Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation



Tariff and Rate Book

FLEXIBLE RATE GAS SERVICE RIDER

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1. <u>Availability</u>: Service under this rate schedule is limited to customers subject to effective competition. ("Effective competition" means that a customer who either receives interruptible service or whose daily requirement exceeds 50 dekatherm maintains or plans on acquiring the capability to switch to the same, equivalent or substitutable energy supplies or service, except indigenous biomass energy supplies composed of wood products, grain, biowaste, or cellulosic materials, at comparable prices from a supplier not regulated by the Commission.)

A customer whose only alternative source of energy is gas from a supplier not regulated by the Commission and who must use Company's system to transport the gas is not eligible for flexible-rate service. However, customers who have or can reasonably acquire the capability to bypass Company's system are eligible to take service under flexible tariffs.

2. <u>Rate:</u>

Minimum and maximum charges are shown on Sheet 7.07, Columns G and H, for each class of Transport customer eligible to take flexible-rate service.

- A. The Customer Charge shall be the amount in the applicable non-flexible tariff under which customer would otherwise take service.
- B. The minimum monthly bill shall be the sum of the Customer Charge, Transport Administrative Fee, and the daily firm nomination charge (if applicable).
- C. The charge for firm volumes will be equivalent to the firm distribution charge as shown in Tariff Sheet No. 6.00 for the Commercial & Industrial Firm/Interruptible Class 4 Transport. This charge shall be in addition to the applicable per therm interruptible distribution rate.
- 3. <u>Election of Service</u>: Service under this rider is at the option of the customer, except that, customers who use alternative energy supplies as described in Section 1 are limited to taking service under this rider. Any customer electing service under this rider must remain on this rider for a period of at least one year.
- 4. <u>Default Rate</u>: If a rate cannot be negotiated in a timely manner, the customer agrees to pay Company a default rate equal to the applicable upward flexible rate shown on Sheet 7.07.
- 5. <u>Terms and Conditions Applicable to Flexible Rate Customers</u>: All terms of the non-flexible tariff under which customer would otherwise take service apply. The General Terms and Conditions contained in the tariff book shall also apply to service taken under this flexible rate tariff.



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