December 1, of the year in which it was signed by the Company, or on the following date, \_\_\_\_\_, whichever is later, if construction of the extension has not begun. If the Agreement expires, Company will refund any deposit made by Customer and, thereafter, all parties shall be relieved from any and all further liability in connection with this Agreement.

a. If, within the five-year period after the extension(s) in service date, the number of active customers and related volumes exceeds the projections used in the economic analysis, the Company shall recompute the participation requirement by recalculating the maximum allowable investment, in accordance with the Firm Gas Service Extension Policy within the Company's General Terms and Conditions tariff. No refund shall be made by Company to Customer until the new applicants begin taking service from the Company.

b. If after the aforementioned five-year period, the Customer's participation amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ has not been fully refunded by that time, the obligation of the Company to make refunds shall cease. In no event, shall the total amount of refunds exceed the amount paid to Company hereunder.

GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS CO.  
A Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.

Customer

Date

Company

Date

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# GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS CO.

A Division of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.

## State of Minnesota Gas Rate Schedule – MNPUC Volume 3

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### INTERRUPTIBLE GAS SERVICE EXTENSION AGREEMENT

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#### INTERRUPTIBLE GAS SERVICE EXTENSION AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, by and between GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS CO., a Division of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., 705 West Fir Ave, Fergus Falls, Minnesota, hereinafter called "Company," and \_\_\_\_\_ hereinafter called "Customer," whether one or more.

WHEREAS, Customer has requested that Company provide natural gas service to Customer at the following location:

County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_; and

WHEREAS, such service will necessitate the construction by Company of a gas main and service line extension, and the installation of the necessary facilities. NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements herein contained, it is hereby agreed as follows:

1. Company agrees to construct and install said natural gas Project in accordance with the Interruptible Gas Service Extension Policy within the Company's General Terms and Conditions tariff, attached hereto and incorporated herein, and Customer agrees that, prior to construction of same, Customer will pay to the Company the required cost participation for the Project, in the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to be paid as follows:

2. It is further agreed that after facilities have been placed in service, Company shall recalculate the Customer's cost participation as outlined below.

Final Actual Cost of Project.....	\$ _____
Adjusted for Federal and State Income Taxes .....	\$ _____
Preliminary Cost Participation .....	\$ _____
Difference to be: <input type="checkbox"/> Paid to Company .....	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Refunded to Customer.....	\$ _____

3. The minimum connection charge is \$100.00 and must be paid prior to the installation of any facilities. The minimum connection charge covers the installation of the meter and regulator, the service connection, general inspection, and the gas turn-on.

4. "Project", as used in this Agreement, shall include the gas main extension(s), valves, service stub(s), or service line(s) complete where applicable, regulators, meters (excluding electronic measurement equipment), any required payments made by the Company to the transmission pipeline company to accommodate the extension(s), and other costs as adjusted for applicable federal and state income taxes.

5. This Agreement applies only to Company-owned facilities and does not apply to Customer-owned gas service lines. Company shall not be liable for any damages on account of injury to or death of persons, or damage to property, due to the operation, maintenance, repair or replacement of the Customer's service line or customer-owned piping and equipment. All duties and liabilities in this respect are assumed by the Customer.

6. The following additional terms and conditions shall apply to Company's construction of a gas main and installation of the necessary facilities as follows:

7. The following listed documents are attached hereto, and incorporated herein as part of the Agreement:

- Interruptible Gas Service Extension Policy, effective date, \_\_\_\_\_
- Estimate of Construction Costs
- Map showing the route of the extension
- Economic Analysis of the extension

8. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties, their respective successors and assigns; but the assignment of this Agreement by either party shall not relieve such party, without the written consent of the other, from any of the obligations undertaken by this Agreement. Further, this Agreement shall expire on December 1, of the year in which it was signed by the Company, or on the following date \_\_\_\_\_, whichever is later, if construction of the extension has not begun. If the Agreement expires, Company will refund any deposit made by Customer and, thereafter, all parties shall be relieved from any and all further liability in connection with this Agreement.

9. 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 tariff 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.

GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS CO.  
A Division of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.

Customer

Date

Company

Date

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