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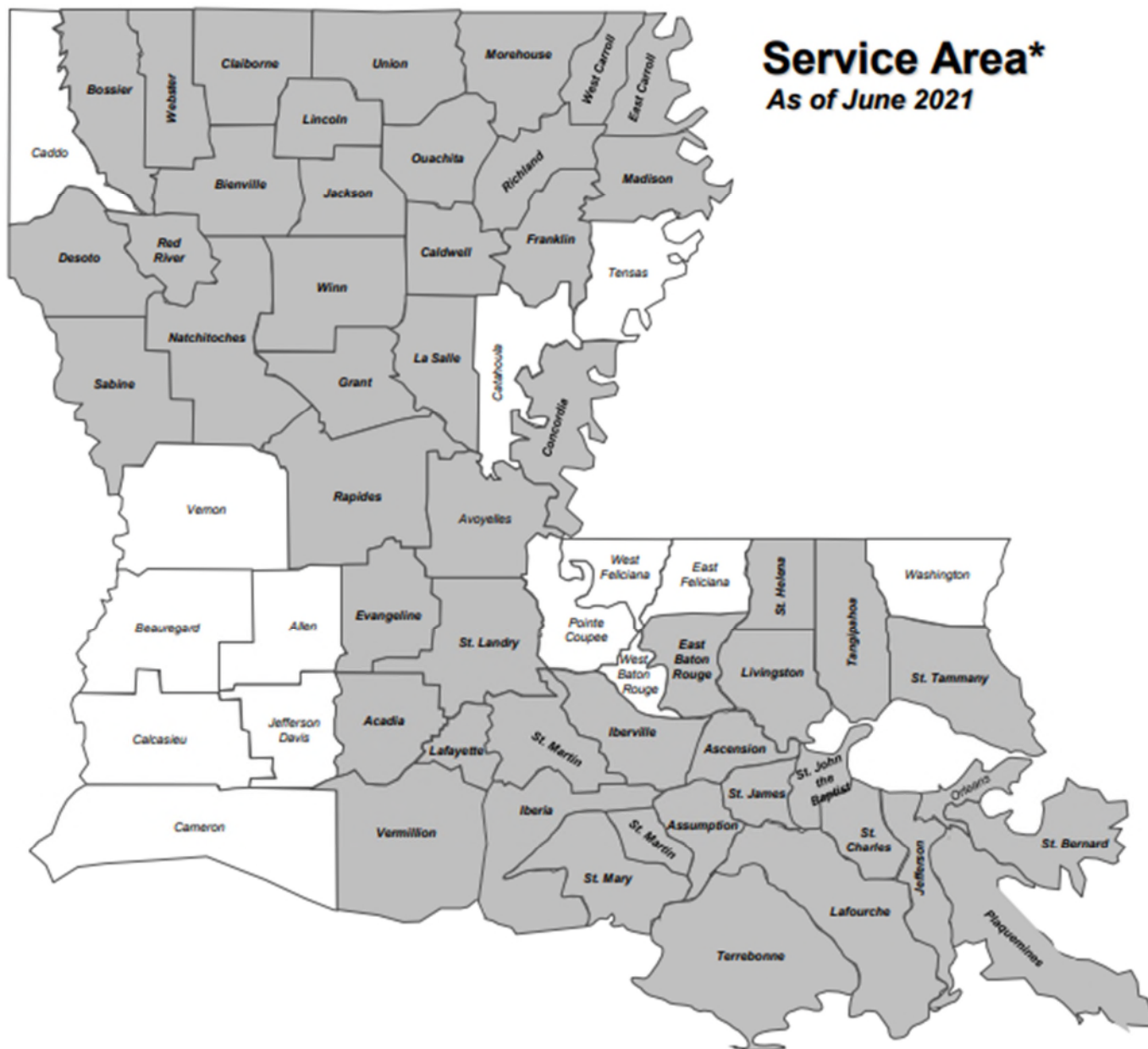
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COMMUNITIES SERVED

<u>PARISH</u>	<u>CUSTOMERS</u>
ACADIA	279
ASCENSION	22,518
ASSUMPTION	2,932
AVOUELLES	14
BIENVILLE	254
BOSSIER	89
CALDWELL	768
CLAIBORNE	47
CONCORDIA	1,981
DE SOTO	2,454
EAST BATON ROUGE	5,460
EAST CARROLL	1,433
EVANGELINE	246
FRANKLIN	2,295
GRANT	834
IBERIA	1,796
IBERVILLE	122
JACKSON	2,686
JEFFERSON	112,155
LA SALLE	670
LAFAYETTE	30,992
LAFOURCHE	4,278
LINCOLN	41
LIVINGSTON	2,565
MADISON	2,234
MOREHOUSE	5,315
NATCHITOCHE	6,647
ORLEANS	1
OUACHITA	31,702
PLAQUEMINES	4,059
RAPIDES	6,072
RED RIVER	996
RICHLAND	2,717
SABINE	2,025
SAINT BERNARD	10,034
SAINT CHARLES	11,770
SAINT HELENA	150
SAINT JAMES	2,121
SAINT LANDRY	531

COMMUNITIES SERVED (cont.)

<u>PARISH</u>	<u>CUSTOMERS</u>
SAINT MARTIN	3,046
SAINT MARY	1,439
SAINT TAMMANY	39,257
ST JOHN THE BAPTIST	6,046
TANGIPAHOA	15,680
TERREBONNE	5,499
UNION	189
VERMILION	21
WEBSTER	105
WEST CARROLL	1,161
WINN	1,696
TOTAL CUSTOMERS	357,422

Computer Billing Rate Codes

Tariff Classification/Description	Rate Schedule	Rate Code
<u>RESIDENTIAL</u>		
Residential Service	RS	03LR
<u>COMMERCIAL</u>		
Commercial Service	GS	13LC
Farm and Agricultural/Drying	FAS	33LC
<u>Other Customers</u>		
Winn Parish Prison	WPP	63LC
Bayou Correctional Center	BCC	68LC
LaSalle Correctional Center	LCC	64LC
U.S. Penitentiary, Pollock, LA	USP	65LC
University of Louisiana at Lafayette		LHND
University of Louisiana at Monroe		LHND
Northwestern State University of Louisiana		LHND
Southeastern Louisiana University		LHND
Alexandria VA Health Care System		LHND
<u>COMPANY USE</u>		
Company Used Gas		10LU

**ATMOS ENERGY
STANDARD TERMS & CONDITIONS
APPLICABLE TO NATURAL GAS SERVICE**

1 . GENERAL

The term "Company" as used herein shall mean ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION, its officers, agents, employees, successors or assigns. The term "Customer" shall mean any present or prospective user of natural gas service supplied by the Company.

These Standard Terms & Conditions for Natural Gas Service shall supersede all previous terms and conditions under which the Company or its predecessors have supplied natural gas service.

All-natural gas service furnished by the Company shall be subject to the provisions of these standard terms & conditions and to the applicable provisions of the Company's Natural Gas Rate and Rider Schedules.

2. APPLICATION FOR SERVICE

Gas service will be provided under the applicable rate schedule to a customer requesting service, at the Company's discretion, after a completed *Standard Application for Service* is accepted by the Company.

3. AVAILABILITY OF SERVICE

Natural gas service is available in all areas served by the Company where:

- A. the premises to be served are located adjacent to existing distribution mains with adequate capacity and pressure for the type of service requested/or
- B. Where the existing distribution main may be extended in accordance with conditions set forth in Paragraph A of Section 4 of these Standard Terms & Conditions.

Gas service for residential and commercial customers shall be rendered and billed at a pressure base of 14.95 pounds per square inch absolute (PSIA).

Volumes of gas delivered to any commercial customer authorized by the Company to receive service at a pressure greater than 14.95 PSIA, shall be adjusted for billing purposes to reflect volumes at a pressure base of 14.95 PSIA.

All gas service is offered subject to the Company's ability to secure and maintain adequate and suitable sources of supply.

4. MAIN EXTENSIONS, RIGHTS-OF-WAY, AND SERVICE LINES

The Company shall make a capital investment toward the cost of installing a service line and extending main (where required to serve a Customer) of up to three times the estimated annual revenue, net of purchased gas costs, to be derived from the Customer. The total cost shall be determined by the Company, and shall encompass the entire cost of mains, regulators, service line, meters, and other equipment necessary to deliver service, including labor, materials and general overheads. The Company will be the sole judge of all questions relating to cost and revenue. The portion of the total cost which is greater than three times the estimated annual revenue shall be borne by the customer or the individual requesting service.

The Company's obligation to furnish service shall be contingent upon its ability to secure and retain all necessary franchises, rights-of-way, permits, etc., at costs which the Company considers reasonable. The Customer shall furnish to the Company, free of cost, all necessary rights-of-way over land owned or controlled by the Customer, and over intervening private property when requested to do so by the Company.

The Company shall install, own and maintain a suitable service line from a convenient point of connection with Company's distribution main to the location of Company's metering equipment.

When the Customer requests a change or relocation of an existing service line, the costs of such relocation shall be paid by the Customer to the Company. Where relocation of the service line is made for Company purposes, the Company will bear the costs.

5. COMPANY'S RESPONSIBILITY

The Company shall exercise due diligence in the operating and maintenance of its facilities to provide safe, adequate and uninterrupted service to its Customers, but it shall not be liable to the Customer for interruptions due to force majeure, inability to serve due to gas supply, necessary construction work or other acts or conditions reasonably beyond the control of the Company.

All connections to the Company's facilities shall be made by the Company without regard to whether the cost thereof shall, by these Standard Terms and Conditions or otherwise, be required to be made at the expense of the Customer.

Unless otherwise noted, all customer services are open order.

6. CUSTOMER'S RESPONSIBILITY

Natural gas service supplied under these Standard Terms and Conditions shall be for the exclusive use of the Customer and shall not be resold or shared with others without the Company's written consent.

All facilities beyond the Company's point of delivery, including piping, appurtenances and appliances shall be provided by the customer who shall be responsible for the use, abuse, disposition or presence of gas beyond the point of delivery as described earlier. Such facilities shall be installed and maintained in a safe manner, and in compliance with good practice and all lawful regulations.

Where municipal, parish or other governmental or regulatory authority requires a certificate or permit approving Customer's installation or facilities, the Customer shall obtain, and submit to the Company, at his expense the necessary permit before service will be rendered.

The Company does not assume any responsibility for inspecting Customer's facilities; however, the Company reserves the right to refuse service or to discontinue service to any Customer, where the Company's established turn-on procedure indicates a leaking or non-gas tight situation on Customer's facilities. Service shall not be rendered or restored until the indicated situation is corrected and a regulatory permit attesting to this fact has been received. If a regulatory permit is not required by the governing authority, service will be rendered only after subsequent turn-on tests indicate that the situation has been corrected.

It shall be the Customers responsibility to pay for volumes of gas delivered and services performed when bills for same are rendered.

7. CUSTOMER DEPOSITS

Each Customer applying for service may be required to make a cash deposit to secure the payment of any bill due or which may become due and for the return of all Company owned equipment, in proper working condition, installed on the Customer's premises. The amount of such deposit for each class of service is set forth in Schedule CD.

The deposit plus any accrued interest will be credited back to the Customer after maintaining 12 months of excellent credit history. Upon termination of service, any deposit plus accrued interest not previously credited will first be applied to pay any amount owed the Company by the Customer. Any remaining portions of the deposit and interest will be refunded.

The cash deposit shall not in any manner affect the right of the Company to discontinue service to the Customer for the non-payment of past due accounts, regardless of the fact that the deposit is in excess of the amount past due.

8. METERING

All metering devices and equipment required to properly measure and regulate the pressure of gas supplied to the Customer shall be installed, owned, operated and maintained by the Company.

The Point of Delivery of gas to the Customer shall be at the outlet side of the Company's meter where the Customer's piping connects to that of the Company.

The Customer shall provide, on his premises, an accessible and protected location for the Company's metering, regulating and/or other equipment necessary to deliver, regulate and measure the gas supplied by the Company. Should such location later become unsafe, the cost of relocation shall be borne by the Customer. The Customer shall not damage or tamper with said equipment and shall take measures to prevent others from damaging or tampering with any of Company's equipment located on Customer's premises.

The Company shall have the right of access to the Customer's premises at any reasonable time for the purpose of installing, changing, reading, testing, repairing or removing its equipment or for all other purposes necessary to render proper service to the Customer.

The Company shall regularly test, maintain and/or replace its metering devices in order to maintain their accuracy of registration, as required by good operating practice and all lawful regulations. Should a Customer request a test, and the meter is found to be accurate within two percent (2%), the Company may make a charge as set forth in Schedule MSC to partially cover the cost of such test.

If the meter is tested and found to be inaccurate by more than two percent (2%), the Company shall adjust bills to compensate for such. Adjustments will be made from the date the meter became inaccurate. If a beginning date cannot be determined, an adjustment shall cover a time frame that is mutually agreed upon by the Company and the Customer. In either case, the adjustment of bills shall not cover a period of more than six months.

9. SUSPENSION OF SERVICE

The Company may suspend or discontinue service at any time for any of the following causes:

- (1) on account of or to prevent theft, fraud, or abuse
- (2) for Customer's default of contractual obligations
- (3) for Customer's failure to comply with any of these Standard Terms and Conditions
- (4) on the discovery of conditions that are, or may become, dangerous to life or property
- (5) for repairs, changes or adjustments in Company's facilities
- (6) because a meter has been damaged or tampered with

Service may also be suspended or discontinued when any bill for service in arrears after the Company has given five (5) full days' notice to the Customer of its intent to do so.

Service suspended for non-payment of bills will not be restored until the Customer has paid all amounts due to the Company plus restoration charges as set forth in Schedule MSC.

Should a Customer request permanent discontinuance of service during any period of suspension for non-payment, all amounts due the Company shall be paid before service is made available to the Customer.

The Company shall not terminate service to a Customer if the termination would have an adverse effect on the health and well being of the Customer or a member of the Customers household provided that;

- A. the Company has been advised and is provided with sufficient evidence that termination during the specified period will have an adverse effect on the health and wellbeing of the Customer or a member of Customer's household and;
- B. that the Customer has established, to the satisfaction of the Company, inability to pay for such service, except in installments, for a predetermined period.

The Company shall not be liable for damage occasioned by suspension of service when such suspension is effected in accordance with these Standard Terms and Conditions.

10. FARM TAPS - (Where Company does not have a Distribution System)

A Farm Tap shall be any tap which supplies a Customer directly from a transmission Company's main or in any way other than from the Company's distribution system.

Applications for service from farm taps shall be approved by the Division Engineering Department.

The meter and regulator shall be located at the closest point to the transmission Company's pipeline tap in an accessible and safe location. The Company will furnish and install the necessary pipe from the tap to the meter. The pipe beyond the outlet of the meter shall be installed by the Customer at his expense and remain the property of the Customer.

The Customer shall reimburse the Company for any costs incurred by the Company for the acquisition of right-of-way required to provide the service. Additionally, the Customer shall pay the costs incurred by the Company from the transmission company as follows:

1. All regulatory commission tap filing fees, as specified in the regulatory commission regulations, shall be paid at the time the Customer requests the tap and is non-refundable.

2. Upon notification from the transmission company of regulatory commission approval or disapproval, the Company will notify the requesting Customer. If approved, the Customer is to pay an amount equal to the estimated tapping costs as provided by the transmission company. After receipt of these fees, the tap will be installed by the transmission company with metering and regulating equipment provided installed by the Company.

If actual costs are less than those estimated, the difference will be refunded to the Customer. If in excess, the Customer will be billed the difference.

11. RATE SCHEDULES AND RIDERS

The rates and charges for services rendered shall be the Company's rates and charges currently in effect for the applicable class of service as provided in the Company's rate schedules and riders.

Whenever there is a conflict between the provisions of any of the requirements herein and the specific provisions of any rate schedule or rider, the provisions of the rate schedule or rider shall govern.

The Company specifically reserves the right to change the Standard Terms & Conditions, rate schedules (rates and charges) or riders from time to time for its services, in accordance with applicable law and procedures prescribed by governing authorities.

When more than one rate schedule is applicable to customer's service, the Company will, upon request of the customer, give assistance as it reasonably can to enable the Customer to select the most favorable rate schedule. Such assistance will be based on Customer's representations as to the use of service, and Company will in no event be responsible for any difference that may later arise because of the provisions or effect of any rate schedule selected.

12. SCOPE AND CHANGE OF REGULATIONS, CONFLICTS

The conditions stated herein are a part of the Company's tariff lawfully published and are subject to such changes as may be made lawfully. They are in addition to and are incorporated, by reference, in the Company's Service Contracts and Rate Schedules. Insofar as any regulation or condition is applicable thereto they are as much a part of any particular Schedule as if fully stated in that Schedule.

Whenever there is a conflict between the provisions of any of the requirements herein and specific provisions of any Rate Schedule, the provisions of the Rate Schedule shall govern.

FARM AND AGRICULTURAL SERVICE, WINN PARISH PRISON SERVICE, BAYOU CORRECTIONAL CENTER, UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY, POLLOCK, LA, LASALLE CORRECTIONAL CENTER, UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT LAFAYETTE, UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT MONROE, NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA, SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA UNIVERSITY, ALEXANDRIA VA HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

AVAILABILITY

To specific non-residential customers addressed in Docket No. U-35122 which are in communities on the existing gas distribution mains of the Company, subject to the Company's Standard Terms and Conditions.

APPLICATION

To all-natural gas service addressed in Commission Order No. U-35122-A issued on May 29, 2020. Service hereunder is for the exclusive use of the Customer and shall not be resold or shared with others. In the event of a shortage of natural gas transported by pipeline, Customers using natural gas for domestic purposes are entitled to be served by priority and preference, and Company reserves the right to reduce natural gas deliveries to Customers served under this Schedule when necessary for the supply of such domestic customers.

RATE - \$37.25 Monthly Customer Charge
Commodity Rate per Month

Customer	Per CCF	Customer	Per CCF
Farm/Agriculture	\$0.61703	University of Louisiana Lafayette	\$0.56314
Winn Parish Prison	\$0.63191	University of Louisiana Monroe	\$0.57745
Bayou Corrections Center	\$0.63191	Northwestern State University	\$0.56704
U.S. Penitentiary	\$0.63191	Southeastern Louisiana University	\$0.57745
LaSalle Corrections Center	\$0.63191	Veteran Affairs Hospital	\$0.61737

NET MONTHLY BILL

The net monthly bill shall include customer charge, commodity charge, Rider PGA, and if applicable, Riders LBP, RET, RSC, WNA and EEDBP.

In addition to the above, the net monthly bill shall also include the proportionate part of any directly allocable tax, impost or assessment imposed or levied by any governmental authority, which is assessed or levied against the Company or directly affects the Company's cost of operation and which the Company is legally obligated to pay on the basis of meters, customers, or rates of or revenue from gas or service sold or on the volume of the gas produced, transported, purchased for sale, or sold, or on any other basis where direct allocation is possible.

PAYMENT

Bills are rendered monthly and are due and payable upon presentation. If paid on or before twenty days after the date thereof, the Net Monthly Bill will apply. For payment after said twenty days, the Gross Monthly Bill, which is the Net Monthly Bill plus 5% will apply.

SERVICE PERIOD

Service period is open order, except that the Company may, at its option, require a minimum term of service consideration of the quantity of gas or conditions of service

RESIDENTIAL SERVICE
Schedule RS

AVAILABILITY

In communities on the existing gas distribution mains of the Company, subject to the Company's Standard Terms and Conditions.

APPLICATIONS

To private residences or individual family apartments only, for natural gas service supplied for all residential purposes when taken through one meter OR only to the total natural gas requirements of any Public Housing Project supplied at one point of delivery and measured through one meter, when the Project owns, operates and maintains its own distribution system within its boundaries. Service hereunder is for the exclusive use of the Project for itself and its residential tenants and shall not be resold or shared with others. It is not applicable to commercial enterprises, concessions, or any other parties or concerns on or outside the Project site; nor is it applicable for standby or supplementary service or the operation of gas engines.

Service hereunder is for the exclusive use of the Customer and shall not be resold or shared with others.

RATE

- (a) \$23.25 Monthly Customer Charge
- (b) \$0.42196 per CCF Commodity Charge

NET MONTHLY BILL

The net monthly bill shall include customer charge, commodity charge, Rider PGA, and if applicable, Riders LBP, RET, RSC, WNA and EEDBP.

In addition to the above, the net monthly bill shall also include the proportionate part of any directly allocable tax, impost or assessment imposed or levied by any governmental authority, which is assessed or levied against the Company or directly affects the Company's cost of operation and which the Company is legally obligated to pay on the basis of meters, customers, or rates of or revenue from gas or service sold or on the volume of the gas produced, transported, purchased for sale, or sold, or on any other basis where direct allocation is possible.

PAYMENT

Bills are rendered monthly and are due and payable upon presentation. If paid on or before twenty days after the date thereof, the Net Monthly Bill will apply. For payment after said twenty days, the Gross Monthly Bill, which is the Net Monthly Bill plus 5% will apply.

COMMERCIAL SERVICE
Schedule CS

AVAILABILITY

In communities on the existing gas distribution mains of the Company, subject to the Company's Standard Terms and Conditions.

APPLICATION

To all natural gas service other than residential service when taken through one meter. Service hereunder is for the exclusive use of the Customer and shall not be resold or shared with others. In the event of a shortage of natural gas transported by pipe line, Customers using natural gas for domestic purposes are entitled to be served by priority and preference, and Company reserves the right to reduce natural gas deliveries to Customers served under this Schedule when necessary for the supply of such domestic customers.

RATE

(a) \$37.25 Monthly Customer Charge
Commodity Rate per Month

			Per CCF
Up to first	15,000	CCF	\$0.74422
next	65,000	CCF	\$0.44650
next	500,000	CCF	\$0.22339

NET MONTHLY BILL

The net monthly bill shall include customer charge, commodity charge, Rider PGA, and if applicable, Riders LBP, RET, RSC, WNA and EEDBP.

In addition to the above, the net monthly bill shall also include the proportionate part of any directly allocable tax, impost or assessment imposed or levied by any governmental authority, which is assessed or levied against the Company or directly affects the Company's cost of operation and which the Company is legally obligated to pay on the basis of meters, customers, or rates of or revenue from gas or service sold or on the volume of the gas produced, transported, purchased for sale, or sold, or on any other basis where direct allocation is possible.

PAYMENT

Bills are rendered monthly and are due and payable upon presentation. If paid on or before twenty days after the date thereof, the Net Monthly Bill will apply. For payment after said twenty days, the Gross Monthly Bill, which is the Net Monthly Bill plus 5% will apply.

MISCELLANEOUS SERVICE CHARGES
Schedule MSC

1.	Initiation and Restoration of Service	
	(a) During regular business hours	\$ 30.00
	(b) After regular business hours	\$ 50.00
	Restoration of service after disconnection for non-payment	
	(c) During regular business hours	\$ 55.00
	(d) After regular business hours	\$ 82.50
	Restoration of service after seasonal disconnect	\$65.00
2.	Handling, processing and collecting checks returned to the Company by Banks.	\$ 20.00
3.	Meter test requested by Customer when meter is found to be within $\pm 2\%$ accuracy	\$ 20.00
4.	Trip Charge	
	(a) Dispatching an employee to Customer's premises to disconnect for non-payment of bill and payment is made without service being disconnected	\$10.00
	(b) Any non-emergency service performed while on an Emergency Call	\$20.00
5.	Meter Tampering	\$150.00

CUSTOMER DEPOSITS
Schedule CD

Each customer applying for service is required to make a cash deposit in accordance with Section 7 of the Standard Terms and Conditions. Deposit requirements are as follows:

- | | | |
|----|--|----------------|
| 1. | Residential | \$50.00 |
| 2. | Commercial - Twice the estimated maximum monthly bill,
but no less than | \$75.00 |

Note:

Should a residential customer be disconnected for non-payment of his gas service bill, the required deposit when reapplying for service after the first disconnect shall be \$100.00. For all subsequent disconnects for non-payment, this deposit shall be \$150.00, when reapplying for service.

Should a commercial customer be disconnected for non-payment of his gas service bill, the required deposit when reapplying for service after the first disconnect shall be the greater of \$200.00 or twice the highest monthly bill. For all subsequent disconnects for non-payment, this deposit should be the greater of \$300.00 or twice the highest monthly bill when reapplying for service.

**PURCHASED GAS ADJUSTMENT
Rider PGA**

APPLICATION

This adjustment clause is applicable to natural gas service furnished under any rate schedule incorporating Rider Schedule PGA by reference.

In addition to the provisions of the applicable rate schedule, the following adjustments shall be made to each bill for service.

PURCHASE GAS ADJUSTMENT

This purchase gas adjustment provides a monthly adjustment per hundred cubic feet (CCF) of sales that adjusts for the fluctuations in the cost of gas purchased by the Company in supplying natural gas service. The adjustment per CCF, rounded to the nearest \$0.00001, to be added to the monthly bill shall be derived as follows:

$$\text{Purchase Gas Adjustment (PGA)} = D + C + A$$

$$\text{Demand Component (D)} = D_g / D_v$$

$$\text{Commodity Component (C)} = C_g / C_v$$

Where:

1. "D_g" is estimated annual Reservation and Demand Charges.
2. "D_v" is the estimate of volumes to be purchased on an annual basis.
3. "C_g" is the estimated delivered cost of gas to be purchased in the current month.
4. "C_v" is the estimate of volumes to be purchased in the current month.
5. "A" is the "Amortization of (Over)/Under Collection" charged per CCF to adjust for any over or under collection of gas costs that result from the difference between actual gas purchases and gas cost recoveries.

**PURCHASED GAS ADJUSTMENT
SUMMARY**

This summary is updated and filed monthly with the Purchased Gas Adjustment filing at the Louisiana Public Service Commission.

RATE STABILIZATION CLAUSE
Rider RSC

A. APPLICATION

This clause is applicable to gas service under any rate schedule incorporating Rider Schedule RSC by reference.

B. RSC FACTORS AND ADJUSTMENT CALCULATION PROCEDURE

- (1) Under this RSC, a determination shall be made pursuant to the Rider Schedule RSC as to whether the Company's revenue should be increased, decreased or left unchanged. If it is determined that the revenue should be increased or decreased, the natural gas rate schedules incorporating this Rider Schedule RSC will be adjusted in the manner set forth in this rider.
- (2) The Company will file an annual report showing earnings for the 12-month period ended December 31 (test year). The Company's annual report showing earnings shall be based upon actual costs recorded in the books of the Company and shall include any allowed adjustments as per rules stated herein. Such filing shall be made by March 31 immediately following the close of the test year. Any appropriate rate change will become effective with the first billing cycle of July in the year following the close of the test year.
- (3) The Allowed Return on Rate Base (AR) for each test year of the three-year term of 2020, 2021, and 2022 shall be 7.30%.

If for the twelve-month period ending December 31st, the Company's return on rate base (ROR) adjusted for the known and measureable changes described in Attachment C, is below or above the AR for the test year, the base rates under the rate schedule subject to this Rider RSC shall be increased or decreased as follows:

- a) To the extent the earned ROR is equal to the AR, no rate change shall be made.
- b) To the extent the earned ROR falls above or below the AR for the test year, rates will be increased or decreased by the amount necessary to increase or decrease the earned ROR to equal the AR for the test year.
- c) The earned ROR shall be compared to the AR prior to the deduction of the Deferred Regulatory Liability Amortization.

RATE STABILIZATION CLAUSE
Rider RSC

- (4)** The RSC adjustment will be applied to all charges on the rate schedules to which RSC is applicable. Rate schedules will be filed by the Company with the Commission each time they are adjusted pursuant to the RSC and shall then become the filed rates of the Company.
- (5)** If a rate change is necessary, the Company shall include a bill enclosure to each residential and commercial customer in each June billing cycle notifying the customer of the percentage increase or decrease of the pending rate change, the dollar impact on the average residential and commercial customer, and the Commission docket number assigned to the RSC proceeding. The bill enclosure must notify customers that the rate adjustment shall go into effect on July 1st pursuant to the approved RSC but the rate adjustment is still subject to Commission vote and refund.
- (6)** A Joint Report and Draft Order shall be filed for the Commission's consideration in the event no disputed issues remain between Staff and the Company.

RATE STABILIZATION CLAUSE
Rider RSC

C. RSC ADJUSTMENT FORMULA

(1) The RSC adjustment formula will be applied whenever the adjusted earned ROR for the test year is above or below the Allowed Return on Rate Base (AR) in each test year. The RSC adjustment shall be applied so as to adjust the base rates under the respective schedules to which this rider is applicable.

(2) **Step 1**

Whenever the ROR is less than the Allowed Return on Rate Base (AR) ROR for the test year, calculate the total adjustment necessary to bring the ROR to the AR as follows:

$$\text{Total Adjustment} = (\text{AR} - \text{ROR}) * (\text{RB}) - \text{DRL}$$

Where, for the test year:

ROR = Return on Rate Base Investment

RB = Rate Base Investment

DRL = Deferred Regulatory Liability

(3) **Step 1-a**

Apply first to the rate schedules a 75% revenue deficiency increase to residential class and 25% to commercial class.

(4) **Step 1-b**

Allocate each classes increase to the customer charge and volumetric rate in a proportional manner applicable in proportion to the rate schedules' normalized gas service revenue. Round the resulting increase or decrease to the nearest thousandth of a cent per CCF and apply it to all commodity charges in the rate schedule.

(5) **Step 1-c**

Company shall update its class cost of service study annually. When the residential class is contributing to the overall system return on an equivalent basis to commercial future rate increases shall start with Step 1-b.

RATE STABILIZATION CLAUSE
Rider RSC

(6) Step 2

Whenever the ROR is greater than the Allowed Return on Rate Base (AR) ROR for the test year, calculate the total adjustment necessary to bring the ROR to the AR as follows:

$$\text{Total Adjustment} = \frac{(\text{ROR} - \text{AR}) * (\text{RB})}{(1 - T)} - \text{DRL}$$

Where, for the test year:

ROR = Return on Rate Base

RB = Rate Base Investment

DRL = Deferred Regulatory Liability

(7) Step 2-a

Any rate reduction adjustment will be achieved through a uniform decrease in the commodity rates of all schedules to which the RSC is applicable. Allocate the total adjustment among the rate schedules to which the RSC is applicable in proportion to the rate schedules' normalized gas service revenue.

(8) Step 2-b

For each rate schedule, divide the allocated portion of the total adjustment by the commodity charge billing units. Round the resulting decrease to the nearest thousandth of a cent per CCF and apply it to all commodity charges in the rate schedule.

D. ANNUAL EARNINGS CALCULATIONS

- (1)** Rate base will include, but not be limited to, end of period plant in service, accumulated depreciation and accumulated deferred income taxes (ADIT). ADIT will be limited to rate base/ cost of service items, inclusive of ADIT associated with gains and losses on reacquired debt. Items to be included in the calculation of ADIT for inclusion in rate base are:

Environmental Activities
Directors Deferred Comp
Self Insurance - Adjustment
Vacation Accrual
Worker's Comp Insurance Reserve
Customer Advances
RAR 91/93 Bond Cost Amortized
RAR 86/90 Lease Expense Amortized

RATE STABILIZATION CLAUSE
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Rabbi Trust – True Up
SEBP Adjustment – Amended Item
SEBP Adjustment
Rabbi Trust
Capitalized Selling Expense
UNICAP Section 263A Costs
Allowance for Doubtful Accounts
Clearing Account – Adjustment
RAR CFWE 1990-1985
Prepaid Dues
Prepayments
Inventory Adjustment
Section 481(a) Prepayments
Pension Expense
Regulatory Asset – LGS Amortization
Regulatory Asset – (Described in part (5) below)
Customer Forfeiture
Section 481(a) Cushion Gas
Section 481(a) Line Pack Gas
Amended Cost of Removal
Amended Book Amortization
Capitalized Overhead – True Up
Fixed Asset Cost Adjustment
Fixed Asset Accumulation Adjustment
CWIP (see note below)
IRS Audit Adjustment – Cost
IRS Audit Adjustment – Accumulation
Provision Differences – Cost
Other Plant
Amended Item – Book Depreciation Not Reversed
Amended Item – Tax Depreciation Not Claimed
ST – State Net Operating Loss
ST – State Bonus Depreciation
FD – FAS 115 Adjustment
FD – R & D Credit Valuation Allow
FD – Federal Benefit on State Bonus

In addition, the amount of CWIP included in rate base in the RSC is the amount which is not eligible to receive an amount of AFUDC, as stated in section (3) below. In order to be consistent, the percentage of ineligible CWIP to total CWIP will be applied to the CWIP amount used in determining ADIT.

Additional or new book/ tax differences shall be reviewed to determine their appropriate treatment in the calculation of ADIT for Louisiana consistent with the phrase “but not be limited to” stated in first paragraph of this section.

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To be consistent with rate base methodology, revenues will also be adjusted to reflect year-end customer levels.

Year-end balances of the reserves for injuries and damages, self-insurance reserve, uncollectibles reserve and similar items for which the Company utilizes reserve accounting will be recognized as rate base additions or deductions.

- (2) For the following rate base items, 13-month average of average balances will be used: materials and supplies; prepayments; and customer deposits. The balance of underground storage will be based on the average of the 12 monthly average balances. (This is derived by using a 13-month average that only gives one-half weight to the first and the last month in the test period.)
- (3) Only that portion of Construction Work in Progress (CWIP) that is not eligible for AFUDC is to be included in rate base.
- (4) A cash working capital allowance equal to 1/16th of non-gas O&M expense shall be included in rate base. O&M expense must be adjusted to exclude any non-cash expenses, including uncollectibles.
- (5) The Company shall be allowed to establish and include in rate base a regulatory asset to record all costs incurred in connection with the acquisition, installation and operation (including related depreciation but not property taxes) for the following natural gas utility plant projects:
 - (a) Installation of natural gas distribution and transmission facilities to comply with local, state and federal safety requirements as replacements for existing facilities; projects undertaken to extend the useful life or enhance the integrity of natural gas distribution and transmission facilities to comply with local, state and federal safety requirements, and
 - (b) Facility relocations required due to construction or improvement of a highway, road, street, public way or other public work by or on behalf of the United States, this state, a political subdivision of this state or another entity having the power of expropriation provided that the costs related to such projects have not been reimbursed to the natural gas public utility.
 - (c) Investment cost described in (5) a. and (5) b. shall include a reduction for associated accumulated deferred income taxes if the Company has no regulated net operating loss recorded. Depreciation expense shall not be adjusted for reductions related to investment retired as a result of investments made under this section.

The Company may record interest on the balance in the regulatory asset account based on the pretax cost of capital last approved for the utility until such amounts are included in and recovered through rates in the Company's subsequent RSC filing.

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- (6) Adjustments to test year expenses is allowed for certain items. The following are eligible for annualization at year-end levels:
- (a) changes in income and franchise tax rates, the applicable items being depreciation, salaries and wages, payroll taxes and certain benefits items.
 - (b) payroll taxes based on end-of-test-year employee levels, wage rates and payroll tax rates.
 - (c) pension expense based on the most recent actuarial report
 - (d) property and casualty insurance premiums in effect at the end of test year.
 - (e) depreciation expense based on end-of-test-year plant

The adjustment for salaries and wages shall be based upon the average staffing levels over the entire twelve-month test year. To the extent necessary, adjustments shall be made to exclude incentive compensation expense and to reflect post-retirement benefits expense other than pension on a pay-as-you-go or cash basis, consistent with Commission policy.

The adjustment for bad debt expense shall be based upon the actual net write-offs for the test period.

- (7) Adjustments to normalize anomalies and out of period items will be made in order to reflect ongoing cost levels for the period in which rates will be in effect. All such adjustments will be subject to review at the time of each RSC filing.
- (8) The earned ROR will be calculated using the benchmark adjusted LGS O&M, according to the mechanism established in LPSC Docket No. U-25003. A new LGS O&M benchmark of \$39,886,000 has been established as of December 31, 2003. This benchmark will be adjusted each year for changes in the CPI-U Index, ACA Wage Index and changes in customers, according to the mechanism established in LPSC Docket No. U-25003.

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- (9) Weather-normalized sales will equal the total of actual sales revenue and weather normalization adjustments in the test year.
- (10) Atmos Energy shall include a not-to-exceed Per Books O&M Benchmark Index as a prescribed adjustment in the consolidated division's annual Rate Stabilization Clause ("RSC") filings for a period of seven years, beginning with the 2020 test year. The base level expenses for the not-to-exceed O&M Benchmark Index will be the combined projected year-end O&M Expenses for calendar year 2019, less certain non—recurring expenses expected to be incurred in 2019 ("Benchmark Index"). The Benchmark Index is comprised of \$13,347,000 for TransLa and \$38,022,000 for LGS, for a total of \$51,369,000. The Benchmark Index is to be applied in each successive annual RSC filing by the consolidated division for 2020 — 2026 test years.
- (11) The year-to-year change in the not-to-exceed Benchmark Index, based on the baseline of \$51,369,000, will be based upon the exact formula that has been used and is currently being used to calculate the LGS O&M Benchmark Savings Adjustment ("BSA") with the exception that the base year for the CPI-22 U and ACA Wage indices will be 2019. For the 2020-2026 test years, Atmos Energy shall not recover through its RSC O&M expenses in excess of this amount. The 2019 test year will also serve as the base year to determine the customer increase percentage:
- (a) The change in the "Benchmark Index" shall be equal to: 40% of the change in the CPI-U as of June of each year relative to the CPI-U as of June of the prior year; plus 60% of the change in the ACA Wage Index; plus 50% of the percentage increase in the number of the consolidated division customers (for purposes of this calculation, a customer is equal to a meter). The percentage increase in the number of the consolidated division customers to be used for the calculation of the "Benchmark Index" shall not exceed 1% nor be less than 0%.

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E. FILING and RESOLUTION PROCEDURES

- (1) The Company will file an annual Evaluation Report showing its earnings for the test year ended December 31, on or before the following March 31. A copy of the report will be provided to the Commission Staff ("Staff") at the time it is filed with the Commission. At the time each such Evaluation Report is filed, the Company will provide Staff with work papers supporting the data and calculations reflected in the Evaluation Report. Staff may request clarification and additional supporting data.
- (2) Staff shall then have until the subsequent June 15, or 75 days after filing, whichever is longer, to review the Evaluation Report to ensure that it complies with the requirements of the RSC. If the Staff should detect any errors in the application of the principles and procedures of the RSC, such errors shall be communicated in writing to the Company by June 15, or 75 days after filing, whichever is longer. Each such indicated error shall include documentation of the proposed correction, to the extent possible. However, the inability to fully document a potential correction shall not serve as a basis for not considering that correction. The Company shall then have ten (10) days to review any proposed corrections, to work with the Staff to resolve any differences and to file a revised Evaluation Report reflecting all corrections upon which the Parties agree. The Company shall provide the Staff with appropriate work papers supporting any revisions made to the initial filing.
- (3) Except where there is an unresolved dispute, which shall be addressed in accordance with the provisions described below, the appropriate adjustment to rates shall become effective for bills rendered on and after the first billing cycle for the month of July in the year following the close of the test year.
- (4) In the event there is a dispute regarding any Evaluation Report, the Company and the Staff will work together in good faith to resolve such dispute. If the dispute is not resolved by the end of the ten (10) day period noted above, revised rates reflecting all revisions to the initially filed Evaluation Report on which the Staff and the Company agree shall become effective no earlier than July 1 as described above. Any disputed issues shall be submitted to the Commission for resolution.
- (5) If the Commission's final ruling on any disputed issues requires changes in the rates initially implemented, the Company shall file a revised Evaluation Report reflecting the required changes within fifteen (15) days after receiving the Commission's order resolving the dispute. The Company shall provide a copy of the filing to the Staff together with appropriate supporting documentation. Such modified rate adjustments shall then be implemented with the next applicable monthly billing cycle.
- (6) Within 60 days after receipt of the Commission's final ruling on disputed issues, the Company shall determine the amount to be refunded or surcharged to customers, if any, together with interest at the legal rate of interest. Such refund/ surcharge amount shall be applied on a percentage basis and shall be based on the customer's applicable base revenue during the period the interim rates were billed. Such refund/ surcharge amount shall be applied to customers' bills in the manner prescribed by the Commission.

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- (7) Beginning with January 31, 2023, and every three years thereafter, the Company will make a separate filing for the Staff and Commission to review the provisions of the RSC tariff to determine that its terms are still in the public interest and will produce just and reasonable rates for the following three years.

F. EXTRAORDINARY COST PROVISION

- (1) It is recognized that from time-to-time Atmos Energy may experience extraordinary increases or decreases in costs and/or revenues that occur as a result of actions, events, or circumstances beyond the control of the Company (e.g., changes in federal or state income tax rates). Such costs may significantly increase or decrease the Company's revenue requirements and, thereby, require rate changes that this Rider Schedule RSC is not designed to address. Atmos Energy may request a proceeding or the Commission may initiate a proceeding to consider an appropriate regulatory treatment of such extraordinary cost or revenue increases and/or decreases outside the provisions of this Rider Schedule RSC.

WEATHER NORMALIZATION ADJUSTMENT
Rider WNA

A. PROVISION FOR ADJUSTMENT

The base rate per CCF for gas service set forth in any rate schedules utilized by the Commission in determining normalized test period revenues shall be adjusted by an amount hereinafter described, which amount is referred to as the "Weather Normalization Adjustment" (WNA). This adjustment shall apply to all residential and commercial bills calculated for all billing cycles in the months of December through March. It shall be in effect for the duration of the Rate Stabilization Clause (RSC).

B. COMPUTATION OF WEATHER NORMALIZATION ADJUSTMENT

The Weather Normalization Adjustment shall be computed to the nearest one-hundredth cent per CCF by the following formula:

$$WNA_i = R_i \times \frac{HSF_i (NDD - ADD)}{BL_i + (HSF_i \times ADD)}$$

Where:

i = any particular Rate Schedule or billing classification within any such particular Rate Schedule that contains more than one billing classification

WNA_i = Weather Normalization Adjustment Factor for the i^{th} rate schedule or classification expressed in cents per CCF

R_i = weighted average base rate of temperature sensitive sales for the i^{th} schedule or classification utilized by the Commission for the purpose of determining normalized test year revenues

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**WEATHER NORMALIZATION ADJUSTMENT
Rider WNA**

HSFi = Heat Sensitivity Factor for the i^{th} schedule or classification utilized by the Commission for the purpose of determining normalized test year revenues

BLi = Base Load usage for the i^{th} schedule or classification utilized by the Commission for the purpose of determining normalized test year revenues

NDD = Normal billing cycle heating degree days utilized by the Commission for the purpose of determining normalized test year revenues

ADD = Actual billing cycle heating degree days

C. FILING WITH THE COMMISSION

The Company will file a schedule showing the factors or values that were derived for each rate schedule or billing classification to be utilized under this rider, and schedules showing the computations of such factors.

LEVELIZED BILLING PLAN
Rider LBP

GENERAL

Under this provision, certain Residential customers have the option of participating in the Company's Levelized Billing Plan (LBP) as an alternative to the Company's normal billing procedure. For purposes of this Rider, the following definitions shall apply:

"Normal Bill" is an amount computed using the Company's applicable residential rate schedule for service provided to a customer during a billing month.

"Average Bill" is the rolling average amount calculated as described below in Bill Determination.

"Qualifying Customer" shall mean a residential customer of the Company whose bill payment history meets the then current established standards.

AVAILABILITY

This rider is available to any qualifying customer of the Company.

BILL DETERMINATION

Customers participating in the LBP shall receive a monthly "average bill" computed using the most recent 12 months rolling average of the customer's normal bill for the immediately preceding months of service.

Where the Customer has less than twelve (12) months' billing history at his present location, the average bill amount will be calculated by averaging the customer's normal bills for the immediately preceding months of service.

EFFECT ON OTHER TARIFF PROVISIONS

Except as modified herein, participation in the LBP will have no effect on the Company's approved rate schedule or other billing charges used to calculate the customer's normal bill. Participation in the LBP shall have no effect on any other term or condition providing service contained in the Company's tariffs, including those provisions relating to termination of service for non-payment of bills.

EFFECT OF CUSTOMER DISCONTINUANCE OF LBP OR TERMINATION OF SERVICE

A customer may discontinue the LBP at any time by notifying the Company. If a customer requests discontinuance of the LBP, if his account is final billed, or if the service is suspended by the Company as a result of past due amounts on the account, any outstanding balance owed the Company at the time, including any differences between billings under the LBP and Normal Bills which would have been rendered under normal billing procedures, shall be immediately due and payable. Likewise, any credit due the customer shall be applied to the next bill or refunded, as appropriate.

Once service is suspended by the Company due to past due amounts owed by a customer on LBP, the customer will no longer be qualified for LBP and will be required to return to normal billing procedures if service is re-established.

ENERGY EMERGENCY DEFERRED BILLING PLAN
Rider EEDBP

GENERAL

During an Energy Emergency, and pursuant to the provisions of this Rider, certain qualifying customers have the option of participating in the Company's Energy Emergency Deferred Billing Plan ("EEDBP") as an alternative to the Company's normal billing procedure.

For purposes of this Rider, the following definitions shall apply:

"Commission" shall mean the Louisiana Public Service Commission

"Commission's Order" shall mean the Commission's General Order No. R-26038 dated March 7, 2002.

"Energy Emergency" is an Emergency defined in the Commission Order.

"Normal Bill" is an amount computed using the Company's applicable residential rate schedule for service provided to a customer during a billing month.

"Qualifying Customer" shall mean:

1. A Residential Customer of the Company
 - (a) whose income does not exceed one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the poverty level as established by the Federal Government; or
 - (b) who receives any one of the following:
 1. food stamps
 2. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF);
 3. whose income consists solely of Social Security payments; or
2. A Customer who is otherwise identified as a Qualifying Customer by the Commission; or,
3. A Customer which is a governmental agency that provides services, the absence of which could result in imminent peril to public health, safety, and welfare.

AVAILABILITY

This rider is available to any Qualifying Customer of the Company who has pre-enrolled in EEDBP prior to the declaration of an Energy Emergency.

ENERGY EMERGENCY DEFERRED BILLING PLAN
Rider EEDBP
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BILL DETERMINATION

In the event of an Energy Emergency, a qualifying customer who has pre-enrolled in the EEDBP shall begin receiving bills computed in accordance with this rider effective with meters read after the declaration of the Energy Emergency. The rendering of normal bills shall be automatically suspended, and the qualifying customer shall begin receiving a monthly "average bill" computed using the most recent 12 months rolling average of the customer's normal bills.

The amount of the "average bill" and the normal bill will appear on the customer's monthly bill. The cumulative difference between normal bills which have been deferred and the "average bills" rendered under the EEDBP will be carried in a deferred balance that will accumulate both debit and credit differences. Any unpaid balances and deferred payments applicable to service provided prior to the declaration of the Energy Emergency shall be due and payable in addition to and at the same time as the "average bill".

Where the customer has less than twelve (12) months' billing history at his present location, the "average bill" amount will be calculated by averaging the customer's normal bills for the immediately preceding months of service.

EFFECT OF EEDBP ON OTHER TARIFF PROVISIONS

Except as modified herein, participation in the EEDBP will have no effect on the Company's approved rate schedules or the billing and collection of other charges, including past due amounts and charges deferred prior to the declaration of the Energy Emergency. Participation in the EEDBP shall have no effect on any other term or condition for providing service contained in the Company's tariffs including those provisions relating to termination of service for non-payment of bills.

EFFECT OF CUSTOMER DISCONTINUANCE OF EEDBP OR TERMINATION OF SERVICE

The customer may discontinue the EEDBP at any time by notifying the Company. If a customer requests discontinuance of the EEDBP, if the account is final billed, or if the service is suspended by the Company as a result of past due amounts on the account, any outstanding balance owed the Company at the time, including any differences between billings under the EEDBP and normal bills which would have been rendered under normal Billing procedures, shall be immediately due and payable. Likewise, any credit due the customer shall be applied to the next bill or refunded, as appropriate.

TECHNICAL TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

1. **Company** – Atmos Energy Corporation
2. **Customer** – Present or prospective user of natural gas service supplied by the Company
3. **Commission** – Louisiana Public Service Commission
4. **Cubic Foot of Gas** – The gas necessary to fill one cubic foot of space at a temperature of 60 degrees Fahrenheit and an absolute pressure of 14.7 pounds per square inch.
5. **CCF** – 100 cubic feet of gas
6. **LPSC** – Louisiana Public Service Commission
7. **MCF** – 1,000 cubic feet of gas
8. **PGA** – a monthly calculated adjustment applied to bills as a per CCF rate, to recover the Company's total delivered cost of gas.
9. **Open Order** – No minimum contract service period
10. **Seasonal Customer** – Any customer who has gas service disconnected during the summer (non-heating months) and is reconnected prior to, or during the winter (heating months.)

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